



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

Friday, May 6, 2022

201 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, ON

(P) 905-479-2787

Reception - 431 / Attendance - 230 / Guidance - 458

Email: unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca Tweets: @UHSupdate

Principal Suelyn Cheong Suelyn.cheong@yrdsb.ca	Vice-Principal Amol gheewala (A-L) amol.gheewala@yrdsb.ca	Vice-Principal Patrick Belmonte (M-Z) patrick.belmonte@yrdsb.ca
Superintendent Michael Cohen michael.cohen@yrdsb.ca	Board Trustee Ron Lynn ron.lynn@yrdsb.ca	School Website

2 WEEK CALENDAR - MAY

9	10	11	12	13
Staff Meeting (2:50pm-4:20pm)	OSSLT Group 2 (Period 1) Alchemy Show Flato Theatre 7pm	OSSLT Group 2 (Period 1) Dance Show Flato Theatre 7pm	OSSLT Group 3 (Period 1)	OSSLT Group 3 (Period 1)
16	17	18	19	20
	PISA Test Library (8:30-11:10am) Guest Speaker - Seneca College (GLC201-09) 12:00-1:15pm	PISA Test Library (8:30-11:10am) Guest Speaker - George Brown School of Apprenticeships & Trades (GLC201-09) 12:00-1:15pm Music Recital @ Unionville Presbyterian Church	Guest Speaker - Ryerson University (GLC201-09) 12:00-1:15pm Avogadro Exam (8:30am-9:45am)	Guest Speaker - Ryerson University (GLC201-09) 12:00-1:15pm Guest from Youth Speak @ Cafe 1:20-2:35pm

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 (2:00pm-2:35pm). In the morning, please do not park in staff spaces at the Warden entrance. At Town Centre Blvd, you are advised not to park in the areas with yellow paint that say "NO PARKING" as this is a 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 seen by the City as parked, stopped without a student exiting or entering, or left idling in this zone will be ticketed. Unfortunately, Unionville High School has no jurisdiction over this and we are unable to support families who have been ticketed other than to redirect them to raise this issue with the City of Markham. However, we are currently engaging in dialogue with the City of Markham ByLaw department to determine how best we can resolve these issues. We recognize that this situation has caused upset amongst the UHS Community and we thank you for your patience. Please be reminded that 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.](#)

LITERACY TEST & A MODIFICATION TO OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Congratulations to all of our Group 1 Literacy Test writers who have completed their OSSLT! A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Mr. Rafik, Ms. Chan and Mr. On Hui for all of their hard work in organizing and running the first two days of our Spring session of the OSSLT. Shoutouts also go to our teacher invigilators and also to teachers and students who have been impacted by room changes.

In reflection after Group 1 concluded, we have arrived at the decision that for the May 10/11 and 12/13 sessions (Tuesday to Friday next week), we will be modifying the school schedule. Period 1 will be extended by 15 minutes and Periods 2, 3 and 4 will all be shortened by 5 minutes each to support our Literacy Test writers. Here is how the daily timetable will look on the aforementioned days:

Period 1: 8:30am-10:05am
Break: 10:05am-10:10am
Period 2: 10:10am-11:20am
Lunch: 11:20am-12:10pm
Period 3: 12:10pm-1:20pm
Break: 1:20pm-1:25pm
Period 4: 1:25pm-2:35pm

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this has created; we strive to create a solution to support our students who are writing the OSSLT, keeping student achievement at the forefront of our decision making. We would like to thank all staff and students in advance for their flexibility in this matter.

Attention families of Grade 10 students! Our Spring session of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test started this past week and will finish up on May 16-17, 2022. Those who will be writing the Literacy Test have been notified by email. Best of luck to all of our Literacy Test writers!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR POTENTIAL GRADUATES

Hello potential grads! Please see below an important message about your graduation photos.

In person students - Please stop by the Guidance Office to confirm that your graduation photo and name is correct for the graduation composite. You must sign off beside your name and picture in the white binder at Ms. Louie's desk. This must be done no later than Friday, May 13, 2022.

For virtual students - We will be emailing your picture and name for approval to your GAPPS account. Please respond no later than Friday, May 13, 2022.

YRP Recruiting Session



YRP's Recruiting Unit is hosting an Asian-focused session on Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 6pm-9pm at the Eric Jolliffe Centre for Leadership and Learning (70 Bales Drive East, East Gwillimbury) as part of Asian Heritage Month celebrations at YRP. Please see the following link for more details!

