



# UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

## Volume 24

Friday, March 4, 2022

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 Reception - 431  
 Attendance - 230  
 Guidance - 458

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**Tweets**  
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Block 1	8:30 – 9:50 AM
Break	9:50 – 9:55 AM
Block 3	9:55 – 11:10 AM
Lunch	11:10 AM – 12:00 PM
Block 2	12:00 – 1:15 PM
Break	1:15 – 1:20 PM
Block 4	1:20 – 2:35 PM

March	7	8	9	10	11
	Junior Boys Basketball (3:10PM)	Fire Drill - P2 Sr. Girls Volleyball (2:20 PM)	Sr. Girls Volleyball (3:00 PM)	Fire Drill - Period 2 (Back Up for March 8)  Senior Boys Basketball (3:30 PM)  Junior Boys Basketball (4:45 PM)  Outdoor Education to Horseshoe Valley Ski/Bike	
March	14	15	16	17	18
	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes	MARCH BREAK No Classes

## School Council Presentation - February 28, 2022

[School Council Meeting PowerPoint Presentation - February 28, 2022](#)

### Newly Added Links

[Art Spotlight - Sky Cheung](#) - Check out this video and enjoy this Canadian-based artist's wonderful artwork.

[Conversations on Identity and Belonging by Gen-Ling Chang](#)

[Graduation Ceremonies](#)

[Intergenerational Trauma: The Everlasting Impact of the Holocaust](#)

[PEAC Regional Symposium: Parent Voice Matters!](#)

[Raising Competent Teens:](#)

[Summer Employment](#)

[Summer Mentorship Program:](#)

[Supports for Community Members with Family and Loved Ones Impacted by Events in Ukraine:](#)

## World of Choices, Empowering Young Women - Thursday, March 10th

### Event Details

Thursday, March 10th, 2022

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Virtual - vFairs

Open to all high school students

**About the event:** When every young woman has the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed – we all succeed!

That's why we're hosting Empowering Young Women – a virtual event for high school students that celebrates and champions women in the workplace. The event inspires young women to consider exciting careers in a range of industries, as well as inviting men and non-binary allies to join in conversations about allyship and the importance of creating a gender-inclusive working environment.

**More details on the event can be found here:** <https://conta.cc/3MfS61W>

*Feel free to forward this to your teachers and schools!*

**Students can also register directly on their own here:** <https://empoweringyoungwomen.vfairs.com/>

This event is open to students of all genders, the event will amplify women's voices and introduce students to a range of exciting careers. It will also highlight the importance of allyship and shared responsibility in creating an equitable workplace for all genders!

## Markham Public Library Links

[Discover Your Digital Library](#)

[What To Read Next](#)

[Reading to Success](#) - Various Days in March

[Business Legal 101: All You Need to Know about Legal Rules of Operating a Business in Ontario](#)

- Mon | Mar 7 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[Career Recharge: Women in Leadership](#) - Tue | Mar 8 | 6 PM | ZOOM

[Learning about Conservation: Urban Wetlands](#) - Wed | Mar 9 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[Student Data Protection](#) - Thu | Mar 10 | 7 PM | ZOOM

[ASK MPL](#) - [GRAB & GO BAG](#) - [PLAN A VISIT](#)

[FACEBOOK](#) - [TWITTER](#) - [INSTAGRAM](#)

## Grad Book

Dear families,

Due to the numerous changes and challenges this school year, a yearbook will not be available this school year. However, we are publishing a Grad Book to mark this important milestone for the 2021-22 graduating class at UHS. The Grad Book will be available in digital format for graduates to download.

In order for your child's images (including student photo and grad photo), artwork, writing and etc. to be included in the Grad Book, their YRDSB's online [School Start-Up Forms](#) must be submitted. **In particular, you must authorize the "Use of Student Personal Information Consent" section on page 3 of the form.**

If your child's online [School Start-Up Forms](#) have not been submitted for this school year and you would like your child to be included in the Grad Book, please complete and submit the forms as soon as possible.

Thank you!

## Euclid Math Competition - April 5, 2022

The Euclid Math Competition, for grade 12 students is administered by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing (CEMC) at the University of Waterloo. This competition provides a fun and engaging opportunity for students to challenge themselves in math. Please visit <http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca> for more information on this competition.

The Euclid competition will be written in person on April 5, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All students, including remote learners, must write the contest in person. Due to current gathering restrictions and social distancing requirements, the number of participants is limited to 60 students. Contest registration will open up for grade 12 students first, starting at 4:00 p.m. on March 1st and closing at the end of the day on March 8th. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, so please register early to avoid missing out! If there are additional spots available, we may open up registration to students in other grades. Please stay tuned to our morning announcements and the Math Contests Google Classroom (class code 2mmm25) for up-to-date information.

UHS grade 12 students may register for the Euclid Math Competition via School Cash Online starting on March 1, 2022. The registration cost is \$16.75 and the last day to register is March 8, 2022.

### Update to COVID Screening Tool

#### [Updates to the COVID-19 Screening Tool](#)

On the recommendation of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, updates have been made to align with current guidance and to provide clarity on isolation requirements for confirmed and presumed positive cases, and their household members and close contacts.

For those completing the screening tool who are fully vaccinated and/or 11 years old or younger, the screening tool will ask for symptoms and test results in the last 5 days. Those completing who are 12 years old or older and not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised will complete the screening tool using a 10 day measuring period.

