



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

September 27, 2024

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2024-2025

CLUBS

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 30	The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day
October 1	Terry Fox Run (Period 2) 2024 Fall Fest (Period 3 and 4)
October 14	Thanksgiving (No classes)
October 16	Music Fall Celebration at Flato (6:00 pm)



October 1st Events

On **October 1st (weather pending)**, UHS will be hosting a series of events for our UHS community, including:

- **Terry Fox Run Period 2**
- **Fall Fest Period 3 and 4**

All UHS students will be participating in both events. During the Terry Fox run, students will attend with their period 2 classes.

For Fall Fest, students will be able to engage in a series of spirit activities hosted by USAC (Unionville Student Council) and Clubs/Councils including: **club fair, live music performances**, and **games**. There will be **food trucks** at fall fest and a **photobooth** for our students who have paid their SAC fee.

We are looking forward to our UHS community events on October 1st!



UHS FAMILY

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.



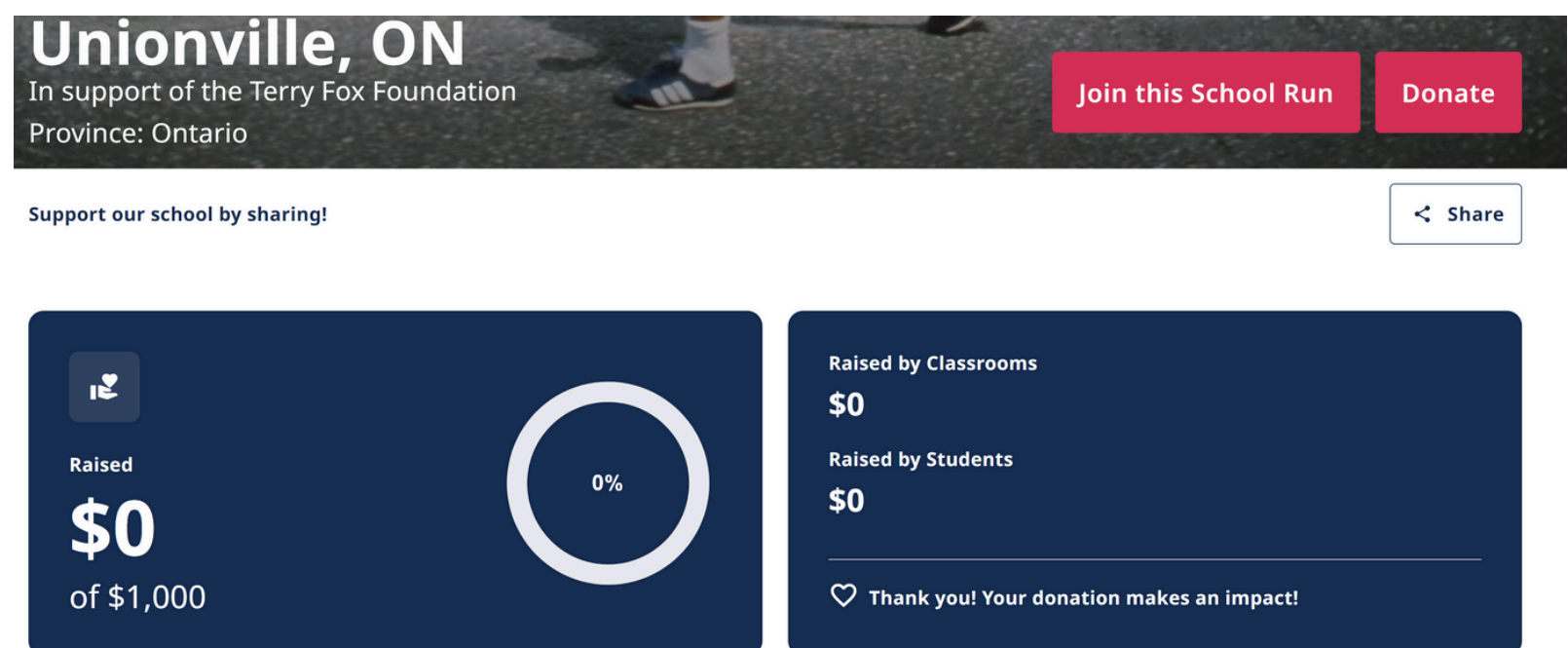
Date: Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 (Rain date, Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024)

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!

LET'S



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day

I hope the school year is off to a great start for everyone.

In visiting schools this month, I am already seeing great examples of student learning, engagement and achievement, and offer sincere thanks to staff, students and families for all their great work.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

At the end of September, we recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. On this date, we commemorate the harm done to Indigenous peoples by the residential school system. We pause to honour the victims and survivors, and we reflect on the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action.

It is incumbent upon us to understand and to teach the history of the land that we share, our treaty responsibilities, the truth about Canadian and Indigenous histories and the promise of reconciliation, particularly as an education system. By exploring the truth of Canada's past treatment of First Nations peoples and the contemporary issues faced, we continue our journey towards reconciliation.

As we raise the Every Child Matters flag outside all of our schools and work locations, I encourage everyone to think about our ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation. While this week is dedicated to it, the work must and will go beyond it.

