

Cafeteria Update

The cafeteria services are ready to open their doors to the Unionville School Community this **Monday, September 25!** Food service will begin with breakfast and end off with lunch service. Please join us in the cafeteria!

Breakfast Boost

We are thrilled to announce that Breakfast Boost is back and an excellent way to kick-start your day. Students can head to the atrium to select two snacks from 8:00 am until the bell before Period 1.

Orange Shirt Day

The Orange Shirt Day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.

Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

Recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors by wearing an orange shirt on **September 29 and 30.**

Yom Kippur

G'mar chatima tova!

Yom Kippur is the Jewish Day of Atonement and the most solemn of the Jewish Holy Days. Before Yom Kippur, people of the Jewish faith perform the Kaparot atonement service. In the late afternoon, they eat the pre-fast meal, followed by blessing their children, and then they light a memorial candle as well as the holiday candles before heading off to synagogue for the Kol Nidrei service. In the course of Yom Kippur, five prayer services are held. People ask for forgiveness of their sins and forgive others of theirs. Jews refrain from all eating and drinking on this day.



Fall Fest

Fall Fest - **Wednesday, October 11.** More details to follow!

Photo Retake Day

If you missed having your school photo taken this last week, fear not! Photographers will be back for a photo retake day on **Monday, October 23.**

No Smoking

UHS is a smoke free area. Please do not smoke or vape on school property.

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 PowerPoint Presentation](#) is posted on the Unionville HS website under the School Council tab for you to view.

If you are interested in being an active member of the School Council Executive please fill out the nomination form that will be included in the Start-Up Package <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. The nomination form is due by **Friday, September 22** by 4:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person at our next School Council Meeting on **Monday, October 16th** at 7:00 pm.

Skilled Trades Career Fair

Introducing [Level Up!](#), the Ontario-wide, multi-day career fair events that bring together the best in skilled trades professionals. This interactive, hands on career fair will take place at the International Centre on **November 15 & 16, 2023.**

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What does this mean for my child?

- Students will have an opportunity to select a customized profile picture that meets [YRDSB guidelines](#).
- Students will receive guidelines and considerations based on their grade level to support them in selecting and/or creating an appropriate profile picture.
- This is optional. Students who do not select an image will continue to have their first initial as their GAPPS profile image.
- Students will have two opportunities each year, during the fall and again in the spring, to change their images.

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GAPPS Profile Images, continued

Appropriate actions were taken to address this issue, including a mandatory learning series for all students, mandatory training for all YRDSB staff, and temporarily removing access to customizing profile images. YRDSB will be continuing to implement measures that support student safety over the course of this school year. These measures include providing teachers with ongoing access to resources and support for addressing issues of hate.

Students are also encouraged to report problematic images that perpetuate hate or cause harm by speaking with a caring adult or by making use of the YRDSB's [ReportIT tool](#).

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Ignite Technology Grants

YRDSB has partnered with LEARNstyle Ltd., one of our assistive technology training providers, to offer [Ignite Technology Grants](#) for students with Special Equipment Amount (SEA) equipment. The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create leadership opportunities, hone communication skills, and increase self-esteem for students with SEA equipment within their school community. The goal is to bring awareness to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning. Applications open: **October 10, 2023**.

OnCore Video Streaming Library

[OnCore](#) is a Canadian streaming video library designed specifically for Ontario educators and students. Features include:

- Thousands of segments and full programs updated weekly with Ontario curriculum correlation
- Titles available in both English and French
- First Nations, Métis & Inuit content by Indigenous producers

Staff and Students can login to OnCore through a generic username and password.

Username: yrdsbguest

Password: oncore22

Clubs

New clubs are being approved every day! Approved clubs can be seen [here](#) or at the [Clubs](#) link at the top of the Bulletin. This same Google form can be used if you would like to run your club again or start a new club. Please ask your teacher advisor to submit.

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.

Peer Tutoring

The Peer Tutoring program is starting up again! If you would like to be a tutor or have a tutor help you, please see the attached [flyer](#).



School Start Up Forms

At the start of each school 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](#).

We also ask families to complete some important forms. These forms are now available online. [Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms](#) through your child's YRDSB Google account. Translations are available.

- 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.

Student School Start-Up Forms

Each year, we ask secondary school students to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information. Students are asked to [complete this form](#) 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.

