



*Welcome to UHS!*

# Parent/Guardian Information Session

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September 3, 2024





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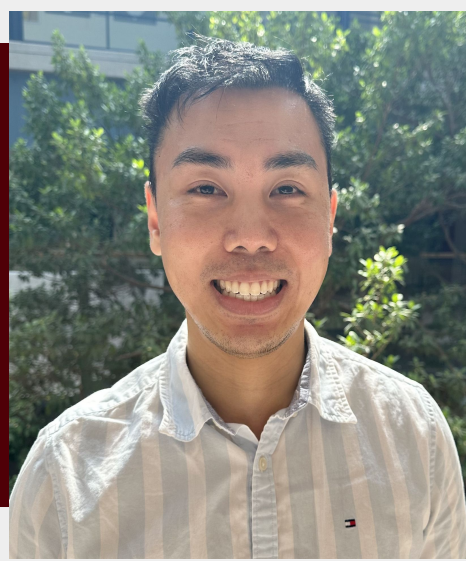
# *UHS* Administration Team



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Principal



Ms. Catherine Clarke  
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Mr. Raymond Luong  
Vice Principal  
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Mr. Patrick Belmonte  
Vice Principal  
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Ms. Effie Kyriopoulos  
Secondary Office  
Administrative  
Assistant

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# Sharing Slides

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Today's presentation will be shared in this week's parent/guardian bulletin, which is also posted on our website.



**Unionville High School**

Students: --Select an Application--

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Unionville H.S.

**Monday, September 16**

8:30am School Photos

7:00pm School Council Meeting

**Tuesday, September 17**

8:30am School Photos

**Friday, September 27**

P.A. Day

**Monday, October 14**

Thanksgiving Day

**Monday, October 21**

P.A. Day

**Monday, October 28**

[Google Calendar](#)

**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 2023-2024 LEARNING CALENDAR**

This calendar is intended to help you plan your family calendar, monitor your child's progress, and ensure you are fully informed of all school events. It is not intended to be a substitute for the school's official calendar. For more information, please visit the school's website.

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

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**FEBRUARY 2024**

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**SCHOOL YEAR LEARNING CALENDARS**

**Contact Information**

201 Town Centre Blvd., Unionville, L3R 8G5

Phone: (905) 479-2787, (947) 795-7616

Fax: (905) 479-1539

Email: [unionville.hs@yrsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrsb.ca)

Bell Times: 8:25 AM - 3:05 PM

Principal's Message

Trustee Message

School News

Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to subscribe to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.

**Announcements**

**STEM Application**

**UHS STEM**

Unionville High School is pleased to announce that our application process for the UHS STEM program will open this Monday, December 18 at Noon. Due to changes to our UHS registration

**my PATHWAY planner** Grades 7-12 Individual Pathways Plan and Course Selection

**my PATHWAY planner** [CLICK HERE FOR HELP!](#)

**Welcome to Unionville ' School Grade 8 On+**



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# Today's Agenda

- Welcome Parents/Guardians of UHS Class of 2028
- Overview of Our School
- Important School Policies
- Tips for Success
- Introduction to Guidance Services
- Questions and Answers





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# Presentation Goals



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- Describe a typical day for a UHS student.
- Explore available opportunities and how to get involved.
- Understand the support services at UHS.
- Address any remaining questions.







# *Overview of Our School*





# About UHS

- Founded in 1985
- Student Population: ~1885
- Over 50 Clubs, Councils and Teams
- Variety of specialized programming, including:
  - Arts Unionville
  - Specialist High School Major
  - STEM Program
- Our school mascot is Sam the Wolf



# School Hours

- School day starts at 8:25 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.
- Suggested arrival: 8:15 a.m.
- Four 75 minutes courses a day with 5 minute travel time
- Lunch is 75 minutes:
  - Bring your own
  - Full service cafeteria





# *Transition Activities*

- UHS offers a series of transition activities, including:
  - Grade 9 Day, September 3rd
  - Camp Day, September 25th
  - Club Sign-Up Day
  - Peer Mentorship Opportunities





