



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin

Volume 9

Friday, October 29, 2021

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2021-2022 Student Schedule

School begins:	8:30 a.m.
Homeroom (5 min):	8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.
Block One (150 min):	8:35 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
Travel time (5 min):	11:05 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
Lunch (50 min):	11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Travel time (5 min):	12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Block Two (150 min):	12:05 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.
School ends:	2:35 p.m.

November	1	2	3	4	5
Week 2 (periods 3,4)			Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9 Students) Parent/Guardian Interview Night (Virtual) (4:00 - 8:00 PM)	Diwali	
November	8	9	10	11	12
Week 1 (periods 1,2)	HNB4M1-01 Virtual Guest Speaker Adriana Withers (9:30-10:30 AM) ATM3MM/4MM - Virtual Contemporary Dance Workshop (9:30 - 10:30 AM)	Posting of Grade 8 Information on the UHS Website ATM2OM - Virtual Contemporary Dance Workshop (12:30 - 1:30 PM)	Arts Unionville Information Evening (Virtual) (7:00-8:00 PM)	Remembrance Day	AMV1/2O/3/4MM - Virtual Guest Elizabeth McDonald (1:15-2:15 PM)

Attention Grade 9 Parents/Guardians: Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, November 3

Today, we sent an email reminder to all grade 9 students' GAPPS accounts about Take Our Kids to Work Day. The reminder contains the following information:

- Explanation of the options
- The livestream link, an agenda for the day, and online resources
- **Informed Consent Google Form Link**

Parents and guardians are kindly asked to review the information in the email with their child and **to submit the Google Form if they have not already done so.**

If you have questions about Take Our Kids to Work Day, please contact us at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca.

Arts Unionville Information Night: Wednesday, November 10

The Arts Unionville Information Night will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

If you'd like to join us, please register using this Google Form: [Arts Unionville Information Night](#).

The Arts Unionville application will open on November 15, 2021 and close on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Please refer to our [Arts Page](#) for additional information.

(Also see the flyer below.)

OSSLT Fall Administration: Thursday, November 18

This year, there will be two administrations of the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test).

- **The first administration is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 18. This fall administration is reserved for grade 11 students and for any non-graduating grade 12 students.**
- (The second administration will take place in the spring and be reserved for grade 10 students.)
- Only students writing the test will attend school on this day.
- Students not writing the test (grade 9, 10, and 12 classes) will be working from home. Teachers will provide students with asynchronous work.
- Special Education Community Classes will follow their regular schedule.
- School bus and taxi service will run according to their regular schedules.
- Students who plan to graduate next year will be expected to have earned the literacy requirement as per the Ministry of Education.
- The test will be completed using a digital format with technology supplied by the Board.
- Remote students must write at school. Plans are being made to ensure that all health and safety measures are followed.
- In order to prepare for the test, our Literacy Teacher, Mr. Rafik, will be visiting classes and conferencing with individual students.

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews

Parent/guardian-teacher interviews will take place on Wednesday, November 3. All interviews are virtual. If you were not able to book a meeting using Teachassist, please contact the teacher directly via email to schedule an appointment. If you require assistance, please contact us at 905-479-2787 or at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca.

Holocaust Education Week: November 1 - 7

The week of November 1st to 7th marks annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW). This year's theme is [Holocaust Distortion, Myths and Misinformation: Dispel the myths and misinformation that fuel antisemitism and hatred](#). The Holocaust was the systemic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jewish people by the Nazi regime and its allies, and it is critical that we not allow this cruel chapter of modern history to fade from memory. During this week we also want to acknowledge that people of colour, the Romas, people with physical disabilities, and those who identify as LGBTQ+, among others, were targeted and murdered by the Nazis. As one means of working toward a world free of intolerance, racism and hatred, educators will be discussing the Holocaust, as well as the many people who risked, sacrificed, or lost their lives as a result of antisemitism and other forms of hate.

Treaties Recognition Week: November 1- 7

Did you know that the first week of November is officially Ontario's Treaties Recognition Week? During the week of November 1-7, 2021, we recognize the importance of treaties and bring awareness to the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province. There are 46 treaties in Ontario and we all have a responsibility to honour the treaties.

"Today, some Canadians see treaties as artifacts of another era in their history, with no current relevance. First Nations people view treaties as "living" agreements that respect their status as nations, as recognized in the Royal Proclamation of 1763. They see this as their "inherent right" referred to in Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution."

(Maurice Switzer, "We are all...Treaty People" p.34)

Scholarships

Please continue to check the Scholarship and Enrichment Opportunities classroom (Code: bzs6yex). As more information becomes available from different organizations about their new due dates for 2021-2022, we will be updating the classroom accordingly.

Please make sure you read all application instructions and eligibility criteria carefully for any scholarship you are planning to apply to.

