



# P A R E N T BULLETIN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 4

Labour Day - no school

### September 5

Grade 9 Orientation Day

### September 6

First Day of School for ALL grades

### September 8

Safe School Assemblies

### September 19

Photo Day

### International Languages

Just a reminder that the last day to register for an International course is September 15th. You can check out the YRDSB web page for details at:

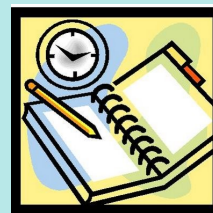
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/International-Languages-Secondary-Program.aspx>

### Welcome Ms. Kennedy

Please join us in welcoming our new Vice Principal Ms. Kennedy, to UHS. We look forward to having her be a part of our school team.

### Semester One Timetables

All student timetables were emailed to student GAPPS accounts on Friday September 1. Students are reminded to keep a copy of their timetable, preferably on their mobile device or a hard copy of their own as the timetable includes course information, room numbers, and locker information. Paper copies of the timetable will NOT be available at school.



Check out the latest school announcements by following us on twitter [@UHSupdates](https://twitter.com/UHSupdates)



# PARENT BULLETIN

## Grade 9 Orientation Day

Tuesday September 5 is the first day of school for Grade 9 students only. The UHS Transition Committee and Student Council have planned a day to help grade 9 students learn more about the school. Grade 9 students will start the day at 8:30 with a welcome assembly in the large gym and then follow a modified schedule for the remainder of the day, including a complimentary bbq lunch.

Parents and Guardians are invited to a short information session in the cafeteria beginning at 8:30. There will also be a Mandarin/Cantonese parent information session at 8:30 in the library. Special arrangements have been made with Flato Markham Theatre for parents/guardians to park in the theatre lot if they are attending the information session. Please do not park in the UHS staff parking lot.

Students are encouraged to arrive no later than 8:15 am.

## Orientation Day Schedule

- 8:30 - 9:00** Parent Assembly (Cafeteria) / Mandarin & Cantonese Assembly (Library)
- 8:30 - 9:15** Student Assembly
- 9:20 - 9:50** Period 1 class
- 9:55 - 10:25** Period 2 class
- 10:30 - 11:00** Period 4 class
- 11:05 - 11:35** Period 5 class
- 11:40 - 12:40** BBQ lunch
- 12:40 - 1:20** Grade 9 Class Photo
- 1:20 - 2:35** Activities with ambassador groups
- 2:35 - 3:06** Closing Activities

## Photo Day

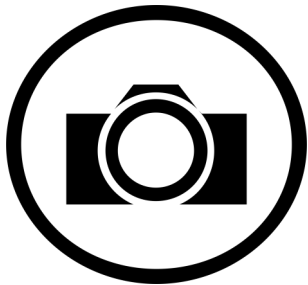


Photo Day is **Tuesday September 19th**.

Pre-order forms will be distributed in homeroom classes the week of September 11th. Students are asked to fill out their forms and provide payment on Photo Day.

Student cards will be issued immediately after you take your photograph.



# PARENT BULLETIN

## Message from our Trustee

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

~Billy Pang

## Grade 9 Spirit Day at Camp Green Acres - \$25.00

*- includes bussing, lunch, UHS T-shirt, activities*

On October 3, 2017, all grade 9s are encouraged to participate in grade 9 day at Camp Green Acres. This day is specifically designed for our grade 9 students to help them in their transition to high school. Grade 9 students will participate in team building activities focused on developing leadership and cooperative skills while building new friendships.

Visit <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> before September 29th!

# PARENT BULLETIN

## UHS Parking Lot

Over the summer, our parking lot got a facelift!



All vehicles must follow the one way flow of traffic.

New sidewalk guides our students safely to our front doors

Don't forget to stop for pedestrians.



These two lanes are for quick drop-off only.  
No stopping/idling please.

This lane must remain unblocked for flow of traffic. Follow the one way arrows to exit the parking lot.



**Reminder:** Parents are asked not to park in the area in the front of the school as it is a drop-off/pick-up zone and a fire lane. Parked cars are subject to receiving a warning letter or ticket from a City of Markham Bylaw officer. Thank you for your co-operation.



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September 5, 2017

Dear York Region District School Board families,

As you may be aware, York Region District School Board is currently recruiting for a Director of Education. The responsibility of selecting a Director is one of the most important tasks of the Board of Trustees.

The Board has engaged the services of Phelpsgroup, a leading Canadian executive search firm, to gather your input into the qualities and characteristics of the Board's new Director of Education.

Your input is critical and will inform both the job description and evaluation criteria used in the recruitment process. Please take a few minutes to complete the [online survey](http://www.yrdsb.ca) (also accessible through the Board website [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)). The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to Phelpsgroup and held in strict confidence by the consultant.

Responses received by **September 17, 2017** will be considered in the initial development of the Director of Education job description and candidate profile. Responses received after this date and prior to **October 1, 2017** will be shared with trustees for their information.

If you require the survey in print format or translated into one of the Region's top 12 most spoken languages, please contact the Board at 905-727-0222 extension 2217 or email [trustee.services@yrdsb.ca](mailto:trustee.services@yrdsb.ca).

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Sincerely,

Loralea Carruthers

Chair  
York Region District School Board



Join Us!

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
& Members of Council invite you



**Sept. 8-10** | Markham Civic Centre

**culture  
music  
fun!**



*Free Event for All Ages, exciting line-up!*

## Celebrating Canada & Ontario's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Showcasing Markham's History & Diversity



**Barenaked Ladies**



**Tyler Shaw**



**André-Philippe Gagnon**



**Jessica Mitchell**



**Grand Finale Fireworks**

### 3 DAYS OF CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE:

**SEPT. 8 8 pm - Music Under the Stars featuring: Markham Concert Band**

📍 Millennium Bandstand, Main St. Unionville

**SEPT. 9 2 pm - Berczy Statue Dedication** 📍 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Kennedy Rd.

**8 pm - Entertainment featuring: Comedian Ali Hassan & Award Winning Singing Impressionist André-Philippe Gagnon**

📍 Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd.

**SEPT. 10 12 noon onwards - Children's Activities | Parade | Exhibits  
Entertainment | Food Trucks | Grand Finale Fireworks**

**6 pm - ONtour Concert Series featuring:**

**Barenaked Ladies | Tyler Shaw | Jessica Mitchell**

📍 Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd.

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For program details visit  
[markham.ca/canada150](http://markham.ca/canada150)