# Community of Support

Administration Team

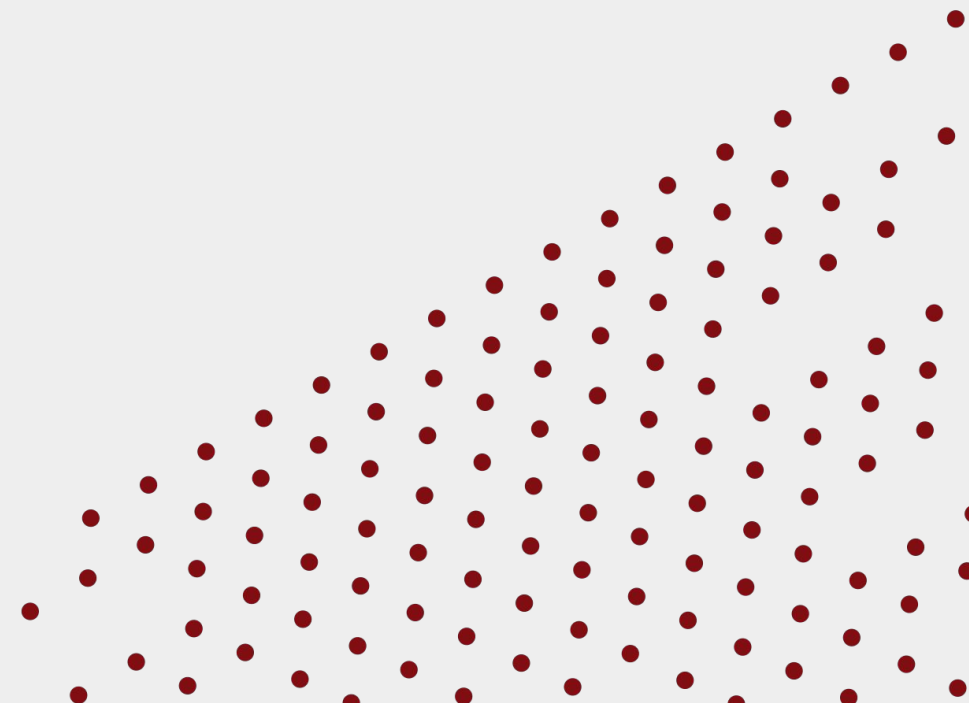
Student Success Team

- Ms. Caufield, Head of Special Education (Room 216)
- Ms. Choi, Student Success (Room 301)
- Ms. Kapeluch, Head of English as a Second Language (Room 233)
- Ms. Riolo, Head of Guidance

School Settlement Worker

- Lina Li, Thursday and Fridays (Room 230 [nli@ccsyr.org](mailto:nli@ccsyr.org))

Family Services York Region (Many languages)





# Drop Off/Parking



- We encourage walking or taking transit to school.
- The driveway is busy from 8:00 to 8:25 AM.
- Please follow the one-way signs when dropping off.
- Do not stop in the fire zone or no idling zone.



# Drop Off/Parking

- Parking passes are required for all cars. Cars that do not have a parking pass will be ticketed by the City of Markham.

\*Please note that UHS is unable to help out if you are ticketed by the city; please adhere to signage!





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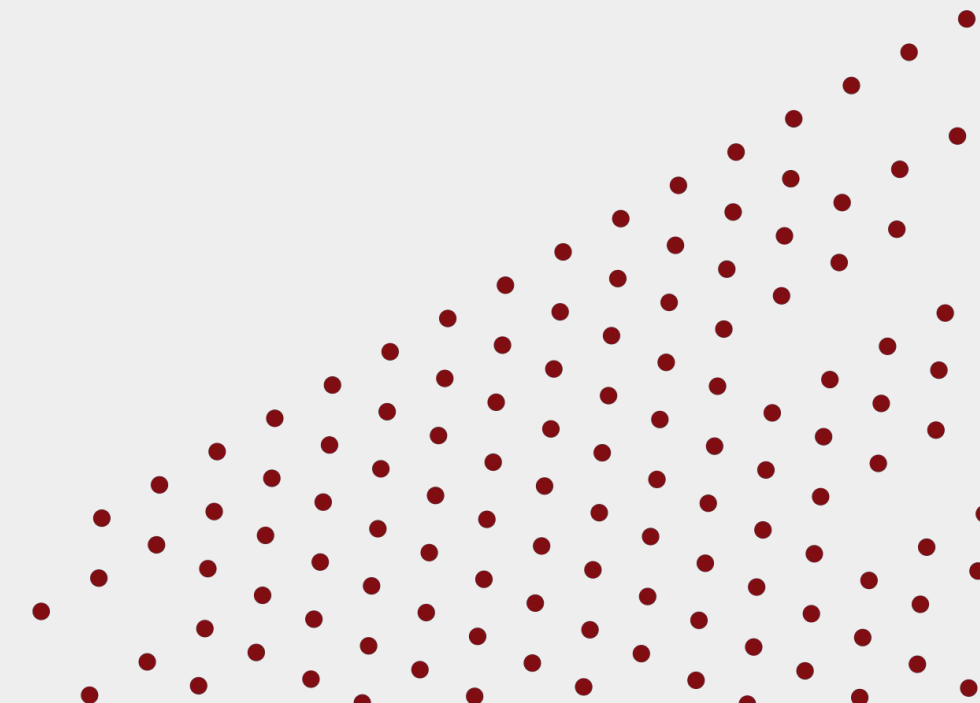
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# *Important School Policies*