Upcoming school sponsored:

- Lester B Pearson (for International students - U of T) - November 12th, 2021 by 3:00 pm
- Queen's Chancellor Scholarship - November 12th, 2021 by 3:00 pm
 - For school designate, please use Ms. Hawkins - stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca.
 - These can be submitted via email to Ms. Hawkins or submitted in hard copy to the drop box outside the Guidance Office.

Upcoming direct application:

- TD Bank Community Leader Scholarship - November 12th, 2021

Reporting and Full Disclosure

Semester 1 Midterm Reporting - All students

York Region District School Board will be issuing electronic copies of the Semester 1 midterm report cards between November 25-30. The electronic copy will be sent to the student's GAPPs email and instructions on how to access the report will be emailed to all families prior to their release.

Full Disclosure for Grade 11 and Grade 12 Courses

For 2021/2022, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be 5 instructional days after the mid-semester report is issued. The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is December 6, 2021. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course prior to December 6, 2021, then the course will not be recorded on the Ontario Student transcript. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course after the Full Disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column, and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates

Identifying information will be shared through a secure transmission to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) to support students with their application to post-secondary institutions. Potential graduates who are not planning to apply to an Ontario college or university this school year, and who do not wish to have their data shared must notify their guidance counsellor by Thursday, October 7, 2021.

Semester 1 midterm marks will be shared with OCAS and OUAC on November 19, 2021. Students in Grade 11 and 12 courses will be notified of their report card mark by their classroom teacher by November 15, 2021. Potential graduates who are applying to an Ontario College and/or University who are planning to drop a course are encouraged to connect with their guidance counsellor in advance of these dates. Guidance appointments can be booked through Teachassist.

Please review the timelines below:

November 15	Teachers will share mid semester mark updates with students in Grade 11 and 12 courses.
November 11 - 18	Potential graduates applying to an Ontario College or University that are planning to drop a course, and do not wish to have the course mark shared with OUAC/OCAS are advised to connect with their Guidance Counsellor.
November 19	School to submit Semester 1 midterm and/or final marks (for quadmester courses) to OUAC and OCAS.
December 6	This is the full disclosure date which is the final day that a student, in a grade 11 or 12 course, may drop a course in order that it not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a teacher, guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

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 can 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.](#)

Start-Up Consents and Permissions

Please complete the [school start-up forms](#) that were sent to our families. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible as they contain important information and permissions. They can also be found on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources under Family Start-Up Forms, along with some [information on how to complete the forms](#). Please note, parents must be signed in to their child's student GAPS account to complete the form. If families would prefer to complete the forms on paper, please contact us at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca.

NACCA: Session 2 - Navigating Secondary School

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PRESENTS A 2 PART WORKSHOP VIA 

Navigating Secondary School

SESSION 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 7PM-8:30PM

"Thinking with an end in mind" Post-secondary Pathways Planning

SESSION 2: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021 7PM-8:30PM

Understanding and Navigating System Practices in Ontario Secondary Schools

AUDIENCE:

Parents/Caregivers of African Canadian students in Grades 7 – 11, Black students

[Please register here](#) for Friday, November 26.

Hong Fook Youth & Family Program Calendar

Please click [here](#) to access the Hong Fook Youth & Family Program Calendar for October 2021.



COMING SOON

SECONDARY ARTS SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

PLEASE VISIT YOUR REGIONAL ARTS' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON PROGRAMS, INFORMATION NIGHTS AND HOW TO APPLY



[Alexander Mackenzie HS](#)

November 9th



[Huron Heights SS](#)

November 10th



[Unionville HS](#)

November 10th



[Westmount CI](#)

November 2nd



YRDSB OFFERS REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOLS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS
WHO ARE COMMITTED TO EXPLORING AND DEEPENING THEIR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARTS

REMINDER Edsby Registration Opens November 10, 2021
Closes December 6, 2021

[Alexander Mackenzie HS](#) - [Huron Heights SS](#) - [Unionville HS](#) - [Westmount CI](#)

Ongoing Open Registration for 2021-2022 Adult ESL, LINC & LBS Programs

English as a Second Language (ESL); Language Instruction for New Comers (LINC); and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Classes

YRDSB offers Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for those who want to develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada. We also offer specialized classes in *Citizenship* and *Conversation*.

Adult ESL Program Registration – In person and online options available!

1. Email uplands@yrdsb.ca or call 905-731-9557 with the following information:
 - your first and last name
 - your telephone number
 - CLARS identification number (those without a CLARS number will require an assessment, please contact us for further assistance).
2. Our office will contact you if additional documentation is required.
3. Visitors to Canada may also register and attend for a fee of \$10 per day, per class.

For an assessment or to register, please call: 905-731-9557



If you are interested in improving your digital skills, want to work on your resume or interview skills, or prepare to take your GED exam, our Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program is for you!

