



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin –Vol.33

Friday, May 7, 2021



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Extensions:

Reception - 431
Attendance - 230
Guidance - 458

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Adaptive Students - Online Schedule

Period 1	8:30 am – 9:45 am
Period 2	9:50 am – 11:05 am
Lunch	11:05 am – 12:25 pm
Period 3	12:25 pm – 1:40 pm
Period 4	1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

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						♦ Eid-ul-Fitr			
17		18		19		20		21	
						• AM - Modified Morning Schedule • PM - Feedback			

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 10	• ADD10M - Virtual Workshop with Shannon Currie (9:50 AM)
Tuesday, May 11	• AMS1/2/3/4MM - Virtual Guest Artist Curtis Stewart (8:30 AM) • AMW1/2/3/4MM - Virtual Workshop with Kevin Shen (8:30 AM)
Wednesday, May 12	
Thursday, May 13	• Eid-ul-Fitr
Friday, May 14	• AMC3/4MM - Virtual Guest Artist Brainerd Blyden-Taylor (9:50 AM) • NAC101 Virtual Workshop with Deron Douglas (12:25 PM)

UHS Graduation Ceremony & Valedictorian

As we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our graduating Grade 12 class in June, we are writing to provide you with an update on graduation planning.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we regret that we will be unable to hold an in-person graduation ceremony. Please know that we share your disappointment that we are unable to celebrate your child's achievements and mark this important milestone in person. However, it is essential that we continue to adhere to public health guidelines to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Our priority continues to be the health and safety of our students, families and staff members. In its place, all schools in York Region District School Board will be hosting virtual graduation ceremonies for Grade 12 students. This virtual graduation will include both our "face-to-face" students and the students who participated in our secondary virtual school model together in one ceremony.

While we may have to celebrate differently, we are incredibly proud of our graduates and are committed to making this occasion a special one for graduates and their families and friends. Our virtual graduation will be a celebration of the hard work, dedication and achievements of our graduates.

We have already contacted graduates to ask them if they would like their picture and name included in our graduation video. **Please remind graduates to check their gapps email in order to access the Graduation 2021 Video Form.** In the form, graduates must choose one of the following:

- a) upload their own Grad-Selfie
- b) use their grade 11 school photo
- c) use a generic silhouette
- d) request that their photo and name be excluded

Students have been asked to submit their preference using the Graduation 2021 Video Form no later than Monday, May 17 by 9:00 am. In cases where a parent or adult student does not want a photo and name to be included, non-consent must be indicated in this form. If the form is not submitted by May 17, we will use a silhouette and the student's legal name in the video. Parents/guardians of those graduates who are under 18 should express their non-consent using the form or by contacting us at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca no later than May 17.

We have also sent graduates the Valedictorian Self-Nomination Form which includes details on how the valedictorian will be chosen. This form is also due by Monday, May 17 at 9:00 am. Again, graduates are encouraged to check their gapps email for this form.

A link to the virtual ceremony will be shared through a secure portal. The virtual ceremony is scheduled for the week of July 5-8 in order to ensure that we have the requisite time to finalize the ceremony details once courses are completed and final marks are submitted. The link will be available for one week from the scheduled date of the virtual ceremony.

We will be sharing more information in the weeks ahead and look forward to celebrating our graduates with you.

Fast Track Student Conference

The YRDSB Pathways Team is happy to announce that the **Fast Track Student Conference** is taking place on the evenings of May 19th and May 20th. This two-day virtual event will begin each evening at 5:30 p.m. with a YRDSB focus on employment and networking connections followed by the Build a Dream Career EXPO at 6:00 p.m.

This event is intended for graduating students who are leaving secondary school at the end of the semester and are interested or currently working in the skilled trades towards apprenticeship, or are OYAP or Accelerated OYAP

students, and/or are leaving secondary school at the end of the semester and are entering directly to the workforce, and/or are currently enrolled grade 12 SHSM students heading to apprenticeship or the workplace. (This event would be a 'Reach Ahead' opportunity.)