[Recruiting Session and Introduction to PREP](#)

May is Wellness Month

Greetings, Wolves!

The **UHS Wellness Council** welcomes you to join us in **Wellness May**! An entire month dedicated to learning more about topics associated with our well-being! Our focus this Wellness May will be on diverse groups and cultures!. Students and families alike can follow us on Instagram [@uhswellnesscouncil](#) where we will be posting each week about...

- Physical Health (May 1 - 7)
- Nutritional Health (May 8 - 14)
- Mental Health (May 15 - 21)
- Sexual Health (May 22 - 28)

We will also be running in-person school-wide events! Such as 3 days of **Dog Therapy** where we will have therapy dogs from St. John's Ambulance for students to meet!

And an *Empowering Minds* program run by **YouthSpeak** on **May 19**! An interactive presentation that touches on important conversations and topics such as loneliness, anxiety about the future, and the speakers' personal stories and experiences throughout the pandemic. As well as ways to build resilience during difficult times, self-care practices and coping strategies. The program will also be live-streamed for **in-person and virtual** viewers who wish to participate and the link will be:

<https://youtu.be/UIE0VOO9UcA>

Keep an eye out for our Instagram posts, morning announcements, and posters around the school for more information and updates!

ARTS UNIONVILLE
DANCE PRESENTS



DANCE HIGHLIGHTS RETURNS

MAY 11, 2022 | 7 PM
FLATO MARKHAM
THEATRE

SPRING CELEBRATION 2022 on May 10 at Flato Markham Theatre is SOLD OUT. We are so grateful for the support of the entire UHS community. If you have tickets, please plan to be early so we can get seated prior to our 7:00pm start.

Tickets for DANCE HIGHLIGHTS on May 11 - 7:00pm at Flato Markham Theatre are still available on School Cash Online until May 6. After that, tickets will only be available from the Markham Theatre box office. We hope you are able to join us to celebrate the arts at UHS.

Transition Talks: Maintaining Mental Health in University - ZOOM

This is an excellent opportunity for individuals who would like to learn about the mental health support available to post-secondary school students.

Representatives from mental health organizations will share information about the resources that they offer to post-secondary students in Ontario. This event will take place online via **Zoom** on **May 5th, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**, and is open to **all** high school students, their families, and everyone else interested in learning about where post-secondary students can seek mental health support.

Anyone interested in attending can fill out this form: (<https://lu.ma/transition-talks>).

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SPRING PERFORMANCES, FIELD TRIPS, ETC. UPDATE!

We are excited to announce that the school board has now reintroduced Spring Performances, Field Trips and School Activities. While we are happy about this new development, we are approaching this news cautiously as the Health & Safety of our students, staff and the UHS community is of paramount importance. We are being conservatively optimistic that we are headed in the right direction towards more events taking place, and as such, we will move slowly towards hosting more events. That being said, as a school board we are [strongly recommending](#) that all students, staff and visitors continue to wear masks and are mindful of sanitizing their hands as much as possible. Please stay tuned for more information on events in the weeks to come. Please keep in mind, our top priority is always SAFETY FIRST!

Grade 9 EQAO Math

Attention families of Grade 9 students: This week we have finalized our Spring EQAO Math Assessment dates: **EQAO Math will take place on June 14 and 15, 2022** for all Face-to-face students who are currently taking Grade 9 Math. We will be in touch once more information becomes available...stay tuned!

GRADUATION 2022



Unionville High School Graduation Ceremony

Monday, June 27, 2022

Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites
Conference Centre & Spa

8500 Warden Avenue (Conference Centre)
Markham, ON L6G 1A5
T: (905) 470-8500

Calling out to all UHS potential Grads!!

We are happy to formally announce we are having a GRADUATION CEREMONY this June! UHS Staff has been working diligently to organize GRAD 2022. Please see the information below regarding Graduation. If you have not already purchased your Grad tickets and gown, please do so at: [SchoolCash Online](#)

GRAD COMPOSITE

Hello potential grads! Please see below an important message about your graduation composite.

In person students - Please stop by the Guidance Office to confirm that your graduation photo and name is correct for the graduation composite. You must sign off beside your name and picture in the white binder at Ms. Louie's desk. This must be done no later than Friday, May 13, 2022.

For virtual students - We will be emailing your picture and name for approval to your GAPPS account. Please respond no later than Friday, May 13, 2022.