# 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 8:25 am at (905) 479-2787 or [unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca)



# Attendance

## Daytime Appointments

Send a note or call the office – students **must be signed out** through the main office

## Extended Absences (3 or More Consecutive Days)

Students must complete an **extended absence form**, signed by parents/guardians and your child's teachers. The form can be picked up from the main office and must be returned to the attendance office prior to the absence. Please avoid scheduling vacations during school.

# Attendance

## Planned Absences

Your child should inform their teachers prior to the date of absence. Any planned absence that is 3 or more consecutive days is an extended absence. Families must fill out and return the extended absence form located in the main office.

## Sports or Other School Activities

Students should inform teachers well in advance of absences.

## Exams

Do not book holidays in late January/early February and June. Exam dates must be adhered to and exams **CANNOT** be rearranged. They are a critical demonstration of learning. Missing an exam can have a significant impact on your child's final mark.



# Dress Code



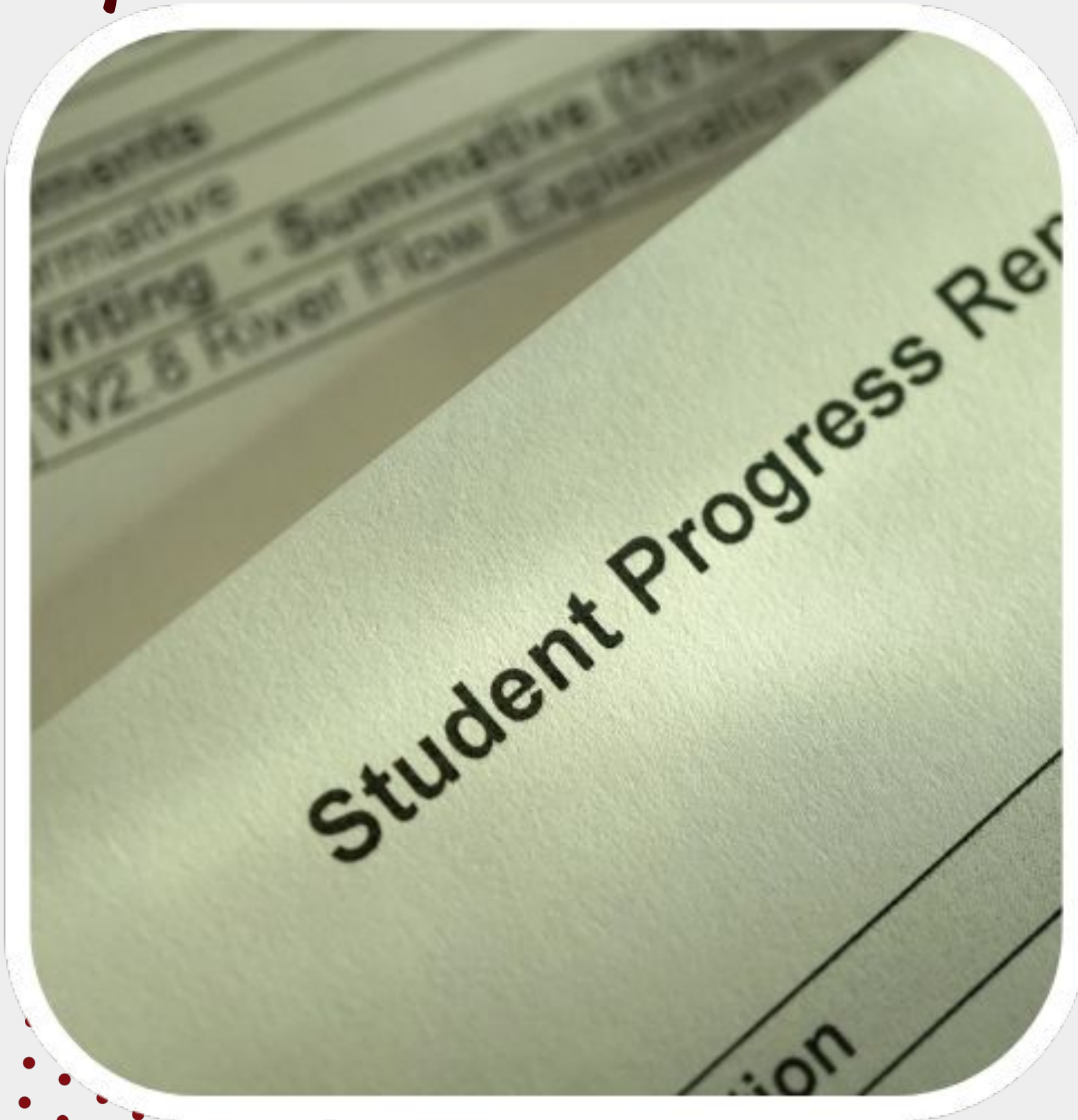
UHS Is A Place of Learning  
And Work

Dress For Respect and  
Learning

No Clothing With:

- racist language
- obscene/sexual images
- promoting hate or violence
- drug/alcohol or drug paraphernalia
  - tobacco/vaping

# Report Cards



## Interim Reports

- provide information regarding your child's progress during the first few weeks of a course
- distributed in October (for semester 1) and March (for semester 2)

## Midterm Reports

- distributed in November (for semester 1) and in April (for semester 2)

## Final Reports

- final report cards will be issued at the end of each semester



# Teacher Interview Nights



- Provide an opportunity to discuss strengths, areas of improvement and next steps with classroom teachers
