



UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent Bulletin for Friday, June 12, 2020

Return/Retrieval Process: June 15 - 17

We thank you for booking appointments in EDSBY so that your children can return and retrieve items at school on June 15, 16, and 17. Please read the information below to prepare for next week.

Booking Appointments in EDSBY

Only parents can create appointments. If you require support, please refer to these [EDSBY Instructions](#). Parents who do not already have an EDSBY account can email us at unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca so that we can send you an invitation. **Don't forget to include your child's name in the email.**

Students who are 18 years and older should contact the school by telephone at **905 479 2787** (8:30 - 3:00 on June 15, 16, and 17) or by email (unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca) to arrange an appointment. **EDSBY is scheduled to close on Monday, June 15 at 8:00 am. If you require an appointment after this time, please contact the school.**

Purpose

As you know, on June 15, 16 and 17, students will enter the school to:

- empty their locker (leave the locker open with the lock attached).
- return textbooks and equipment (e.g. cameras) to designated tables in the cafeteria (students may keep materials if they are needed to complete work beyond June 17; students returning in September may keep their technology).
- retrieve specific items made available in the cafeteria (e.g. projects, artwork, lost and found items).
- take personal belongings home (**bags will be provided by the school upon entry**).

Please note that yearbooks, diplomas, certificates, and composite photos will not be available until the fall.

Entry/Exit Process

We thank you in advance for following these safety protocols and instructions:

- **Entry to the school will be via Town Centre Blvd. only.** There will be no entry at Warden.
- Students must enter **individually** (i.e. not accompanied by friends and family members) and will have only **15 minutes** to complete the process.

- There will not be an opportunity to visit with staff or peers. There will be no access to washrooms, water fountains, or classrooms.
- Students are encouraged to **wear a mask** but masks will not be provided.
- Please arrive before or by your designated time. If you are late, you may be asked to wait until we can ensure your safe entry.
- Markers will be set outside the main entrance to indicate how far apart students should stand in line.
- Self-screening guides will be posted. Please do not enter if you are experiencing symptoms.
- We will provide **sanitizer** so students can clean their hands upon entering. **Bags will be provided to students to carry their belongings.**
- Students will proceed to their lockers, empty them, and leave them open with the lock attached.
- Students will drop-off texts/equipment at designated tables in the cafeteria. They can also retrieve items assigned to them.
- **Students will exit the building on the first-floor at Warden.** No exit will be granted at Town Centre Blvd.

We thank you for your cooperation in completing this process. If you have questions, please contact the school at **905 479 2787** or unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca.

Updates from the Director

Mental Health Support and Tips for Parents Related to Anti-Black Racism

As mentioned in [previous messages](#), our Board is taking significant steps to address anti-Black racism and support our students and staff. We have heard from our community partners that families are looking for support and referrals, particularly those that will continue to be available throughout the summer. As such, we have posted information on our website with [mental health support](#) and age appropriate [resources for families to discuss anti-Black racism](#). We know there continues to be much work to be done to address anti-Black racism, and we will continue to update the Board's website with more information on resources and actions, including live virtual sessions for Black children and families and partnership opportunities and services offered by Black community organizations.

Device Collection

Did you borrow a chrome book or internet device from your child's school? At this time, devices will only be collected from students who are leaving YRDSB (i.e., students who are graduating or transferring to another school board). Students who are staying in the York Region District School Board for the 2020-21 school year can keep their devices until further notice. If you are graduating or leaving YRDSB but require your device beyond your school's collection dates, information on your device collection will be shared in the next two weeks.

Graduations, Scholarships and Recognition

As previously communicated, all graduations have been postponed until the fall. Scholarships and awards will be determined in June and awards will officially be presented in the fall. Monetary awards will be distributed to recipients over the summer. Students will get most documents at graduation in the fall. **This includes diplomas, certificates, SHSM certificates, class photos, and yearbooks.** To help recognize graduates from both our elementary and secondary schools, each school will have a congratulatory banner placed on the outside of the building. Grade 12 students who need a copy of their transcript can contact their school to request a copy.

Last Day of School/PD days

As per the direction from the Ministry of Education, all remaining PD days for the 2019-2020 school year are now instructional days. This means that the PD days originally scheduled on June 25 (for secondary) and June 26 (for elementary and secondary) will be instructional days. Teachers will have office hours scheduled on these dates. Online platforms will continue to be available to the end of the school year. As teachers will be on summer break after June 26, online platform sites will not be monitored. To ensure student online safety, access will be discontinued by June 26 (the last day of school).