Grad Book

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. We're designing a Grad Book for you and you're invited to submit graduation quotes, photos, writing, artwork to be showcased in it. These are the categories and you're welcome to make a submission in multiple categories:

- Graduation Quotes
- Writing (E.G. Reflection, Poems, Stories, Etc.)
- Photo: Grad with friends
- Photo: Grad with pets
- Photo: Grade 9 throwback
- Photo: Baby pictures
- Photos: Baby Pictures
- Photo: Sports & Clubs
- Photo: School Social Media Events
- Photo: Spirit Week wear
- Photo: Hobbies, Projects and endeavours
- Photo: Art performances/showcases

To make a submission, please go to:

<https://forms.gle/FFxpr5yFykUkKtf27>

PROM 2022



Thursday, May 26, 2022
PARADISE BANQUET HALL
7601 JANE ST. Concord, ON L4K 1 X2
416-661-6612

Last day to purchase Prom tickets is May 13, 2022...get your tickets now!!!

[Prom Assembly Video](#)

[Prom Google Form](#)

[Prom Guest Form](#)

Guidance News

Community Involvement Hours

Now is a great time for students to work on completing Community Involvement Hours. Students are reminded that they must have their activity pre-approved prior to completing the activity. A special reminder to Grade 12 graduating students that the deadline to submit completed Community Involvement hours by June 1st. Students may join the 'UHS Volunteer Google Classroom' (enrolment key: **gsrz264**) or meet with a Guidance counsellor to learn about volunteer opportunities.

A reminder for the 2021-2022 school year, the required number of hours for community involvement activities will be reduced from 40 hours to a minimum of 20 hours for graduating students. This is consistent with changes made in the 2020-21 school year. All other students are required to complete the 40 required hours.



At the principal's discretion, the following activities will be deemed eligible for all secondary students for their community involvement activities in the 2021-22 school year:

- Activities that take place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day (e.g., walking a younger neighbour or sibling to and from school, helping younger siblings with their homework)
- Activities that include up to 10 hours of paid work, with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to service for others (e.g., grocery work during the pandemic). This will need to be completed by clicking on the following link: CI Reflection Form: <https://bit.ly/ciReflection>
- Activities that consist of duties normally performed in the home (e.g., students could help an elderly relative with errands, provide after-school care for a sibling)

Please note: Volunteer opportunities differ from field trips and are communicated through our Guidance Department's Google Classroom or Volunteering Bulletin Board. The YRDSB is not responsible for transportation or supervision when students make contact with community members to arrange volunteer opportunities.

A classroom teacher may not sign the community involvement hours form for opportunities taking place off-site. Teachers may sign forms for events taking place in the school under their supervision only (e.g. student secretary on parent-teacher interview night). While teachers can inform students of volunteer opportunities and direct them to visit the Guidance office, teachers should not call community members to arrange these volunteer opportunities. Opportunities provided in the community must be arranged by the student or parent/guardian and the outside venue.

OCAS/OUAC Dates

OCAS and OUAC mark uploads are not complete. Students are asked to log into their account and verify the information that has been uploaded. If students have any questions or concern, they are to contact their alpha Guidance Counsellor.

Full Disclosure: May 9, 2022

Full disclosure: “applies to all grade 11 and 12 courses and if the course is withdrawn after the full disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column and the student’s mark at the time of withdrawal is recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript”.

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.

