



Unionville High School Weekly Parent Bulletin

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TECH REQUEST FORM – 2023-2024

CLUBS

GUIDANCE UPDATES

Character Matters Trait of the Month: Respect

“All humans should have these things in common, and that is the right to be loved, heard and respected.” —Heather Bennett-Smallwood

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	Photo Day - grades 9 & 10 School Council Meeting - UHS Library - 7 pm
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	Photo Day - grades 11 & 12
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	PA Day - no school

Timetable Change Requests

Students are expected to follow their assigned timetable and attend all classes as scheduled. If you have a **conflict*** on your timetable, please complete the online [‘Timetable Conflict: Request to Review’](#) Form. **Only conflicts* for semester 1 will be reviewed at this time. This online form will be opened on Thursday September 7 at 8:30 a.m. and will close on Tuesday September 12 at 3:00 p.m.** Students who have incomplete timetables will be accommodated first.

Please note:

- **Changes in elective courses will NOT be processed.****
- **Due to specific timetable requests, there may be cases where lunch falls into period 1 or 5. You may complete the Google Form to see if a change in the period 1 or 5 lunch is possible.****
- **If you have a conflict* in Semester 2, please wait until October to make a Guidance appointment with your alpha counsellor.****

A **conflict*** includes the following:

1. You are in Grade 9, 10, or 11 and have less than 8 courses
2. You are missing a SHSM/diploma/post-secondary requirement
3. You completed a course over the summer which is still on your timetable
4. You did not complete a compulsory/pre-requisite course over the summer

The Guidance department is aware of students with incomplete timetables and is working as quickly as possible to resolve these. Students with incomplete timetables are asked to report to the library.

Instructions for Completion of Timetable Conflict Requests:

- 1) Click the link: [‘Timetable Conflict: Request to Review’](#) (**Be sure you are logged into your gapps account!**)
- 2) Complete the entire form. Please ensure you provide a correct email address.
- 3) A PDF form will be emailed to you. Please print and have a parent/guardian sign the form. If the form cannot be printed, please have a parent/guardian email the counsellor permission to make the course change. ****This signed form will need to be emailed to the Guidance counsellor upon request.****
- 4) Only one form can be submitted by each student.
- 5) The timetable change request form will close on Tuesday September 12 at 3:00 pm. This is your last day to submit the form.
- 6) If you need help accessing this link, please contact the Guidance office and we will be more than happy to help you.

Clubs

Welcome back everyone! We are excited that in 2023-2024 our clubs will be back in person!

If you would like to run your club again, or start a new club, you will need to ask your teacher advisor to submit this [form](#).

Staff supervisors will need to ensure that all members of a club abide by the Information Technology Acceptable Use

Agreement. Please review this agreement [here](#). Families are required to submit start-up permissions sent to them by the Board before students participate in clubs and councils.

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 2023-2024](#).



Student Parking Information

All student parking is coordinated by the office. Any unauthorized parked vehicle will be tagged and/or towed. All vehicles must have the Unionville HS parking tag clearly visible on the rear view mirror. The Town of Markham has indicated that all of their parking spaces have been reserved for their staff and visitors, therefore, no student parking is allowed at the Civic Centre or Markham Theatre. To apply for a parking pass, please send an email to: sandra.mcintyre@yrdsb.ca. The student must show his or her UHS ID card. Parking passes are valid for one semester only.

School Council

Our first School Council Meeting is **Monday, September 18th at 7:00pm**.

Location: Unionville HS – Library

An agenda will be shared with all families prior to the School Council Meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Secondary International Languages Credit Program

Secondary credit courses take place online once per week for 3.7 hours. Courses run from September to June for the full program year, and take place on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM). Registration is now open on My Pathway Planner until the third class. For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL Secondary [webpage](#).

Upcoming PA Day

Friday, September 22 is a PA day for secondary students. There will be no school that day. For an agenda of staff activities that day, please click [here](#).

Grade 9 Camp Day

Grade 9 Camp Day: As part of their transition to high school, Grade 9 Students will have the opportunity to participate in our annual Camp Day on **Tuesday, September 26**. It will be a day of teambuilding and leadership activities and a great way for your child to get to know their peers. This year the day will be held at Camp Green Acres and the cost is \$30. Please submit your child's payment to [School Cash Online](#).