Literacy and Basic Skill Assessment – In person and online options available!

1. Email uplands@yrdsb.ca or call 905-731-9557 Ext. 307 with the following information:
 - your first and last name
 - your telephone number
 - tell us that you are *"interested in the LBS program"*

NOTE: Due to the high volume of inquiries, it may take a few days to receive a reply communication from our office. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you for your interest in our programs. We look forward to serving you.

[Contact](#)

FREE English as a Second Language Classes for Adults



Adult English as a Second Language & Citizenship
Improve your Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Skills
Communicate with Confidence in English

Sem 1: September 10, 2021 - January 19, 2022

Sem 2: January 24, 2022 - June 10, 2022

MARKHAM & UNIONVILLE	DAY	TIME
Milliken Gospel Church 8 Elson Street (East of McCowan, North of Steeles) L3S 2C4	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Milliken Mills High School 7522 Kennedy Road (South of 14th Avenue) L3R 9S5	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 2:30 pm
NEWMARKET & AURORA	DAY	TIME
Bethel Church 333 Davis Drive, (East of Yonge) L3Y 2N6	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
RICHMOND HILL	DAY	TIME
Community Education Centre - Central 317 Centre Street (West of Bayview, North of Major Mackenzie Dr.) L4C 1B3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
STOUFFVILLE & GEORGINA	DAY	TIME
EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church 12485 Tenth Line (North of Main Street) L4A 7X3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
THORNHILL	DAY	TIME
Uplands Community Learning Centre 8210 Yonge Street (South of Hwy #7, west side of Yonge Street) L4J 1W6	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Uplands Community Learning Centre* NIGHT SCHOOL	Monday, *Tuesday~0, Wednesday, *Thursday~0	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES/ ONLINE CLASSES	DAY	TIME
ALL CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARK LEVEL	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
		12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
		9:00 am - 2:30 pm
		4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
		6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
	Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 or email us at uplands@yrdsb.ca for more information

* ~0 On line class

[Contact](#)

UHS Anthology II: A Snapshot in Time



Stories and artwork are vital to our mental health. They promote wellness and reflection and help us move forward in our day to day. This was especially important given the challenges that students and staff faced during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

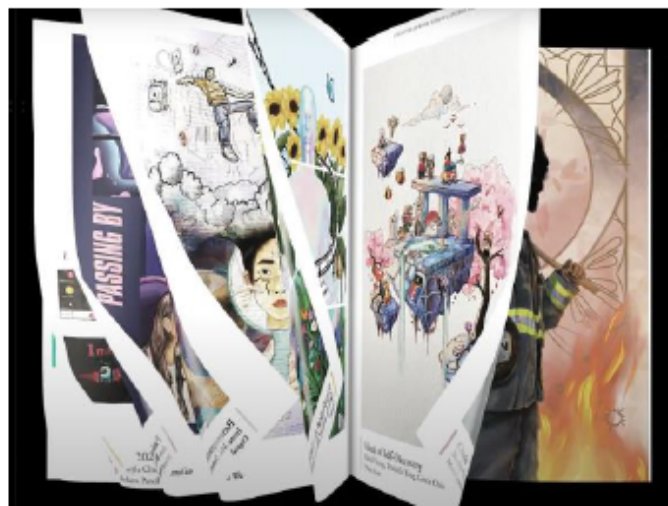
As such, students were invited to share their personal narratives and artwork related to their mental health, studies, personal development, school spirit and any other topics that aligned with our topic, a snapshot in time.

This project was led by Student Project Manager, Shanzay Kamran, with student contributors from both UHS adaptive and SVS learning models.



Copies of *A Snapshot in Time* can be purchased through a secure link by visiting bit.ly/3vNDbEe

The password is "unionville2021".



Students and families can also watch a video that highlights the project and its process by visiting bit.ly/uhs2021. Look under the Student Life and School Shop tabs.


Students must be logged into their gapps account to access the Student Life webpage.


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Peer Tutoring Program

*Do you enjoy helping others?
Do you want to earn community service hours?*

BECOME A PEER TUTOR!!

We are now accepting applications to become peer tutors! Use your GAPPS email to submit your application here:

<https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHS>

You will receive a **PDF** in your GAPPS email containing a form that needs to be signed by a parent/guardian. Please place the signed forms in the guidance department dropbox located outside the guidance office.

*****Signed forms are required!*****

*Need some extra help in class?
Do you learn better with a buddy?*

REQUEST A PEER TUTOR!!

If you feel you could benefit from having a peer tutor, please use your GAPPS email to submit your request here:

<https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS>

You will receive a **PDF** in your GAPPS email containing a form that needs to be signed by a parent/guardian. Please place the signed forms in the guidance department dropbox located outside the guidance office.

*****Signed forms are required!*****

If you have any questions about peer tutoring, please contact Mr. Tam at jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca.