

Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

September 20, 2024 201 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, ON

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TECH REQUEST FORM - 2024-2025

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GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Respect

"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."
- Bryant H. McGill

Upcoming Events

| DATE | EVENT | |
|--------------|---|--|
| September 23 | Caring and Safe Schools assembly (Gr. 9 & 10) | |
| September 24 | Caring and Safe Schools assembly (Gr. 11 & 12) | |
| September 25 | Camp Day (Gr. 9) | |
| September 27 | Professional Development Day (No classes) | |
| October 1 | Terry Fox Run (Period 2) 2024 Fall Fest (Period 3 and 4) | |



Caring and Safe Schools Presentations

Dear Families,

As the new school year is beginning, students will be attending Caring and Safe Schools Start-Up Presentations on **September 23 and 24, 2023**. These presentations are designed to underscore behaviour expectations as we create a caring, safe and inclusive school environment. As families are critical partners, please continue discussions about school safety at home by asking your child what they have learned in the Start-Up Presentation.

Presentation topics include:

- Racism and types of discrimination;
- Bullying;
- Progressive discipline; and
- Standing up for each other, including methods of reporting incidents of racism, discrimination and bullying.

September 23 period 1 for grade 9 classes **September 23 period 2** for grade 10 classes

EVERY

September 24 period 1 for grade 11 classes September 24 period 2 for grade 12 classes

Resources for Students to Improve Their English Language Skills

Hello and 您好 parents and guardians! My name is Stephanie Taylor, and I am the MLL Support teacher at UHS. Here are some **resources** that I recommend for students looking **to improve their English language skills**.

Online Dictionaries:

·<u>Word Reference</u> - the best online dictionary! Also available as an app ·<u>Kids Wordsmyth</u> - a simplified English dictionary

Pronunciation Practice:

·Youglish - hear words in use with native speaker pronunciation videos

·Forvo - native speakers upload their pronunciation of individual words

Grammar Practice:

·British Council Teens or Adults - levelled practice for language skills, grammar, and vocabulary

·IXL - short grammar activities connected to Canadian curriculum

Listening Practice:

·Lyrics Training - improve listening comprehension with music videos! Also available as an app called Lingo Clip

Reading at Home:

·SORA - YRDSB's online e-book library for students

·UHS library! Search the <u>catalogue</u> to see what we have in print

A Note from Student Services (Special Education) to Students & Families

We look forward to welcoming back all of our students this fall!

Students who are enrolled in Learning Strategies courses (GLE) your child's teacher for that course is their Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) for this school year.

If your child is not taking Learning Strategies, their SERT will be in contact shortly. Students are always welcome to drop by the Resource Room (216) or our office (218) to check in and receive support.

You can expect your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) for this year to be sent home mid October, in the meantime teachers will follow last year's IEP. A IEP consultation form should be coming home shortly as your contributions are important to the creation of the IEP.

If your child received a new diagnosis or completed an assessment over the summer please reach out to Melissa Caufield or Beckey Serwaa so we may create or add to your child's IEP.

Community Class families should be hearing from their child's teachers regarding bussing and class information. Your child's teacher is also their SERT for this school year. Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at www.schoolbuscity.com prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons and understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late or canceled.

Melissa Caufield Student Services Department Head (<u>melissa.caufield@yrdsb.ca</u>) Beckey Serwaa Student Services Assistant Head (beckey.serwaa@yrdsb.ca)

Volunteer with ILIL!

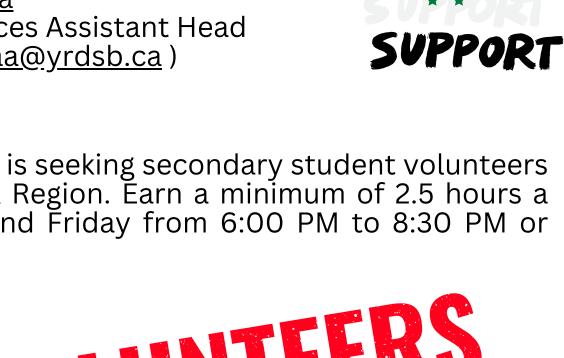
The YRDSB's **Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program** is seeking secondary student volunteers to support the sites running the elementary language courses across the York Region. Earn a minimum of 2.5 hours a week, available between weekday evenings (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM or Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM / 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

By volunteering with our program, you can gain valuable experience as:

- A Classroom Volunteer who:
- ~ supports the students to understand the lessons and tasks
- ~ assists the teacher/instructor in various tasks
- An Office Volunteer who:
- ~ assists office administrators with collection and organization of tasks
- ~ supports the office staff with relaying communications
- A Hallway Volunteer who:
- ~ monitors for safety

~ directs students/parents/visitors to appropriate classrooms/the ILIL site office To be added to the volunteer pool for the 2024-2025 program year, complete **the online form**.

For more information, email the ILIL Main Office at ILIL@yrdsb.ca





Annual Terry Fox Walk/Run

The Fitness and Recreation Leadership class is excited to bring back the annual Terry Fox walk/run on **Tuesday, October 1st, 2024**! Students are encouraged to wear red to show school spirit that day! We hope that everyone gets the opportunity to walk, run or roll in support of such a great cause!

If you wish to support the Terry Fox Foundation, the Rec Leadership class will come around during **period 3 to collect cash donations** or donations can be made on **School Cash Online** or to our school's **Terry Fox Foundation page**. If you wish to get a tax receipt for your donation, you must donate through the Terry Fox Foundation link.

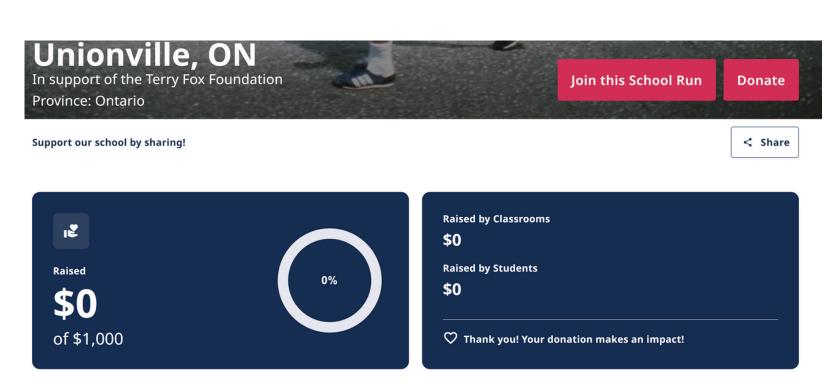
Date: Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 (Rain date, Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024)

Time: Period 2

- Block 1 (Grades 10 & 11): 10:00am 10:30am
- Block 2 (Grades 9 & 12): 10:30am 11:00am

Let's all come together to support a very worthy cause!





Online Start-Up Forms

Message to Families

Dear parents/guardians,

Each year, we ask all parents/guardians to complete important forms. These forms are available online. Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms through your child's YRDSB Google account.

Please note:

- You can access your child's YRDSB Google account via a web browser. For best results, use a **computer** rather than a mobile phone.
- The username is **your child's YRDSB Student Number**. Your child will receive their login information from the school at the start of the year. If you or your child do not know the password to log in to their Google account, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.
- Frequently asked questions and additional information on how to complete the forms are available on the Board website under Family Resources (click on the "Need Help" link for Family Start-Up Forms.

It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year. There are both mandatory and optional forms. The forms are to be completed for all students. Your child's school will access the information.

Please complete a separate form for each child attending our schools. Secondary school students will also be asked to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information on forms sent to their student GAPPS account.

If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact your school office.

School Year Information

At the start of the year, schools share with families a package of information about the school. Please ensure you review this important information. Families are also encouraged to review the online **Guide to the School Year**.

Message to Secondary Students (Forms email)

Each year, we ask secondary school students to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information. Students, please <u>complete this form</u> online. If you have any questions about the information in the form, please speak with your teacher, principal or vice-principal.

It is important that all students complete and submit these forms as soon as possible at the start of the school year.



Grade 9 Camp Day

A reminder that Grade 9 Camp Day is Wednesday, September 25th. The event will run rain or shine and students should dress accordingly for the weather, as activities will be outdoors. Students should also bring a water bottle. Grade 9 classes will not be held on this day.

Parking Lot Safety

Please remind your children to be careful and vigilant as they make their way through the parking lot. The parking lots are very busy, especially before school begins.

Those driving to make drop offs or to park are also reminded to drive slowly, following signage and expected routes of traffic. The parking lots are monitored by video surveillance.

Please be mindful of our students who are travelling by various means through the lots. We appreciate your patience and care.



FIRE ROUTE PARKING REGULATION

PARKING / WAITING IS PROHIBITED IN DESIGNATED FIRE ROUTE VEHICLES WILL BE TICKETED IF PARKED

NO WAITING IMMEDIATE DROP-OFF / PICK-UP ONLY

Attendance

Strive for Perfect Attendance: Try to book appointments for after school or during lunch.

Student Absences: Parents/Guardians are to call or email the attendance office before 8:25am at (905) 479-2787 ext. 431 or unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca

Daytime Appointments: Send a note or call the office – students must be signed out through the main office

Extended Absences: If the student is taking three and more days of absence, the Student must complete an **Extended Absence Form**, signed by parents and your child's teachers. The form is to be returned to the attendance office prior to the absence. Please avoid scheduling vacations during school.



Tips for UHS Daily Lives

- 1. Locker usage: please always lock your locker and only use the lock school provided. No personal lock. No sharing the combination to others. No switching the lockers. No overnight food and drinks.
- 2. Survival items: please bring your own water bottles, cutlery (spoon, fork or chopsticks), lunch and snacks. School do have water fountains, but the students need to bring their own water bottles.
- switch classes, especially the electronic devices.



Technology Requests

We are encouraging all students to bring their own laptop or chromebook to school on a daily basis to assist in their learning. If you are bringing a personal laptop or chromebook, please ensure that it is clearly labelled for ease of identification. If your child does not already have a personal or Board laptop or chromebook, please complete the <u>Technology Request Form 2024-2025</u>. The link will be posted on the parent bulletin top left corner for the whole school year.



Ministry Survey: Launch of Life Skills Consultation

On May 30, 2024, the Ministry of Education announced that it would be launching consultations in fall 2024 with students, parents, job creators, educators and other stakeholders on the practical life skills students need to build a strong foundation for future success through modernized home economics education. To learn more visit Province Introduces New High School <u>Graduation Requirements for a Stronger Ontario Diploma.</u>

The Ministry has asked school boards to assist in the promotion and collection of feedback on the practical life skills that parents, students and educators think could be included or strengthened.

The anonymous Ministry Survey: Launch of Life Skills Consultation, designed by the Ministry, will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will remain open until September 24, 2024. Administrators can share this link in their communication with families.

Online Payments (School Cash Online)

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

How do I access the tool?

You can register for **School Cash Online** at any time by visiting the website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

How do I register? Please click **here** for instructions.





School Council

A big thank you to all our families that joined us at our first School Council Meeting on Monday.

Our <u>School Council Meeting #1 Presentation</u> is posted on the Unionville HS website under the School Council tab for you to view.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person at our next School Council Meeting on Monday, October 28th at 7:00 pm.



Indigenous & International Language (ILIL) Credit Courses

In support of students who may be inquiring about changing courses or looking for an additional credit as the school startup begins to settle, please find attached information about our ILIL Credit Course Programmes and opportunities in both the poster format and flyer for ease of distribution to your students, families, and Guidance team.

All Secondary offerings are virtual and occur on either Saturday morning or Wednesday evening running for the full year from late September to June.

Registration continues to remain open for all secondary credit courses. Our registration deadline is 3 weeks after the first day of classes.

| Location | First Day of Class | Day of Class | Class Time |
|----------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Online | September 21 | Saturday | 8:45 AM - 12:25 PM |
| Online | September 25 | Wednesday | 5:45 PM - 9:25 PM |

ILIL Secondary Credit Program Poster

ILIL Programs PDF

Supporting East Asian Students Family Engagement Evening

Welcome to our first SEAS "Family Engagement Evening" workshop, designed in collaboration with Family Services York Region, aimed at supporting East Asian families in understanding the importance of establishing and using effective communication with your child. In this session, we will explore:

- Building stronger parent-child connections through intercultural and intracultural lens
- Strategies for effective communication
- Encouraging open dialogue within the family
 Resources for developing a positive and supportive home environment

Presentations will be available in English and Mandarin, with support available in Cantonese. Wednesday, October 9, 2024 6:30 - 8:00 pm Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4 Please click bit.ly/3Zdrkjr to register.