Schools have an **updated**, downloaded and printed copy of the screening tool accessible for visitors reference.

### City of Markham Ticketing

Please be aware that the school driveways and parking areas are very busy at Town Centre Blvd and Warden in the morning (8:00-8:30 am) and in the afternoon (2:00-2:35 pm). In the morning, please do not park in staff spaces at the Warden entrance. At Town Centre Blvd, you are advised not to park for an extended period in the "No Idle Cars" zone. This is also a Fire Route. This zone is intended only for "quick pick-up or drop-off." Cars that are parked or left idling in this zone will be ticketed by the City of Markham. As well, parking passes are required for all cars in our school lots. Cars without parking passes in our school lots will be ticketed by the City of Markham. [Please click here for more information.](#)

Students requiring a parking pass for Semester 2 can fill out the following Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/MDqFtrMazbYWfBzJA>

### Model Change Requests - UPDATE!!

Thank you for your semester two model change requests. At this time, we will not be taking any more requests to move online. Families who have a student currently in Remote Learning will receive an email regarding moving back to the Face-to-Face Learning Model for after March Break.

### Black Excellence Celebration in Student Mental Health

March 7, 2022 is the third annual Black Mental Health Day in Ontario. Black Mental Health Day is a day to raise awareness and draw attention to the impact that anti-Black and systemic racism has on the mental health of Black people, and the importance of structural change across social systems to improve the mental health and well-being of Black Canadians.

[Memo](#)



## UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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February, 11, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality-refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards\*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people +	\$64,381

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the RCT flyer for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are two options for delivery. If you would like the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is a \$40 charge for laptops and a \$50 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge and you will need to wait to receive your computer until after the application period closes and it will be delivered to your child's school.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://form.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from February 8 - March 4, 2022 with delivery to schools taking place prior to the end of the school year.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver ([Aoliver@rcto.ca](mailto:Aoliver@rcto.ca)) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly ([yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca](mailto:yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca))

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.

Sincerely,



Principal

## Accessing Online Classrooms

We look forward to welcoming back both our remote and in-person learners to semester two. Below is some important information for you and your child who will be learning remotely.

### Accessing Online Classrooms

- Students will receive information from their classroom teacher outlining how to access their online classroom.
- **Online Learning Platforms** - [Resources for accessing and using Google Classroom](#) and [Brightspace/D2L](#) can be found on the Board website in addition to other [family resources](#) and [student tools and resources](#). If your child does not know their GAPPS login information, they can contact the teacher.
- **Technology** - If your child requires technology to access remote learning, please contact the main office.

We appreciate that families have many questions. We will continue to share information with you, and work with you to support your child. Additional information is also available on the Board website, including health and safety measures, frequently asked questions and resources at [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

## Archived Links

[International Women's Day 2022](#)

[Mental Health Newsletter for Families](#) - March's Mental health newsletter for families and caregivers has a focus on March Break and taking time to pause.

[Nurturing Healthy Self Esteem - Register - Contact](#)

[Pitch Your Biz Markham](#)

[Summer Company 2021 - Apply Now](#)

[Who Do We Listen To? COVID 2022](#)



Unionville High School's School Council Presents...

## ***Conversations on Identity & Belonging: A Three-Part Series***



### **Monday, January 24, 2022 @ 7:45 to 8:30 PM – Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot**

Dr. Brenda Wastasecoot, Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies, Arts & Science Faculty at University of Toronto. Brenda is Ininu (Cree) and a member of the York Factory First Nation. She was raised in Churchill, Manitoba, in a little village known as The Flats. After studying and teaching at Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba, she came to Toronto to do her PhD at OISE - Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Her thesis dissertation tells the story of her family and the impacts of Indian Residential schools. "Showing and Telling the Story of Nikis; Arts Based, Auto-Ethnographic Journeying of a Cree Adult Educator."

### **Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7:15 to 8:00 PM – Ms. Gen-Ling Chang**

Gen-Ling Chang is the deputy executive director with ALPHA Education committed to social justice, humanity and global peace; after she retired as associate director, Toronto District School Board. She also serves as chair of school and community relations with the Asian Canadian Educators Network. With years of experience on addressing the impact of systemic racism in policy and practice on individuals and communities, Gen-Ling continues to work with youth, educators, leaders, and communities on authentic inclusive participation, representation, and diversity.



### **Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 7:15 to 8:00 PM – Dr. Ann E. Lopez**

Dr. Ann E. Lopez, is a professor of educational leadership and policy in the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto. She is the Director of the Center for Leadership and Diversity and Provostial Advisor, Access Programs. Dr. Lopez is the immediate past president of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME). Her research and teaching focuses on antiracist education, school leadership across contexts, decolonizing and socially just leadership, issues of equity in education and schooling, and most recently developing concepts of what she describes as "ProLovePedagogy". Dr. Lopez has published several articles and written 5 books including her most recent book entitled *Decolonizing Educational Leadership: Alternative Approach to Leading Schools*. Dr. Lopez is co-Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of School Leadership, Co-Series Editor, Studies in Educational Administration, and the recipient of the 2020 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

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To join the second conversation with Ms. Gen-Ling Chang on Monday, February 28, 2022, please complete the google form [UHS School Council Invitation](#) (Space is limited to 250) by noon on February 28, 2022. The meeting link will be shared with you by email.

*We hope to see you there!*

**[UHS School Council Invitation](#)**