School Bus Transportation

Once the provincial framework for reopening is established, we will finalize and communicate plans for how schools will function in September, including arrangements for school busing as appropriate. Further information will be provided to families including posting the information on www.schoolbuscity.com.

2020-2021 School Year Calendar

The proposed 2020-2021 School Year Calendars were submitted to the Ministry of Education for review and final approval. Due to the current conditions, the Ministry has stated that the review and approval process has been put on pause and is indicating Boards should receive a response later this month. Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval and will be communicated as soon as we receive approval.

September 2020

The Ministry of Education has stated that they are working on a framework for reopening of schools in September. We are expecting to receive further information on this framework later this month and will update parents as soon as we are able. For the school year start, we will be developing plans for how orientation days (e.g. Grade 9 Transition day) will be facilitated within the Ministry's framework.

YRDSB Summer Programs

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, Continuing Education Services is adjusting its Summer Learning program offerings to align with public health guidelines. As a result, Summer Institute programming (scheduled to run July 6 - August 14) is cancelled for this summer. Refunds will be remitted to those who have already registered and paid by early June. If you have any questions or have not received your refund, please contact Performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca. Please note this applies to Summer Institute only and other [summer programs](#), such as summer school, will be proceeding where possible within an online environment. Traditional in-class, face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model as per Ministry direction. We will continue to follow Ministry direction and if there are any changes to our program delivery model we will communicate those changes. We encourage families and students to continue to monitor our [Board's website](#), and Twitter account, [@YRDSB](#), as updated information will be posted in those forums. **Please see more information regarding summer programs below.**

Summer Programming

- **Summer School e-Learning (BEGINS JULY 2)**

Eligible Students: Grades 10 to 12

Program Dates: July 2 - 27

Students registered in day school are required to receive approval from their alpha Guidance counsellor before registering on the YRDSB site:

Ms. Farwell (A-H): michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Riolo (I-N): rita.riolo@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Hawkins (O-Yo): stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Choi (Yu-Z): yu-kyung.choi@yrdsb.ca

The confirmation request is initiated by the student. Students may [apply online](#) until June 25.

- **Secondary Summer School (BEGINS JULY 6)**

Eligible Students: Grades 9 to 12

[Acceleration](#) - July 6 to 29 (Bussing is not provided.)

[Summer Co-op](#) - Two credit options are available. The single credit co-op option has been cancelled.

[Youth Innovation by Design](#) (IDC4U or IDC4O)

[Reinforcement/Credit Recovery](#) is available for students who have not successfully earned the credit; session 1 takes place from July 6 to 16; session 2 takes place from July 17 to 29. A recommendation by the home school principal is required prior to registration.

NEW: Summer Credit Upgrade (July 6 to 16) is being offered for grade 11 and 12 courses in Math, Science and English. Students in grade 11 and 12 who have previously earned the credit and wish to upgrade their mark can register using My Pathway Planner.

Registration takes place online through [my Pathway Planner](#) until June 26. For registration with limited availability on July 3, 6 and 7, contact continuing.education@yrdsb.ca.

Students signing up via My Pathway Planner will choose a location for their course. Please note that students may receive an email in gapps stating that the location has changed. This does not mean that the course is cancelled; it means that the course has moved to another site. School sites are being used for administrative purposes only. Some students have chosen the same course in both e-Learning and Summer School Remote Learning. Students **MUST** choose one and drop the other. Below is a chart that references the difference between the two:

	Summer School e-Learning	Secondary Summer School Remote Learning
Delivery Model	Online	Online
Learning Platform	Brightspace D2L	Google Classroom/other Board approved platform
Course Content	Ministry authored (teacher modified)	Teacher Designed
Time	Flexible (6hrs per day min.)	8:45 am – 3:33 pm

		(depending on Ministry directive)
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- **Summer Learning for International Students**

Secondary international students who went back home may apply to attend secondary summer e-Learning courses at a special cost of \$500. Students may apply through the [Summer e-Learning application portal](#). Additional information can be found on the [Continuing Education](#) webpage.

International students who will remain in Canada during the summer may apply through [myPathwayPlanner](#) to attend remote learning secondary summer credit programs at a special cost of \$500. Additional information can be found on the [Secondary Summer School Program](#) webpage.

Outside of Canada, payment by electronic wire transfer must be made via the [WU® GlobalPay for Students payments platform](#). Within Canada, payment can be made by INTERAC e-Transfer to international.education@yrdsb.ca. **When making the payment by INTERAC e-Transfer you MUST include the student's name, date of birth, and school in the Message/Comment field so that payment can be matched to the registration.**

Taking a summer school credit and an e-learning credit (i.e. two courses) is not recommended due to workload and potential exam conflicts.