



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin –Vol.12

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 Attendance - 230
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Tweets

@UHSupdates

Rotation - 5	Nov 10 - Nov 26	Rotation - 6	Nov 27 - Dec 14
In Person 8:30-11:00 AM	Period 1	In Person 8:30-11:00 AM	Period 2
11:00 - 12:30 PM	Transportation and Lunch	11:00 - 12:30 PM	Transportation and Lunch
Synchronous Learning 12:30-1:20 PM	Period 2	Synchronous Learning 12:30-1:20 PM	Period 1
Synchronous Learning 1:20-2:10	Period 3	Synchronous Learning 1:20-2:10	Period 3
Synchronous Learning 2:10—3:00 PM	Period 4	Synchronous Learning 2:10—3:00 PM	Period 4

1A 23	1B 24	1A 25	1B 26	Rotation # 6 27
2B 30	2A 1	2B 2	2A 3	2B 4
2A 7	2B 8	2A 9	2B 10	2A 11

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 23	
Tuesday, November 24	
Wednesday, November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual Graduation Broadcast
Thursday, November 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotation 5 Ends
Friday, November 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotation 6 Begins
Monday, November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council (7:00pm) ELL Anthology Launch

Arts Unionville Registration

The Secondary Arts Program online registration opened in Edsby on Monday, November 16. The deadline to register is Monday, December 7 at which time, instructions for the e-portfolio will be shared. The e-portfolio submission deadline is Monday, January 11. To register using EDSBY, [please click here](#).

[For more information, please visit our Arts Unionville webpage.](#)

School Model Confirmation for Semester Two

Earlier this week, you received confirmation of your semester two placement request.

Students who are moving to a new school model can expect to start in the new model along with all students at the beginning of Semester 2 on February 2, 2021. Schools will complete student timetabling in January. As a result of program changes to support these school models, not all semester 2 secondary courses or program pathway options may be available in both models or in all schools. The Board will communicate any program and placement decisions as early as possible to support family and school planning. The home school Guidance staff will work with students and families to support timetable changes in both the Face-to-Face and Virtual models if needed.

There will be no further opportunities to consider changes between the secondary school models this school year.

We want to assure you that we continue to prioritize the health, safety and well-being of our students, and look forward to continuing to support their learning.

School Council Agenda

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

School Council Agenda:

1. Minutes from October meeting
2. Guidance – Rita Riolo
 - a. My Pathway Planner and course offerings
3. ELL Anthology launch - Ann Choi and students
4. Student engagement and community events

a. Youth Connect - Andy Shen and Justine Lin

5. Wellness - Michelle Farwell and Nadine Cyr

6. Updates from admin team:

- Staffing Updates
- Virtual clubs
- Assessment and Evaluation
- OSSLT update
- USAC update
- Upcoming dates
- Future meetings and Head of Dept. presentations

Looking forward to seeing you all virtually. The link will be sent out to all families next week

Transfers

Each year the York Region District School Board staff work collaboratively to balance student enrolment and accommodation needs in an effort to ensure that students living in a school attendance area can attend their local secondary school. Further, those accepted on transfer into courses and/or programs outside their home school attendance area need to be accommodated without displacing or limiting opportunity for students who live locally. This letter is to inform you of secondary schools open and closed to student transfer requests for the 2021-22 school year in order to assist students in the transfer process and their course selection and pathway choices.

A. The following schools will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2021-2022 school year:

- **CEC Central:** Aurora High School (except from Highview PS and Regency PS), Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill High School
- **CEC East:** Markville Secondary School, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School
- **CEC North:** Newmarket High School
- **CEC West:** Vaughan Secondary School (for French Immersion)

B. The following schools will be open to new student transfer requests for the 2021-2022 school year:

CEC Central: Alexander Mackenzie High School, Aurora High School (only from Regency Acres PS and Highview PS), Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, King City Secondary School, Langstaff Secondary School, Richmond Green Secondary School

CEC East: Bill Hogarth Secondary School, Bur Oak Secondary School, Markham District High School, Middlefield Collegiate Institute, Milliken Mills High School, Unionville High School

CEC North: Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School, Huron Heights Secondary School, Keswick High School, Sir William Mulock Secondary School, Stouffville District Secondary School, Sutton District High School

CEC West: Emily Carr Secondary School, Maple High School, Stephen Lewis Secondary School, Thornhill Secondary School, Thornlea Secondary School, Tommy Douglas Secondary School, Vaughan Secondary School (only for Regular Track), Westmount Collegiate Institute, Woodbridge College

Transfer Process Dates:

- “Home school” refers to the YRDSB face-to-face school you are either attending or would have attended this year.
- Where your signature is required, either an electronic signature or full name entered in the signature field will be accepted as a signature.

By Feb. 5, 2021, Electronic Transfer Request forms must be requested from and are due to the home schools as indicated below:

- **current YRDSB Grade 8 students** request from and submit to your elementary home school
- **current secondary school YRDSB students** request from and submit to your secondary home school
- **Secondary students new to YRDSB for the 2021-22 school year** request from, and submit to their YRDSB secondary home school (as indicated in [school locator](#)) along with a [registration form](#).

By Feb. 11, 2021, students will be notified of the decision of their transfer request.

By Feb. 24, 2021 course selections are due as indicated below:

- **current Grade 8 YRDSB students** will complete course selection in *My Pathway Planner*
- **current secondary school YRDSB students and secondary school students new to YRDSB** will complete course selection as indicated by the secondary school

For more information on attendance areas and student transfers, families are encouraged to review the process outlined in [Board Policy #108 Student Accommodation – Attendance Areas and Student Transfers](#). If you have questions about the Transfer process please contact your home school.

Scholarship News

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

Upcoming School sponsored Scholarships are due to Ms. Hawkins (stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca) by 3 p.m. or in the Guidance drop box outside of the Guidance office.

DUE: January 8th, 2021 (school sponsored) - Schulich Leaders Scholarship (student must be pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering or Math)

Volunteering Opportunities: Online/virtual opportunities have been added to the Volunteering Google Classroom. Please continue to look for eligible nonprofit organization volunteer opportunities to complete your hours.

UHS Virtual Clubs

The following virtual clubs have begun meeting. Students who want to join a club should email the staff supervisor.

Name of Club:	Staff Supervisor:	Accepting new members:
The UHS Gender and Sexuality Alliance	Ms. Sara Faulkner sara.faulkner@yrdsb.ca	YES
Computer Club	Mr. Jey Anandarajan jey.anandarajan@yrdsb.ca	YES
UHS Robotics Team	Mr. Brian Cho & Mr. Jey Anandarajan brian.cho@yrdsb.ca jey.anandarajan@yrdsb.ca	YES
DECA	Mr. Don Pan & Mr. Wes Guldemon kuo.pan@yrdsb.ca wesley.guldemon@yrdsb.ca	membership closed
Student Wellness Council	Ms. Michelle Farwell michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca	YES
Environmental Council	Mr. Michael Johnston & Ms. Polina Di Francesco michael.johnston@yrdsb.ca polina.difrancesco@yrdsb.ca	YES
The Unionville Howl (Newsletter)	Ms. Ann Choi yu-kyung.choi@yrdsb.ca	membership closed
Film Club	Mr. Shiraz Rafik shiraz.rafik@yrdsb.ca	YES
Music Council	Mr. Jeff Wrigglesworth jeff.wrigglesworth@yrdsb.ca	YES

MOVEMBER

Hey UHS! We are half way through our annual Movember campaign! This year, the campaign looks a little bit different as it is primarily virtual; however, we are still making an impact! Many staff members have chosen to support the Movember campaign by growing out moustaches including Mr. Johnston, Mr. Ricci, Mr. Rayner, Mr. Lansing, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Struk, and Mr. Anandarajan and we are so grateful for their participation. The @uhs.athletics instagram page has a gallery of their marvelous moustache progress, as well as the link to donate to the UHS Movember campaign in the bio. Please take a moment to donate to this amazing cause raising money and awareness for men's health initiatives.

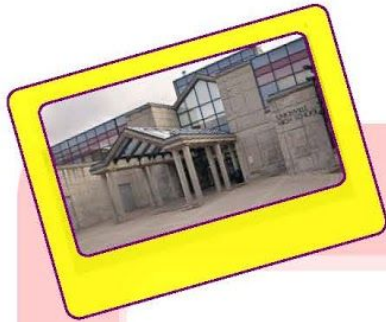
As well, the MOVE event that normally takes place in the gym during Movember has been transitioned to a virtual setting. On November 28 and 29 we are challenging staff and students to get outside and go for a walk, run or ride in support of men's health issues. Keep track of how many kilometers you moved so that it can be added to our virtual marathon! See details to follow on the @uhs.athletics instagram page.

Here's the link to the Unionville Mo's donation page: <https://ca.movember.com/team/2370293#>

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Journey Through the Maple Forest is a compelling collection that reveals the vulnerabilities and joys of our newcomer students. Join our book launch celebration, which will be during the Monday, Nov 30, 2020, School Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Details to follow.





Sharing stories is one of the most powerful ways to inspire empathy and to learn from one another. An anthology of student writing and artwork, *Journey Through the Maple Forest*, celebrates newcomer voices, thoughts, and feelings on the experience of coming to Canada and attending school, while adapting to a new culture, lifestyle, and language.

Journey Through the Maple Forest

Share our stories!

aves are dancing and weeping
 day a leaf is going to be in a faraway tree.
 wing that it has never been out of its branch
 kindness and compassion the others say
 le the leaf jumps with the strong breeze.
 l and alone in the fast wind
 at the leaf feels though it doesn't stop
 travels through the white clouds
 dering how its new life will be.

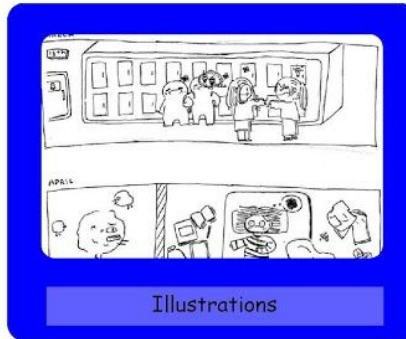
Poems

"Green Leaf" by Sebastian Ortiz Gonzalez

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90 students of all ESL levels shared their personal narratives, poems, artwork, and photos



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"Coming to Canada" by Mandy Fang



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"Photograph" by Tina Liang

ne handouts as soon as she came in. When the teacher gave it to me, I felt that since it was a simple art class, it should not be difficult for me to draw a picture carefully and that's it.

a while, when the teacher handed out the sheet, she began to speak. I barely understood what she was saying. Suddenly I realized I had something to do except me. But what were they drawing? I was so confused that I could know what to do was to ask the teacher, so I immediately asked, "What are we going to do now? I didn't fully understand you were saying."

Personal Essays

"Language Barrier in Art Class" by Flora Wang

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VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

IYC is looking for youth volunteers for our
upcoming **Best Buddies Mentorship Program!**

 Contact us if you:

- love working with youth in different ages (JK to Grade 12)
- are passionate about teaching and socializing with newcomer youth
- are willing to provide academic / mentorship support to newcomer youth

Volunteer Orientation: Nov 18th & 25th

Program Dates: Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th & Winter 2021



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