In our classrooms, we will continue to engage in Indigenous ways of learning and knowing throughout the year. By embedding Indigenous Education throughout the curriculum, we will continue to learn about and celebrate Indigeneity and the beautiful and historic cultures of all Indigenous peoples on Turtle Island who have been on this land since time immemorial.

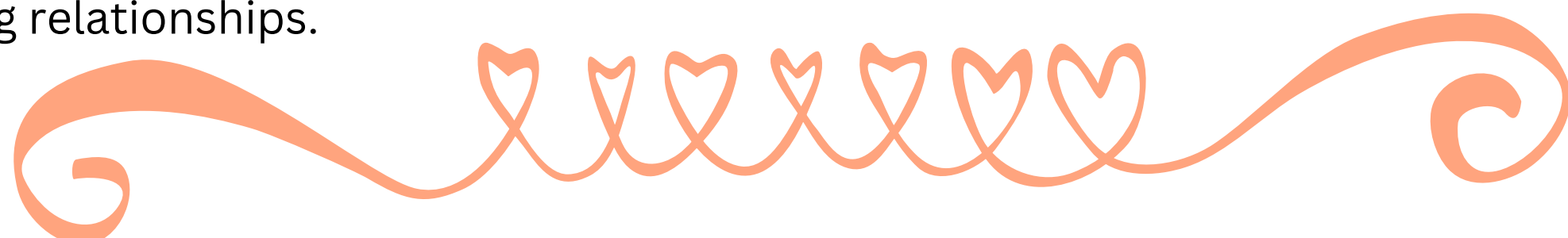
Georgina Island First Nation Pow Wow, September 28-29

One of the many actions we can take toward truth and reconciliation is attending events such as pow wows.

Georgina Island First Nation is our closest Indigenous partner and our partner in education. It is our great honour and privilege to again host the Georgina Island First Nation Pow Wow at Sutton D.H.S on September 28-29.

Pow wows are gatherings and celebrations of culture. We were so pleased to see so many staff and families from the school board attending over the past few years. Visitors are welcome to attend and should familiarize themselves with pow wow protocols to ensure you are being respectful. It's a wonderful opportunity for celebration, learning and developing and enhancing relationships.

Bill Cober
Director of Education



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:

- [Word Reference](#) - the best online dictionary! Also available as an app
- [Kids Wordsmyth](#) - 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 [catalogue](#) 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.

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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](#)

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

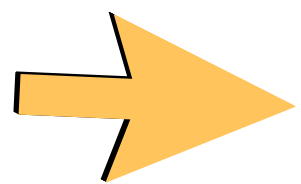
Accelerated OYAP & Apprenticeship Information Virtual Open House Information

This information is for the students and families interested in the apprenticeship pathway. Accelerated OYAP is for students in Grade 12 who are in full day Co-op/ALEP in semester 2. Please visit www.yrdsb.ca/ACCELOYAP for more information. Information regarding OYAP for all other Grade 11 and 12 students can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/OYAP.

- **Flyer** (a pdf is also attached)
- **Date:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024
- **Time:** 6:30PM - 8:30PM
- **Registration** for this Open House is now open - <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>
- A link to the virtual open house will be provided after registration.

Information about the Open House

- This is a multi-board event where families can go to specific Training Delivery Agents (TDA) (i.e. Centennial College or Carpenters Union) to hear about their programs.
- It is a virtual event
- This event will be of interest to:
 - Students in Grade 12 who are interested in applying for one of the Accelerated OYAP Level 1 Training programs (note: students must have 4 credit Co-op/ALEP on their timetable in semester 2 and have completed 26+ credits towards their OSSD)
 - Students in Grades 10-12 who are interested in learning more about apprenticeship and OYAP programming and;
 - Parents/guardians/educators who want to learn more about OYAP and Accelerated OYAP opportunities.



Poster 1

Poster 2

Poster 3

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/47q2Ci0](https://bit.ly/47q2Ci0)

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.

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.

Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night

Join us to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways & the Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information evening if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information about this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Auto Body Technician	Automotive Service Technician	Baker
Carpenter	Child Youth Worker	Construction Craft Worker
Cook	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Hairstylist	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
Plumber	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician

Join us on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.
 REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>
 EMAIL QUESTIONS TO: pathways.yrdsb@gapps.yrdsb.ca

6:30 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB
 7:00 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agents
 8:00 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

www.yrdsb.ca/ACCELOYap @yrdsbPathways @yrdsb.pathways

All the services you need... All in one place!
 Settlement Services, Languages Classes, Employment Supports, Accreditation Information...and much more!

FOR GIRLS AGED 12-18

CONFIDENT GIRLS SMART CHOICES

Creative mixed media art workshops to **boost self-esteem** and foster a **positive self-image** in young immigrant girls through **art, discussions** and **educational presentation** by **Women's Support Network** that inspire confidence and promote **self-care!**

DATE: THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 10, 17 & 24, 2024
TIME: 4:30-6:00 PM
FOR IMMIGRANT GIRLS AGED 12-18

PRIORITY TO PERMANENT RESIDENTS, CONVENTION REFUGEES AND CUAET HOLDERS

Register Here: bit.ly/47q2Ci0

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 Markham, ON L3R 7P2
 Toll-free: 1-877-761-1155
www.welcomecentre.ca

York Region Transit Routes: • 8 KENNEDY

Welcome Centre Lead Agencies: COSTI Immigrant Services - Catholic Community Services of York Region - Centre for Immigrant and Community Services - Job Skills - Social Enterprise for Canada — in collaboration with other service providers.