This conference provides valuable information for students and their families regarding their transition to the workplace and/or apprenticeship.

The registration deadline is Monday, May 17th at 4:00 pm.

To register, please go to <http://bit.ly/FastTrack4GRADS>. (Registration requires a GAPPs email account.)

Click on the links below for more information about the event:

- [Agenda for the Fast Track Student Conference and Career EXPO](#)
- [FastTrack4GRADS poster](#)

RWDC International Finals

We would like to congratulate our UHS Grade 11 STEM team made up of **Daphne Cheng, Iris Lin, Julia Plester, Ethan Yu, and Anthony Qiu** who participated in the Real World Design Challenge International Finals against teams from around the world. We applaud their efforts and thank them for their fine showing as representatives of Canada in this international competition.

Congratulations Nina Zhuang, French Public Speaking Award Winner

Grade 11 and 12 students participated in the province-wide French public speaking competition, *le Concours d'art oratoire*, organized by the Ontario Branch of Canadian Parents for French (CPF). From February 17 to April 15, Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) received video submissions from students from 5 school boards and 1 independent school across Ontario. This year's competition involved video submissions. Students recorded themselves presenting an original speech on a topic of their choice. Impartial judges evaluated the videos. **We would like to congratulate Nina Zhuang in grade 11 who placed 3rd in the Extended category. Well done Nina!**

UHS Feed the Need

Did you know that the Markham Food Bank reported an increase of 50% in the number of families using the food bank at the beginning of this month?

The COVID-19 pandemic is making more families in our community food insecure, and we at Unionville High School are taking action. The UHS Feed The Need Initiative is officially up and running! Thank you to all who have graciously supported and encouraged our initiative. Our donation link is officially live (<https://fbyr.ca/uhs/>), and we encourage all students, staff, and families to donate to our cause.

For every \$5 you donate, you can enter a raffle to win prizes! By donating \$5 or more, the food bank will donate at least fifteen meals to families. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us at UHSNutritionClassesof2021@gmail.com or @uhsfeedtheneed on Instagram.

Stay tuned for more information on details regarding donations and our raffle!

Wellness Corner

Our UHS Wellness Council continues its fun and informative initiatives, spreading awareness on Mental Health this month. Follow them on Instagram @uhshealthandwellness for all of the details.

For parents and caregivers looking for more information on how to identify and support mental health challenges your child may be experiencing during these difficult pandemic times, please check out all of the amazing resources available on the "School Mental Health Ontario" website:

[Noticing Mental Health Concerns for Your Child](#)

Guest Speaker: Almond Au, Head of Customer Engineering at Google

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Topic: **High School to Google & Lessons Learned**

Date & Time: **Friday May 21, 2021; 3:15 - 4:15 pm** (via Google Meet)

Unionville High School's Computer Studies Department in collaboration with the Computer Science Club is pleased to have **Almond Au, Head of Customer Engineering at Google** as a guest speaker. This informative session will take place on Friday May 21, 3:15 - 4:15 pm via Google meet.

Instructions on how to pre-register for this session will be sent out to students by their respective teachers and club supervisors. This session will help students to acquire knowledge and strategies to prepare for a career in the Computer Science & Engineering industry.

Summer School

Summer school registration is now open for both Remote Learning and Online Learning. Please view the following links for information regarding each model and how to register:

[Secondary Program Flyer](#)

[Summer School Update April 20, 2021](#)

[How to Register](#)

Note to students: **A sign-off form is NOT required**. Disregard this step. Your alpha counsellor will review your registration and will send an email confirmation to your GAPPs account confirming that the course has been approved. If there are any concerns with your summer school selection, you will be contacted directly by your alpha counsellor.

Summer Pathways Program - 2021

Please click the link below to access more information for the 2021 Summer Pathways Program.

[Summer Pathways Program for 2021](#)

Scholarship News

Continue to check the Guidance Moodle for upcoming scholarship information as well as application and eligibility details.

Please note: Scholarship information is intended for graduating students that plan to attend a post secondary institution in 2021-2022.

Upcoming Scholarship Information:

The Scholarship Report (February - May), (PDF located on the Guidance Moodle)

University Listing Scholarships - Fall 2021 Entrance (PDF located on the Guidance Moodle)

College Listing Scholarships - Fall 2021 Entrance (PDF located on the Guidance Moodle)

May 14th, 2021

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/Caribbean heritage. AEBS invites Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for their 2021 scholarships.

Students can visit [AEBS 2021 Scholarships](#) to learn more about the scholarships and to apply.

For further information contact the following:

- Elaine Ricketts: elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca
- Jaymyi Lesmond: jaymyi.lesmond@yrdsb.ca
- Charlotte Reid: charlottereid60@gmail.com

May 24th, 2021 - Direct application

Jean Lumb Awards - [Jean Lumb Foundation: Jean Lumb Awards](#)

June 1st, 2021:

Canadian Pediatric Stroke and Acquired Brain Injury Survivors Scholarship Application

www.achievingbeyondbraininjury.com

Crisis Mental Health Support for Students

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



COME & HANG OUT WITH US!

SOC-ABILITY VIRTUAL CLUB

A new weekly virtual social club for teens and young adults in the community looking to connect with peers in an adapted and supported space!

It's tough to be away from friends and can be harder to make new ones while we're all staying safe at home. Check out Soc-Ability for a virtual connection with other teens and young adults with unique needs in Aurora and surrounding communities! This program includes;

- An opportunity to meet new people and socialize with like-minded peers in an adapted and supported space.
- Practice social skills in a safe and friendly environment.
- Have fun with trivia, games and themed chat topics!
- All abilities are welcome.

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

May 25th - June 15th

Ages 16 to 21 Years

Cost: FREE

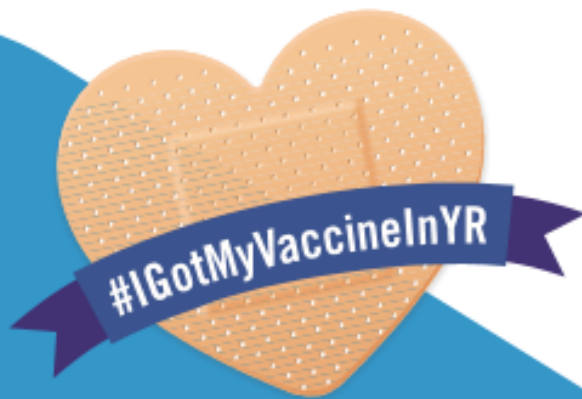
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Visit aurora.ca/InclusionServices for more info or to register today!



Need COVID-19 Vaccine Information in York Region?

york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo
1-877-464-9675



*This is the best shot
to protect yourself*


York Region



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Center for Immigrant Community Services

WWW.CICSCANADA.COM

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Jump Into Networking

Open to immigrant youth
ages 13-24 at no cost!

Jump into networking to expand your professional connections, learn about different career paths, and practice your online networking skills

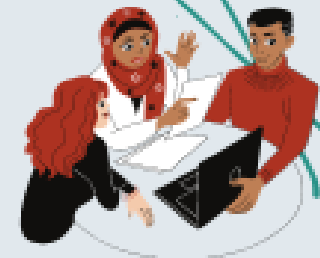
MONDAYS
MAY 3 - MAY 31, 2021
4:00PM - 5:30PM
on ZOOM

MAY 31: Online Networking Fair

To pre-register please contact: Sarmini Vettrivelu

 Sarmini.IYC  Sarmini.Vettrivelu@cicscanada.com  416-873-0490

or sign up using our Google form <https://bit.ly/iyclive>
PR Card or Landing Paper required to register



[Please click here to register](#)



Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, May 10, 2021 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Panel Discussion and Q&A: Community Resources

PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome!

VIRTUAL MEETING

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult? Join us...

PCMH Chapter Support is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: May 10, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 925 1454 9283

Passcode: 953686

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Find your [local number](#)

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
- find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
- learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.