YRDSB News Links

York Region Transit Student Safety Tips

2024 Royal Agriculture Winter Fair Save The Date

2024 GIVE Fall Flyer











Library Information

Support for research projects is available through our databases and other online resources which are found at our website page. This is also where students can search the library's collection for a book.

Students may request something new for the Library using this form.

Passwords and other resources are found in the Library's Google Classroom. The join code is dus2klz.

Message from Caretaking

Please help keep UHS clean! Please do not put anything sticky on the floors (tape, gum, adhesive, etc).

Please continue to stack all chairs at the end of the day. Thank you for keeping our space pleasant and ready for the next class to use!





Guidance Counsellors Student Alphas (by last name)

| Guidance Counsellor | Counsellor Alpha | |
|---------------------|------------------|--|
| Ms. Felicia Sukdeo | A - F | |
| Ms. Keyan Wu | G - J | |
| Ms. Rita Riolo | K - Mac | |
| Mr. Shiraz Rafik | Mad – V, X | |
| Mr. Jonathan Tam | W, Y - Z | |

Confident Girls, Smart Choices

In October, CICS will be hosting a **3-session Mixed Media Art Workshop** at Welcome Centre Markham South focused on self-care, body image, and confidence-building through engaging mixed media art activities.

They will collaborate with the Women's Support Network, who will deliver an interactive presentation on self-care and body image. This session will provide participants the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the challenges they face in their daily lives and school environments.

Confident Girls, Smart Choices:

For Immigrant girls aged 12-18; priority given to Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees and CUAET Holders

Date: Oct 10, 17, 24 (Thurs)

Time: 4:30 - 6 pm

Location: Welcome Centre Markham South (7220 Kennedy Rd)

Register here: //bit.ly/47q2CiO

Registration is Free of charge, and families can easily sign up by scanning the QR code on the attached flyer or by calling us at (416) 936-2933.



Markham Public Library Programs

Get Ready for **University and College Fair!**

Thinking of Applying to University or College?

Join us at the University and College Fair and explore your options! Talk to representatives from various post-secondary schools and discover the programs they offer. Learn about admission requirements, campus life, and much more. Check our <u>website</u> to see a list of schools attending.

Date: September 21, 2024

Time: 12 - 3 PM

Location: Milliken Mills Library

Special Guest Speakers:

- Top Ranked US Universities: To Apply or Not to Apply?
- Presented by Imbert from Future Reach Education
- 12:30 1:15 p.m. | Sept. 21 | Milliken Mills
- How to Win Scholarships for College or University
- Presented by Chris Grafos from BridgesEDU
- 1:30 2:15 p.m. | Sept. 21 | Milliken Mills

These are drop-in sessions with limited seating, so make sure to arrive early.

Don't miss this opportunity to kickstart your academic journey!



Unionville High School 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

Please click <u>here</u> for the poster

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

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YRDSB Night School 2024

Registration for Night School is open on MyBlueprint.

Night school (semester 1) runs from September 24th 2024 - January 21st 2025

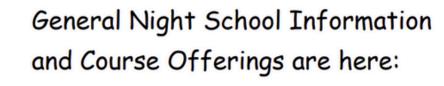
Classes follow the Remote learning delivery model and will be delivered virtually in real-time (synchronously).



Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:45 p.m.

You can only ENROLL in ONE Night School Course.

MyBlueprint/My Pathway registration instructions are here:









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.





YRDSB Expectations for Personal Mobile Devices

We want all UHS students to feel safe, included, and cared for during the school day.

We can do this by connecting with our peers, teachers and school staff.

Let's power down our mobile devices and tune into school!