Summer School Information

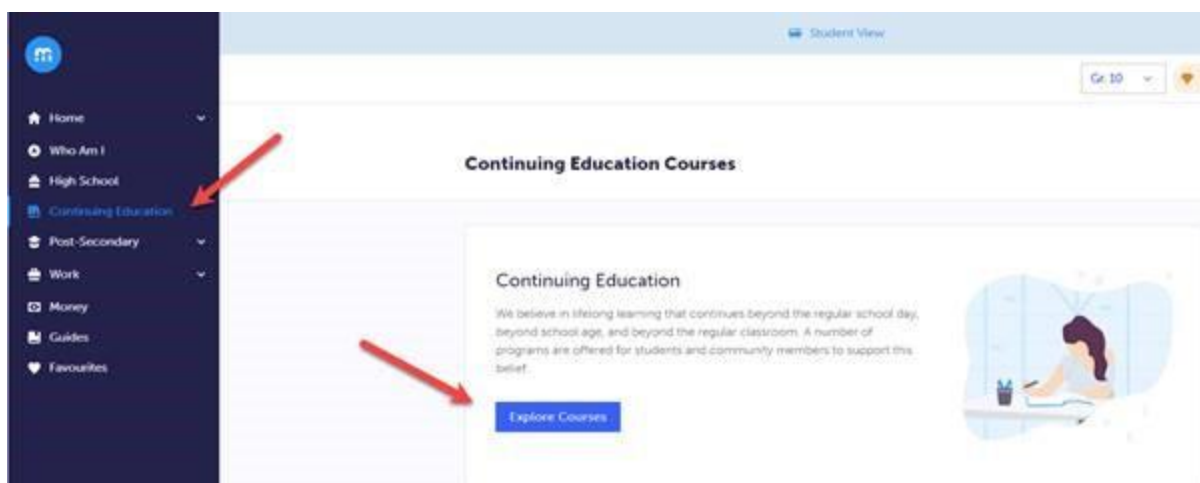
Summer School registration is now open on My Pathway Planner. Both on-line and in-person learning will be available. More information can be found at:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/2022-summer-learning-opportunities> .

To registering for Summer School

1. Login into [My Pathway Planner](#)
2. Form the left side bar, select ‘Continuing Education’
3. Click on ‘Explore Courses’
4. Enter in the course code you are looking for and select the location you would like and press ‘Submit Course’.

**** Sign off forms are not required****



Registration is now open for YRDSB students through [MyPathwayPlanner](#)

In-Person Learning – Secondary Summer School

Offered at nine locations: Aurora HS, Keswick HS, Langstaff SS, Markham District HS, Milliken Mills HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Tommy Douglas SS, and Westmount CI.

Students are required to attend daily from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m. with scheduled breaks and a lunch period.

Acceleration full-credit courses: Wednesday July 6 to Friday July 29

Credit Upgrading courses: July 6 to July 18 (S1) & July 19 to July 29 (S2)

- For students who were successful in obtaining the credit and seeking additional support

Reinforcement courses: July 6 to July 18 (S1) & July 19 to July 29 (S2)

- For students who were previously unsuccessful in obtaining the credit and recommended for reinforcement

Civics & Careers Acceleration half-credit courses: July 6 to July 18 (S1) & July 19 to July 29

- Students interested in taking both Civics and Careers must select one course from each session CHV2O5 (S1) & GLC2O6 (S2) or GLC2O5 (S1) & CHV2O6 (S2)

Remote Learning – International Languages

Remote learning classes will occur in a virtual environment, using a synchronous model. Students are required to attend daily from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m., with scheduled breaks and a lunch period.

Acceleration full-credit courses: Wednesday July 6 to Friday July 29

Languages offered: Farsi, Simplified Mandarin, Spanish

Online Learning - Secondary Summer School

Online Learning courses are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format in an asynchronous model. Students are able to access course content at any time with daily check-in opportunities with their teacher.

Acceleration full-credit courses, 18 days: Monday July 4 to Wednesday July 27

Civics & Careers Acceleration half-credit courses: July 4 to July 13 (S1) & July 14 to July 27 (S2)

- Students interested in taking both Civics and Careers must select one course from each session CHV2O5 (S1) & GLC2O6 (S2) or GLC2O5 (S1) & CHV2O6 (S2)

For more information:

- Please visit our website: [Summer Learning Opportunities](#)
- Contact your school Guidance counsellor
- Contact Continuing Education with 'Secondary Summer School' in the subject line at
 - In-Person Learning - continuing.education@yrdsb.ca
 - Online Learning - online.learning@yrdsb.ca

Please note: course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and available staffing.

[Summer Pathway Programs](#)

Hong Fook Youth & Family Services

Spring Programs - [English](#)

Spring Programs - [Chinese](#)

Markham Public Library Links

[Discover Your Digital Library](#)

[What To Read Next](#)

[Tips & Tricks on Fine-Tuning Your Resume](#) - Tue | May 10 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

[Elementary School Learning and Academic Success](#) - May 11 | 2:30 PM | ZOOM & May 16 | 5:30 PM | ZOOM

[English Learners Book Club](#) - Thurs | May 12 | 6 PM | ZOOM

[Bullying and Adolescence](#) - Thu | May 19 | 1 PM | ZOOM

[Legacy Planning](#) - Thu | May 19 | 3:30 PM | ZOOM

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

Crisis Mental Health Supports For Student

For a variety of support services and agencies, please refer to the following list:

