



UHS Parent Weekly Bulletin –Vol.1

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Mission: Unionville High School is a community of learners dedicated to excellence and opportunity for all students and staff, the promotion and appreciation of creativity and the arts, and personal and social responsibility in an increasingly complex and interdependent world.

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GRADE 9 PARENT PRESENTATION

We want to thank those parents who joined us for today's Grade 9 Parent Presentation on GoToMeeting. In case you missed it, please see the details of our Monday presentation below:

Grade 9 Parent Presentation Mon., September 21, 2020
Mon, Sep 21, 2020 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/515046085>

You can also dial in using your phone.
Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391

Access Code: 515-046-085

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Dear families,

Supporting your child's health and well-being is our priority. If your child has a medical condition, please complete the applicable form(s) below and submit them electronically to priscilla.chan@yrdsb.ca. Also, if your child carries an epi-pen or inhaler, we would like to reserve a second one in our main office (Note: Please check the expiry date). Once we receive your child's health care plan, your child will be notified to supply us with a second epi-pen or inhaler in case of emergency. If you would prefer a hard copy of one or more of these forms, please let us know. Any questions regarding health care plans can be sent to patrick.belmonte@yrdsb.ca. Thank you for providing us with this important information in a timely manner.

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

[Staff Administration of Medication](#)

[Self-Administration of Medication](#)

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Virtual Secondary School contact information:

Phone: 905-900-1163 or 647-749-4328

Email: secondary.VS@yrdsb.ca

School Website: <http://yrdsbsvs.yrdsb.ca/>

Any concerns or inquiries should be directed to the administration team at Virtual School:

Principal: Maria Maiato

Vice-Principals:

North: Pamala Agawa

Central: Patrick McQuade

East: Tanya-Lynn Paul

West: Hubert Brard

GUIDANCE APPOINTMENT BOOKING

Although Guidance counsellors are not seeing students in person, students and parent/guardians can still speak to a counsellor by booking an appointment with the student's alpha counsellor through Teach Assist (<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/>).

We ask that once the appointment is scheduled, an email to the counsellor be sent sharing contact information (e.g. phone number).

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

Ms. Riolo (Hu - Ma): rita.riolo@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Hawkins (Mc - Wr): stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca

Mr. Tam (Wu - Z): jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca

You can also contact Ms. Simtikidis, the Guidance secretary if you are having any difficulty with appointment bookings or have general questions.

Ms. Simtikidis: nellie.simtikidis@yrdsb.ca

Appointment bookings will begin in October. We look forward to working with you and your student this school year!

TIMETABLE CONCERNS

Many thanks to all students, parents and guardians for your patience and support while the Guidance team and school administrators have been tirelessly resolving students' timetable issues. Please be assured that students will not be penalized for joining courses after the first few days of school. The Guidance department will continue to address all timetable concerns that were submitted via the google form. Best of luck to all students for this semester!

2020-2021 GRAD GOOGLE CLASSROOM:

Grade 12 potential grads have been asked to join the Grad Google classroom. Information regarding graduation information, post-secondary programs, scholarships/bursaries and much more will be posted here.

Classroom code: **fdae3qe**

Guidance Moodle:

Students can join the Guidance moodle to learn about scholarships, bursaries and other enrichment opportunities.

Please visit: www.moodle2.yrdsb.ca.

Search: UHS Guidance

Username: UHS student number

Password: UHS login

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Students are encouraged to continue working on completing their community involvement hours. A minimum of 40 hours is required to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Community involvement opportunities can be completed in person and virtually.

To ensure their activity is eligible, students are asked to receive approval for their activity from their alpha counsellor prior to completing their hours.

Students can still pick up community involvement tracking forms outside the Guidance office. Completed forms can be submitted by scanning or taking a picture of the complete form and sending it to the student's alpha counsellor:

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

Ms. Riolo (Hu - Ma): rita.riolo@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Hawkins (Mc - Wr): stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca

Mr. Tam (Wu - Z): jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, students are encouraged to join the google classroom Code: **gsrz264**

Additional information can be found here: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Guidance/CommunityInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

Requesting copies of transcripts and other documents from the Guidance department:

Students, parents and guardians requesting hard copies of transcript documents, etc. must email the Guidance secretary, Ms. Simtikidis (nellie.simtikidis@yrdsb.ca) first. Ms. Simtikidis will schedule a time with the student as to when the documents can be picked up.

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

Want to learn more about the Dual Credit Program and course opportunities available within YRDSB? Please attend these virtual meetings.:

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 12:00pm - 12:30pm and **Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 3:30pm - 4:00pm**. For more information about the Dual Credit Program, please visit: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/dualcredit/Pages/default.aspx>

LUNCH & STUDY HALL

Lunch/Study hall will commence on Monday, September 21. Lunch/Study hall is optional for students and will provide them with a space in the school where they can attend their online periods. Lunch/Study Hall will be available to students only on the days they are attending class in person.

Those who stay for study hall must bring their own lunch. Food services are not being provided at the school and students are not permitted to go out for lunch and then return for study hall. Students will eat their own lunch and transition to synchronous learning beginning at 11:05 am and ending at 3:00 pm in the cafeteria. Seating will be assigned.

The purpose of lunch and study hall is to provide a space for students who do not have consistent access to broadband Wi-Fi at home and are in school that day for their in-person morning class. During lunch and study hall, students will not have in-person access to their own classroom teachers. Students who need to stay must be working on afternoon online courses while being supervised by a staff member. Students will be supervised to ensure safety. Supervision will focus on participants' adherence to all Public Health requirements including sitting 2-meters apart only with students in their morning class. During study hall, students must be respectful of the learning needs of all participants engaging in online classes. Students should use earphones and an appropriate volume while focusing on their learning.

Students interested in staying for lunch/study hall on Monday, September 21, must sign up in Teachassist by Sunday, September 20 at 11:59 pm. Students will have to sign up every time before the day they plan to stay. Students can sign up for only one day at a time and not for multiple days. Unfortunately, due to Health and Safety protocols, we cannot accommodate 'walk-ins.' Only those students who signed up prior to the 11:59 pm deadline on the day before will be allowed to participate in lunch/study hall on the following day.

SCREENING

Students must self-screen every day before coming to school. [For more information please visit COVID-19 School Screening.](#)

NIGHT SCHOOL

Night School E-Learning

Prior to applying for a night e-learning course, students must receive permission from their home school by contacting their alpha Guidance counselor. Once school permission is received, the student may apply online. Registration will remain open until Sept 20th on the [e-Learning website](#). Students only qualify if they cannot get the course at UHS and have 3 or fewer courses on their timetable. Courses begin Sept. 23rd

Regular Night School

Please be advised that our traditional in class face-to-face Night School program will move to a remote learning delivery model. The program will be delivered virtually through remote learning which is a blend of synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous learning. Registration is now open until Sept. 22nd, and the courses begin on Sept. 29th. Students can only apply if they cannot get the course during day school. Students apply through My Pathway Planner, print the Sign-Off form, have their parent/guardian sign and scan it or take a picture of it and send it to their alpha counsellor by email.

TEACHASSIST

In the past few weeks some students have shared concerns with IT Services regarding a student developed App named Teachassist YRDSB available at the App store. It is important to note that this is a student developed app and is not Board supported/endorsed. Teachassist does not have an official app in any app store and unfortunately cannot control the use of the name "teachassist" on any personal development accounts.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first virtual school council meeting will be on Monday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. More details will be shared next week.

PARKING

Please be aware that the school driveway is very busy in the mornings between 8:00 and 8:30 am. Do not stop your car in the "No Idle Cars" zone. This is also a **Fire Route**. Cars left idling may be ticketed. As well, parking passes are required for all cars. Cars that do not have a parking pass will be ticketed by the City of Markham.

INTERNATIONAL & INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

The International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) program provides elementary and secondary students with the opportunity to speak, read and write a new language or maintain heritage language and culture. Due to the pandemic, International and Indigenous Language classes for grades 9 to 12 will take place **online**, not in the school buildings. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language class.

More information is also available on our [International and Indigenous webpages](#). To learn more about secondary credit programs, click on [credit programs](#). Below you will find information on how to register for secondary credit (grades 9 to 12) language classes.

- Secondary Program Registration:

Credit classes begin September 26, 2020. Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) IIL registration will not be accepted after the third class. Refer to our revised [brochure](#) for the most up-to-date information about class start dates and times.

- YRDSB Students

-Please register on [myPathway Planner](#) before September 26.

-For assistance, view the myPathway Planner [tip sheet](#).

-After September 26, please download the [Registration Form](#) and send it by email to international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

- NON-YRDSB Students

-Please download the [Registration Form](#). Email the completed registration form to international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

-We will contact you for additional documentation if required.

-No consumable fees will be collected at this time.

More information on the [elementary](#) program and [secondary credit](#) program is available on our webpages. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (905) 884-2046 ext. 242 or email us at international.languages@yrdsb.ca. Thank you for your interest in our programs.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

YRT has updated its bus route times to support this year's school schedule. [Please check the YRT website for more information](#). Some buses have been rescheduled to coincide with the 11:00 am dismissal.

SCHOOL ENTRY & DISMISSAL

Classrooms will be opened 15 minutes before the first bell. Students will be allowed entry to the building as of **8:15 a.m.** Students may enter through one of four entry points below in a single file fashion while maintaining social distance:

- 1. Town Centre Blvd. (main entrance)**
- 2. Warden (Cafeteria)**
- 3. Caretaking (Music)**
- 4. Small Gym/Tech Wing**

All students must be wearing a mask and sanitize their hands as they enter. Doors at all four entry points will be locked at 8:45 am. Students who arrive before 8:45 am should proceed directly to class. **Students who arrive after 8:45 am must enter from Town Centre Blvd. only and report to the office prior to going to class.** Parents/guardians cannot enter the building unless they have a pre-arranged appointment that has been approved by the principal.

Students are expected to leave the school and school property after their last scheduled class is completed at 11:00 am. Students may not socialize in corridors or the cafeteria and must leave the school directly. Students are expected to continue wearing a face covering until they leave school property. All students must sanitize their hands as they exit. Students can exit at one of five exit points:

- 1. Town Centre Blvd. (main entrance)**
- 2. Warden (Cafeteria)**
- 3. Caretaking (Music)**
- 4. Small Gym/Tech Wing**
- 5. New wing (stairwell 13)**

Please note that dismissal may be staggered by grade or floor beginning at 10:50 in order to prevent crowding.

A Time Together

While we're keeping physical distancing in the current situation, let's get together to play badminton and table tennis!



Date: Sep 10 - Dec 17, 2020
Thursdays
Time: 3:30 - 5:30pm
Age: 14 - 22

Fee: FREE
ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registration:
<https://105gibson.com/online-registration>
Participants bring your own gears

Youth Success Initiatives



DATE: Sep 19 - Dec 12, 2020 Saturdays
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Grade: 9 - 12
Location: Online
Registration: www.105gibson.com/online-registration

Youth Success Initiatives offers **FREE** tutoring on Math, Science and ESL for **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**. Register online!



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Get hands-on and transform "trash" like plastic bags or an old shirt, into treasure!

ONE'S TREASURE

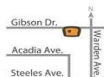
An online workshop on repurposing used items into something fun and functional

Term 1: Sept 12 - Oct 3, 2020 Saturdays
Term 2: Oct 31 - Nov 21, 2020 Saturdays
Time: 2-4pm
Age: 14+
Fee: \$10 per 4 week term

Registration: www.105gibson.com/online-registration



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LET'S HIKE

This program is for young people to go hiking together: appreciate the nature, strengthen our bodies and have fun with friends!



TERM 1 Sep 12 - Oct 3, 2020 Saturdays

TERM 2 Oct 17 - Nov 7, 2020 Saturdays

Time: 9am - 12pm

Age: 14 - 25

Fee: Free

Registration: <https://105gibson.com/online-registration>



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Improve your Employability Skills,
and/or Upgrade your Academic Skills**

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