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.

World Mental Health Day

Over the past month, our students have made many adjustments to: new classes, grades, classmates, teachers and new learning. On **October 10, 2023**, we recognize [World Mental Health day](#). This year's theme "Mental Health is a Universal Right" seeks to "improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right" (WHO, 2023). YRDSB mental health and Ontario mental health resources can be found [here](#).

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7, <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- York Hills Help Phone Line: 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters. Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.
- Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>
- Black Youth Helpline: <https://blackyouth.ca/>
- Naseeha Helpline: <https://naseeha.org/>
- 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: <https://www.youthline.ca>

Rowan's Law Day - Concussion Awareness

On **September 27th**, staff and students of YRDSB will recognize Rowan's Law Day and the serious effect concussions can have on student learning, achievement and well-being.

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](#).



Library Information

Many ebooks and audiobooks are available to students through [Sora](#). Students sign in using 0 followed by their student number.

Yom Kippur is on September 24 and 25. Find these stories about Yom Kippur on [Sora](#).

The Hardest Word by Jacqueline Jules

Talia and the Very YUM Kippur by Linda Elovitz Marshall

Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!) by Leslie Kimmelman

Whale of a Tale by Eric A. Kimmel

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 electronically shared in our start-up package. 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.

Students who require access to the prayer room should come to the main office we can share more information with them.

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>



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)

Tune In YRDSB Podcast

Hear Indigenous student trustees share their experiences and perspectives on Indigenous education in York Region on the latest episode of [Tune In YRDSB](#).

Invitation to Pow Wow 2023 Event

Please see the information below for the upcoming Georgian 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.

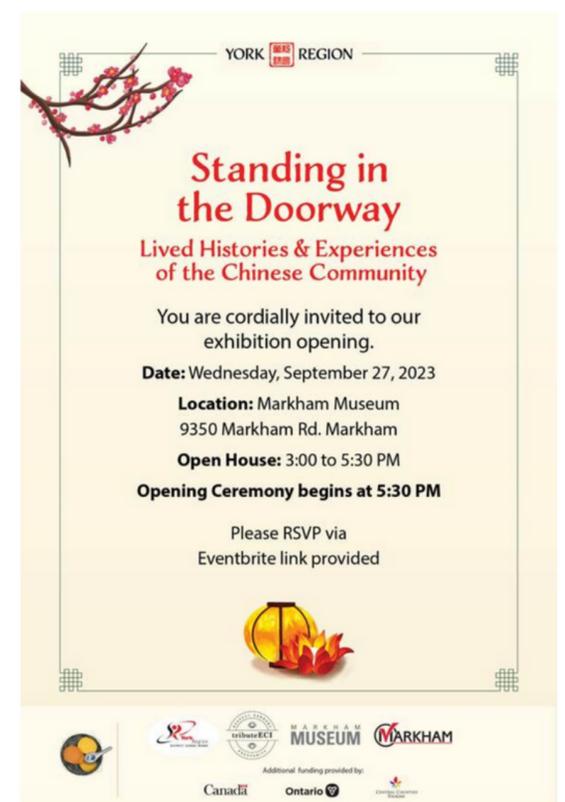
[Equity, Family & Student Support Form \(Employee\)](#)

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



Invitation from the Markham Museum

Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories & Experiences of the Chinese Community is an exhibit opening **September 27th**. UHS Visual Arts students created the design elements within the signage panels while our talented Ms. Wong acted as lead graphic designer on the project.





KINNECTYOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

Aaniin Community Centre (Youth Room)
5665 14th Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3K5

Weekly-in person meetings on Wednesdays 3:30pm-7pm

Our Mission

To educate and empower Black identified youth by offering innovative and culturally responsive programming, mentorship, and a social support network.

- Hands-on, interactive creativity and entrepreneurship workshops
- Opportunities to gain professional experience
- Individual and group mentorship
- Presentations from community leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs
- Access to technology
- Weekly In-person meetings

Contact Us



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Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association

KINNECTYOUTH
MENTORING PROGRAM

Administration Student Alphas

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

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
October 9	Thanksgiving (No classes)
October 11	Fall Fest
October 16	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
October 20	Professional Development Day (No classes)
October 23	Photo Retake Day
October 24	Terry Fox Run
October 25	Parent/Teacher Interviews

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

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