- 310-COPE www.yssn.ca: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7

- www.KidsHelpPhone.ca: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline <https://www.ontario.ca/page/mental-health-services>: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 pm; for children & youth (0-18 years), parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.
- Markham Stouffville Hospital www.msh.on.ca: 905-472-7000
- Poison Control www.ontariopoisoncentre.ca: 1-800-268-9017
- Lesbian Gay BI Trans Youth Line www.youthline.ca: 1-888-687-9689
- Trans Lifeline www.translifeline.org: 1-877-330-6366
- Black Youth Helpline www.blackyouth.ca: 1-833-294-8650
- York Region Children's Aid Society www.yorkcas.org: 905-895-2318
- York Region Abuse Program www.centralhealthline.ca: 905-895-3646
- Police-Fire-Ambulance 911

Reminders

Lunch Protocols

The following lunch protocols will remain in place until further notice:

- Grade 11/12 - Cafeteria/1st floor
- Grade 10 - 2nd floor
- Grade 9 - 3rd floor

****Please note that the library will no longer be available as an eating space.****

****The servery remains closed at this time.****



COVID-19 Reminders

As you may be aware, the [Government of Ontario](https://www.ontario.ca/government) announced their plan to lift many of the COVID-19 health and safety measures in public spaces and schools. Effective Monday, March 21, 2022:

- Students, staff members and school visitors will no longer be required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so.
- Staff and students will not be required to complete the screening confirmation form each day. Students, staff members and visitors should continue to review and adhere to the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to entering the school daily. The screening tool has been updated to reflect new isolation requirements.
- Students will no longer be required to remain in cohorts or to practice physical distancing.

In addition, effective March 14, requirements for staff members to complete vaccination attestations or mandatory testing has been removed.

Hand washing and cleaning protocols will remain in place. In addition, we will continue to follow our current ventilation practices.

Current measures remain in effect until March 21, 2022, including mask requirements for all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, and the completion of the screening confirmation form.

We appreciate that students and families may have mixed reactions to this announcement. Our educators will continue to support student well-being as these changes are implemented, and work to ensure all of our students feel safe, welcome and supported. Please also be assured that we will continue to consult with public health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff members and families.

Unionville High School continues to encourage all members of the UHS community to wear masks as they see fit, while respecting the choices of all staff, students and visitors who enter our building. We are also encouraging all

members of the UHS community to observe proper hand hygiene - this means sanitizing and washing your hands frequently.

Links

[AEBS Scholarships for Black Students](#)

[Celebrating Asian Heritage Month](#)

[Grade 12 Leadership in Social Justice Achievement Awards](#)

[Free Admission to the CNE!](#)

[NACCA Award](#)

[Police Community Advisory Council – 2nd Annual Social Justice Youth Conference](#)

[South Asian Heritage Month – Honourable Navdeep Bains](#)

[Prime Minister's Youth Council](#)

[Sex Trafficking Information Session](#)

[Summer Company 2021 - Apply Now](#)

[Summer Employment](#)

[Summer Learning: Bringing STEM to Life: Work-Integrated Learning Programs](#)

[Summer Mentorship Program](#)

[The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter](#)

[South Asian & Tamil Women's Collective Annual Well-Being Conference](#)

SATWC

York Region
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Inspire Learning!

THE SOUTH ASIAN AND TAMIL WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE PRESENTS OUR 5TH ANNUAL

WELL-BEING CONFERENCE

MAY 11 & MAY 12, 2022
FROM 4:00PM – 6:30PM

REGISTER TODAY
bit.ly/SATWC


SCAN ME

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23, 2022	Victoria Day - No Classes
May 26, 2022	Prom
May 31, 2022	Apple Creek Spring Concert (Strings & Choir) at Apple Creek Church (6pm-9pm)
June 9, 2022	AU Celebration (7pm-8:30pm)
June 13, 2022	Music Recital @ Unionville Presbyterian Church (6pm-10pm)
June 27, 2022	Graduation Ceremony at Hilton Markham (6:30pm)
June 30, 2022	P.A.Day - No Classes

TIMETABLE SCHEDULE

Block 1	8:30 – 9:50am
Break	9:50 – 9:55am
Block 3	9:55 – 11:10am
Lunch	11:10am – 12:00pm
Block 2	12:00 – 1:15pm
Break	1:15 – 1:20pm
Block 4	1:20 – 2:35pm