- Students are encouraged to attend and be involved in the discussions
- Semester 1 interviews will take place in October
- Semester 2 interviews will take place in March
- Further information regarding Teacher Interview Nights will be communicated via e-mail and our weekly parent/guardian bulletin.

# Medical Information



If your child has a medical condition or allergy, please ensure that a Medical Health Plan is submitted to the Main Office.

In addition, families are advised to provide the Main Office with an epi-pen (if required) to be used in case of emergency.



# Caring and Safe Schools



- This policy can be found in the school start-up package.
- Make sure that your child is aware of the repercussions for inappropriate behaviour.
- There are clear consequences for violence, intimidation, weapons, bullying/cyber bullying, and possession and/or use of drugs/alcohol.
- All UHS students will attend a Caring and Safe Schools assembly later in September which will communicate the behaviour expectations for the 2024-2025 school year.

# Caring and Safe Schools



- If students feel threatened or bullied, they should report it to an adult (e.g., teacher, guidance counsellor or administrator) or using the **Report It tool on the school website**.
- Families will receive via e-mail a **2024-2025 Guide To The School Year package** which will include:
  - Additional important information to review.
  - Required start-up forms, including the acknowledgement of the Caring and Safe Schools Policy, that need to be completed and submitted online as soon as possible.
- Please view the **Guide to the School Year** page on the YRDSB website for more details.



# Expectations for Mobile Devices



All mobile devices, including **cell phones**, **smart watches** and **tablets**, must be **powered off** or **set to silent mode** during class (instructional time).

Students may use cellphones during non-instructional times (e.g. lunch).