UHS Yearbook

Hi Wolves! The 2023-24 Yearbook is now available for pre-order. Take advantage of our Back-to-School Special and save \$10 until **September 30th**. Order your Yearbook on School Cash Online now before the price goes up! <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn>

New Contact Information?

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH US

Have you changed your address, phone number or email?

Please notify us if your contact information has changed:

School Phone: 905 479 2787

School Email: unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca

This will ensure that you receive important communications from us and that we can contact you in case of an emergency. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Faith Accommodations - Semester 1

Please be advised of our regular daily prayer room during semester 1: Central Prayer Room Location: Room 346 during periods 3, 4 & 5.

Information about a prayer space and religious accommodations has been shared in our start-up package, which has been shared electronically. The start-up package contains a "Religious Accommodations Form." Families who did not receive/submit the electronic package/form can receive a hard copy in the main office.

If your student will be using the prayer room, please come to the main office and we can share more information with them.

Aquatic Leadership

The Aquatic Leadership Program is offered in partnership between the York Region District School Board, Continuing Education, the Town of Aurora, and the Cities of Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan. The program uses a blended learning format consisting of pool instruction, face-to-face instruction and on-line learning to deliver Ministry of Education credits and Swim, Lifeguarding and Instructor Certifications. For more information, please click [here](#).

Online Start-Up Forms

Forms will be sent centrally to all families at all schools. Translations are available. The Board will send a central email to all families with a link to a Google Form to complete the start-up forms.



Cafeteria Improvements

We are very excited to share that we have added some new furniture to our cafeteria! We now have a large couch that is equipped with a sitting and working area. We are still awaiting additional smaller table settings that will be added once received.

We want to thank the students and staff who were instrumental in creating the floor plan and assisting with furniture selections prior to purchasing.

In order to ensure that the furniture remains in great condition for all students to enjoy, over many years, we appreciate your help as parents/guardians in communicating and reminding students of the following:

- Refrain from activities that may cause damage
- Feet should remain on the floor when using the furniture (it is for sitting on)
- Keep the area clean and place all garbage in the receptacles provided
- Report any concerns as soon as they arise so that they may be addressed quickly

Thank you for your assistance in creating a clean and comfortable common space for everyone.



Library News

Welcome to the new school year!

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. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/enterprise-access/unionville-high-school/>

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

Databases and other online resources can be found at our website page. This is also where students can search the library's collection for a book or request something new for the Library.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the Library this year!

Cafeteria Update

We anticipate cafeteria services will be up and running by the end of September. A more precise schedule will be provided over the next few weeks.

School Wi-Fi Connection

You may have trouble connecting to the school WI-FI (YRSDB-S). This is because every few years, we need to renew the security certificate. In order to connect, you will need to forget the network and log in using your username and password.

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.

Caring and Safe Schools Start-Up Presentations

Dear Families,

As the new school year is beginning, students will be attending Caring and Safe Schools Start-Up Presentations. 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.

Inappropriate Behaviour

In the Start-Up Presentation, students are learning about anti-Black racism, other forms of racism, discrimination, and bullying. This learning will continue throughout the school year. Instances of anti-Black racism, other forms of racism, discrimination and bullying are not acceptable and are addressed through progressive discipline. In some cases of racism and discrimination, York Regional Police may be involved.

Students will also be reminded about safe school behaviours, including what items must never be brought to school, such as peanut products, vape products/drug paraphernalia, weapons/replica weapons and knives/replica knives.



Reporting Behaviour

Standing up for one another and reporting when something does not feel safe is part of a caring and safe school environment. Students should report incidents that make them or others feel unsafe or uncomfortable, including acts of racism, discrimination and bullying. Students can report incidents by:

- Telling a caring adult;
- Using the YRDSB's "[Report It Button](#)" (Located on our school's website, the online Report It button allows students and families to share information about inappropriate behaviour and incidents of hate or discrimination. Please see [this video](#) for additional information);
- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868).

Mental Health

We will stress to students the importance of connection as we return to school. Students are learning about who they can talk to if they need support. In addition, positive mental health is closely tied to each individual's sense of identity and safety. As such, mental health initiatives are aligned with equity and safety in mind, which includes culturally specific supports. YRDSB student mental health services are delivered by Board social work and psychology staff. These services are accessible through the school principal. Mental health resources for families are also available on the Board website.

Student Discipline

We use a progressive discipline approach for inappropriate behaviour on and off school property. This means we consider various options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices. In some cases, suspension or expulsion may be necessary. The Ontario Education Act and the Board's Caring and Safe Schools Policy (found on the Board's Caring and Safe School Page) outline situations where suspension and expulsion must be considered. These infractions are also outlined in the Guide to the School Year. In addition, when inappropriate behaviour occurs, information will be shared with the student(s) who were harmed and the families of the student(s) who were harmed to the extent that legislation allows.

Caring and Safe Schools Start-Up Presentations, continued

Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug-Free Environment

The use of tobacco, electronic products (such as [vaping](#), [electronic cigarettes](#) and related products) and student possession of alcohol/illegal and restricted drugs, including cannabis, are prohibited on school property or within 20 metres of school boundaries. This complies with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services. A progressive form of discipline may apply, including suspension from school and fines (up to \$5,000). In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA), exceptions are made for the traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality.

Online Safety and Appropriate Use of Technology

Students are reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools. This agreement is also included in the start-up package that all families receive at the beginning of the year.

Students are reminded that online threats and comments are taken seriously and may have consequences, including potential criminal charges. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board property, the school board works with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remain our top priority.

For More Information

For more details on these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for more information and to access family resources to continue these conversations at home. Thank you for helping us create a caring, safe, and inclusive school community.

Administration Student Alphas

Administration	Alpha
Ms. Imada-Chan	A-J
Mr. Luong	K-Shas
Mr. Belmonte	Shek - Z

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
September 18	School Photo Day (Gr. 9 & 10) School Council Meeting (7:00pm)
September 19	School Photo Day (Gr. 11 & 12)
September 22	Professional Development Day (No classes)
September 26	Camp Day (Gr. 9)
October 9	Thanksgiving (No classes)
October 18	Fall Fest
October 20	Professional Development Day (No classes)
October 23	Photo Retake Day

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 - Lunch for most Grade 9s)	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

Invitation to Pow Wow 2023 Event

Please see the information below for the upcoming Georgina Island Pow Wow hosted at Sutton District High School.

[Volunteer Sign UP Sheet.docx](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities new.docx](#)

Kindly contact Trustee Hoeg with any questions lauri.hoeg@georginaisland.com.

[Equity, Family & Student Support Form \(Employee\)](#)

[Equity, Family & Student Support Form \(Parent/Guardian\)](#)

CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND

Pow Wow 2023

BSKAABIYAAN
Returning to Self

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

EMCEE - MEEGWANS SNAKE
HOST DRUM - WHITETAIL CREE
HEAD DANCERS- ASHLEY & SID MANESS
ARENA DIRECTOR- ANIMIKEENCE PLAIN

Dance Specials! \$\$\$

SUNDAY SUNRISE CEREMONY + SUNDAY GIVEAWAY

REGISTRATION OPENS 11AM	SUTTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL 20798 Dalton Road, Georgina, ON	CONTACT INFO Lauri Hoeg Pow Wow Coordinator 289-716-4193 lauri.hoeg@georginaisland.com Find us on Facebook by searching 'Georgina Island Pow Wow 2023'
GRAND ENTRY 12PM	\$2 ADMISSION	

**THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
PLEASE NO PETS**

Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in Grades 9 to 12.

Elementary Language Classes

Elementary classes are extra-curricular language learning opportunities available in-person or remotely. Classes are 2.5 hours and take place once per week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

Register by **Monday, September 11, 2023** to attend the full language program in its entirety.

For more information about the elementary program, visit the ILIL [Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Secondary Credit Program

Secondary credit courses take place online once per week for 3.7 hours. Courses run from September to June for the full program year, and take place on Wednesday evenings (5:45 PM to 9:25 PM) or Saturday mornings (8:45 AM to 12:25 PM).

Registration is now open until the third class.

For more updates and information about the secondary credit program, visit the ILIL [Secondary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



Please Note:

- Courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying students.

Languages Offered:

Arabic
Cantonese
Dari
Farsi
Filipino
German
Greek
Gujarati
Hebrew
Hindi
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Macedonian
Mandarin (Simplified)
Mandarin (Traditional)
Punjabi
Ojibwe
Russian
Sinhala
Spanish
Tamil
Turkish
Ukrainian
Urdu
Vietnamese
Yoruba