All mobile devices, including cellphones, smartwatches, and tablets, must be **powered off** or **set to silent mode** during **the school day**, including **recess and lunch**, unless students leave the school during lunch.

If an educator sees you using a mobile device without permission:

- You will be asked to power the device off or set it to silent mode.
- You may also be required to hand in your mobile device to the office for the school day.
- Your parent(s)/guardian(s) may also be notified.



Unionville High School Daily Schedule

| SCHEDULE | START | END |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Homeroom (5 min) | 8:25 am | 8:30 am |
| Period 1 (75 min) | 8:30 am | 9:45 am |
| Travel Time | 9:45 am | 9:50 am |
| Period 2 (75 min) | 9:50 am | 11:05 am |
| Travel Time | 11:05 am | 11:10 am |
| Period 3 (75 min) | 11:10 am | 12:25 pm |
| Travel Time | 12:25 pm | 12:30 pm |
| Period 4 (75 min) | 12:30 pm | 1:45 pm |
| Travel Time | 1:45 pm | 1:50 pm |
| Period 5 (75 min) | 1:50 pm | 3:05 pm |

New Traffic Calming Measures for Markham Civic Centre and Flato Markham Theatre Sept. 3 to Oct. 4

Effective September 3 to October 4, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 to 9:00 AM and 2:30 to 3:30 PM Monday to Friday only, traffic control measures will be in place at the Markham Civic Centre (101 Town Centre Blvd). This will impact Unionville High School-related vehicular traffic, and anyone visiting the Markham Civic Centre and Flato Markham Theatre during these times.

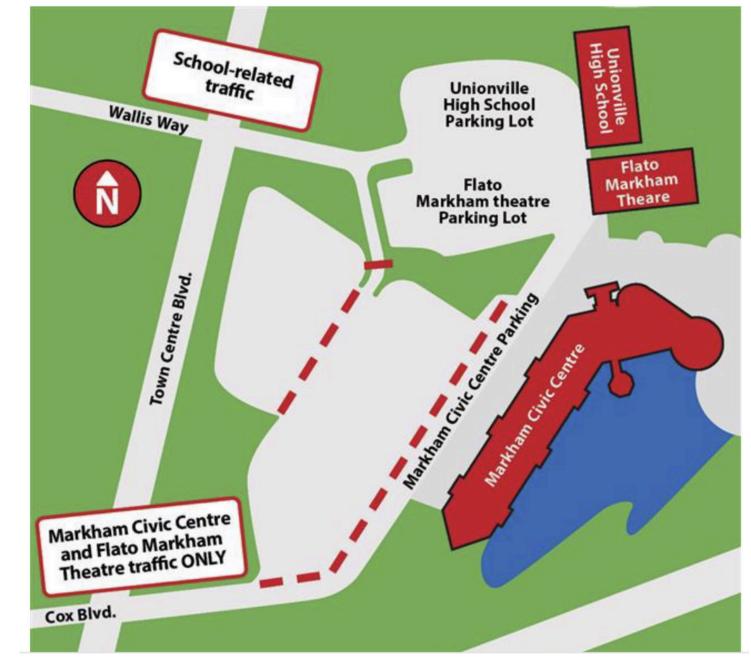
School-related traffic: all vehicles **must access** the school parking lot and drop-off area from **Wallis Way**.

Visitors and staff to Markham Civic Centre and Flato Markham Theatre: recommended that all vehicles enter the parking lot entrance at Cox Boulevard and Town Centre Boulevard.

These new traffic control measures are necessary to manage efficient flow of traffic and to prioritize everyone's safety.

Thank you in advance for your patience and please ensure you plan your travel time ahead.

If you have any questions, please email CustomerService@markham.ca





| DATE | EVENT | |
|------------|---|--|
| October 14 | Thanksgiving (No classes) | |
| October 16 | Music Fall Celebration at Flato (6:00 pm) | |
| October 17 | Fall Dance at UHS (Evening) Photo Retake Day | |
| October 21 | Professional Development Day (No classes) | |
| October 24 | Parent Teacher Interview | |
| October 28 | School Council Meeting #2 (7:00 pm) | |
| October 29 | AU Information Session at Flato | |