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

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



# *Tips for Success*





# Home To School Communication



## Early and Ongoing Communication Between Home is **Important**

- Teachers have direct voicemail extensions
- Email: [firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca)
- UHS School website provides up to date information, links and school calendar
- General inquiries: [unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca)
- Weekly parent/guardian bulletin e-mailed every **Friday**



# Engaging With Our School Community



- Encourage your child to arrive at school for 8:15 a.m. and be on time for all of their classes.
- Engage with the digital resources, including Teach Assist and Google Classroom.
- Stay connected to our UHS community through e-bulletins, school website and calendar.
- Attend a School Council meeting and evening events/workshops.
- Access the variety of student success resources available for students and families.



# Extra Help



- Students can set up a time to meet with their teacher before school, during lunch time, or after school.
- Many departments offer extra help rooms after school. Ensure that your child keeps this in mind!
- Our Student Success and Literacy teachers are also available to provide assistance to students who are academically at risk or need English language learning (ESL/ELL/MLL) supports.
- Contact your child's teacher or the Guidance Department if you have concerns. **Be proactive; early contact is best!**

# Upcoming Dates and Events



## School Council Meeting

Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the library

## Grade 9 Camp Day

Wednesday, September 25 all day at Camp Green Acres

## School Photo Day

September 16 and 17

## Semester 1 Exams

January 22, 2025 – January 30, 2025

Additional dates for upcoming events will be posted on our school website.



# Grade 9 Camp Day September 25, 2024



- A welcome day specifically designed for grade 9 students to support their transition to high school. The focus is on team building, leadership, and making new friends.
- Activities will be led by Camp Green Acres staff, supported by UHS mentors and teachers. Bussing from UHS and lunch will be provided.
- Students will leave school at 8:30 AM and return at 3:05 PM.
- Register on School Cash Online before September 13th:
  - \$44 (if SAC fee is paid)
  - \$49 (if SAC fee is not paid)



# What Is The SAC Fee?



The \$45.00 Student Activity Fee (SAC Fee) helps to support a variety of extra-curricular school activities throughout the year including:

- Athletic Fee: Save \$15 on sports and fitness activities
- Camp Green Acres: Save \$5 on an exciting Grade 9-only camp experience
- Mayfair: Exclusive access and \$15 savings on fun games and booths
- Semi-Formal Ticket: Save \$15 on semi-formal events
- Fall Fest: Free entry worth \$25 to the October 2024 dance
- Yearbook: Save \$10 on preserving cherished school memories

Paying 2024-2025 SAC Fee will result in saving over \$90.00 and enable your child to be eligible to partake in school clubs, activities and various contests (contest fees may apply).

SAC Fees should be paid through School Cash Online. We encourage all students to complete their School Cash Online registration for the 2024-2025 at <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>.



# Tips For Parents/Guardians



- ✓ Encourage your child to do their best in school.
- ✓ Remember “**personal best**” does not mean “**perfect**” and **learning** is not the same as **achieving high grades**.
- ✓ Teenagers, like adults, need the freedom to make mistakes and learn from them.
- ✓ Encourage your child **to get involved** in UHS councils, clubs and sports teams.