Funded by: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada



SEAS Family Engagement Evening
 Family Ties: Building Stronger Bonds with Your Child

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:

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- 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 scan the QR code or click bit.ly/3Zdrkjr to register



Childminding services will be provided for children ages 5 to 13.
 For additional inquiries, please contact: scs@yrdsb.ca

This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developers and Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) in collaboration with the community partner Family Services York Region (FSYR).





Data Transmissions for Colleges & Universities- Release of Information



There will be a **one-time release** of grades and other identifying information for all students in **Grade 12** (Grade 11 for those who have indicated) in the month of October to the **Ontario College Application Service**, and to the **Ontario University Application Centre**, using **secure transmission technology**. This will activate student' applications for this school year.

N.B. 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 alpha Guidance counsellor in writing by **Tuesday, October 1, 2024.**

Post-Secondary Application Presentation for Graduating Students

Graduating students are asked to attend the post-secondary applications session hosted by the Guidance department. It will take place on **Thursday October 10**, each period of the day to accommodate all student schedules. Students are asked to attend during their lunch or study hall. **Students will not be excused for missing classes.**

Students who cannot attend will have access to the presentation via the grad google classroom later in the day (classroom enrollment: [npegu46](#))



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.

Google Classroom Enrolment Code: [npegu46](#)



Markham Public Library

Markham Public Library

Winning Canadian Scholarships

Do you want the most current information on where and how to win Canadian Scholarships?

Judy Fiebig is a scholarship consultant in York Region with more than 10 years experience guiding young people to win high profile awards.

Join her information session to learn:

- about the tools and strategies that can make your scholarship application process less stressful and more successful

Sat Oct 19 | 11:00AM -12:00 NOON

Milliken Mills Library

[Register Now](#)



Brainfuse HelpNow

- This resource is suitable for students of all ages and even features live tutoring every day from 2pm-11pm (EST)

Other features include:

- Homework Help Interact with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and standardized tests.
- Adult Learning Centre: Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, Canadian citizenship prep,
- 24-Hour Writing Lab Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback.

[Explore Now](#)



UHS MAIN OFFICE

ANNOUNCEMENT

School Council

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

Our **School Council Meeting #1 Presentation** 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.



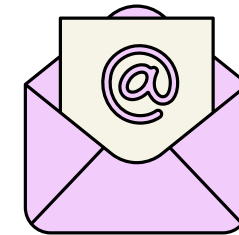
Attendance

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.



UHS,
my child will
be absent for
period 1
today.
Thank you!

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 [Technology Request Form 2024-2025](#). The link will be posted on the parent bulletin top left corner for the whole school year.



Online Payments (School Cash Online)

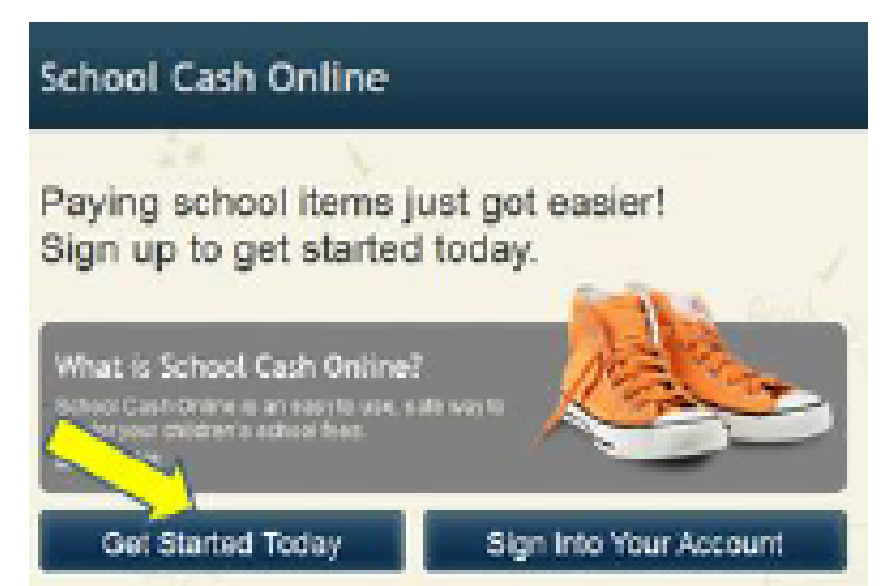
All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by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



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 12:00PM).

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

Library Information
Many ebooks and audiobooks are available to students through Sora. Students sign in using 0 followed by their student number.

The Globe and Mail is available to all students.

If they have not already done so, students are invited to join the Library’s Google Classroom using code dus2klz.



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



DATE	EVENT
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