# *Introduction To Guidance Services*





# *UHS* Guidance Counsellors



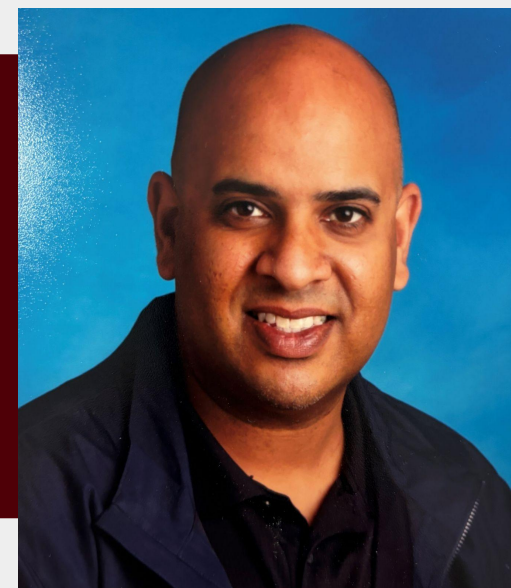
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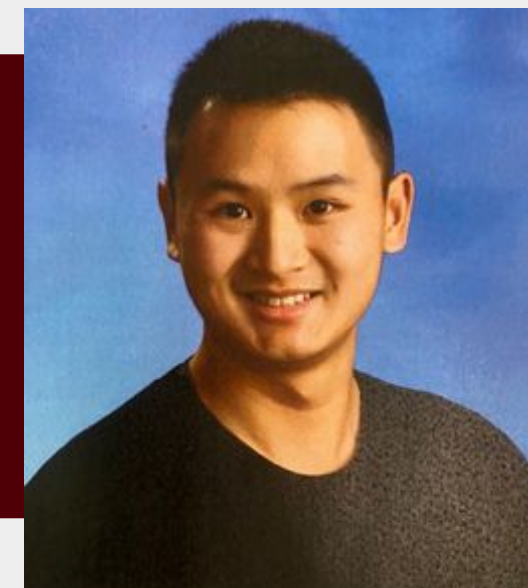
Ms. Keyan Wu  
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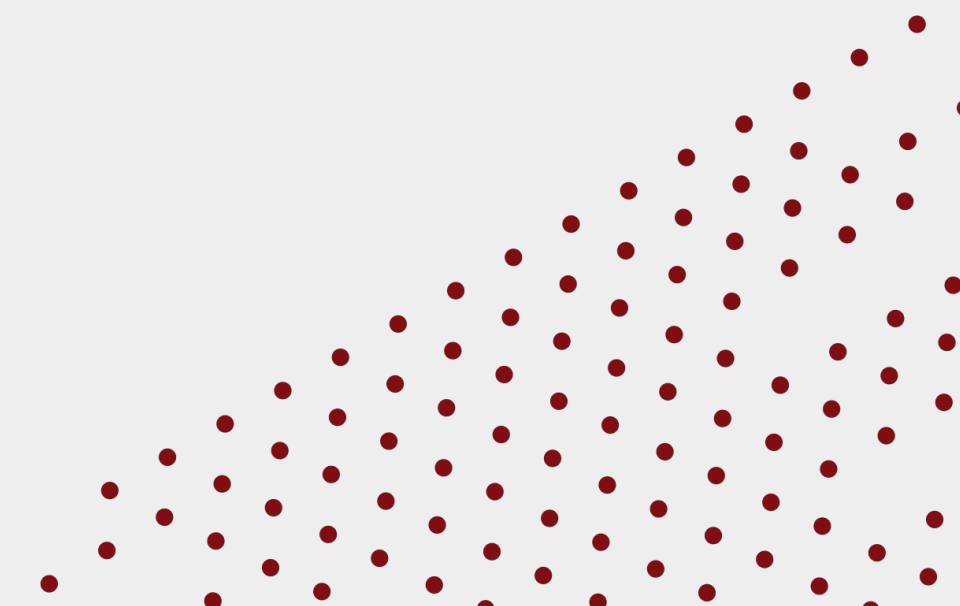


Mr. Jonathan Tam  
W, Y - Z

# *UHS* Guidance Secretary

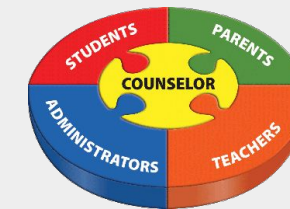


Ms. Nellie Simtikidis  
Ext. 458





# *The Role of the Guidance Counsellor*



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- Advise and provide resources for students with regards to education and career planning
  - Course selection and timetabling
  - Managing student records: credits and community involvement hours
  - Providing information regarding post-secondary programs
  - Support students experiencing social/emotional difficulties.
  - Connecting with our community partners (Family Service York Region, 360 Kids, Kids Help Phone, etc.)
  - Liaise with teachers



## How to Connect with a Guidance Counsellor

- Students can schedule appointments via teach assist.
- Parents/Guardians can also schedule appointments by contacting the Guidance Secretary (x458)

### Appointment Booking Instructions:

1. Log into your Teach Assist account.

<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb>

2. Under the sub-heading select, "Appointment Bookings".

3. Choose your counsellor (based on your last name).

4. Click on the day and time you want to have your appointment.

6. If you need to cancel your appointment for any reason, click "Cancel". If you have any trouble making your appointment, please let the Guidance department know.



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# *Stay Up To Date On Guidance News*



Guidance information is posted weekly in the parent/guardian bulletin. Students are also emailed this bulletin to their GAPPS accounts.



*Thanks!*

We look forward to working  
with you during the next  
four years!



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# Questions and Answers







# Thank You

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