

# Unionville High School

Parent/Guardian Information  
Session – September 7, 2022



# UHS Admin Team

Ms. Cheong  
Principal



Mr. Gheewala  
Vice-Principal



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Ms. Nunes  
Principal  
on  
Assignment



K-R, U-V

Mr. Belmonte  
Vice-Principal



S-T, W-Z

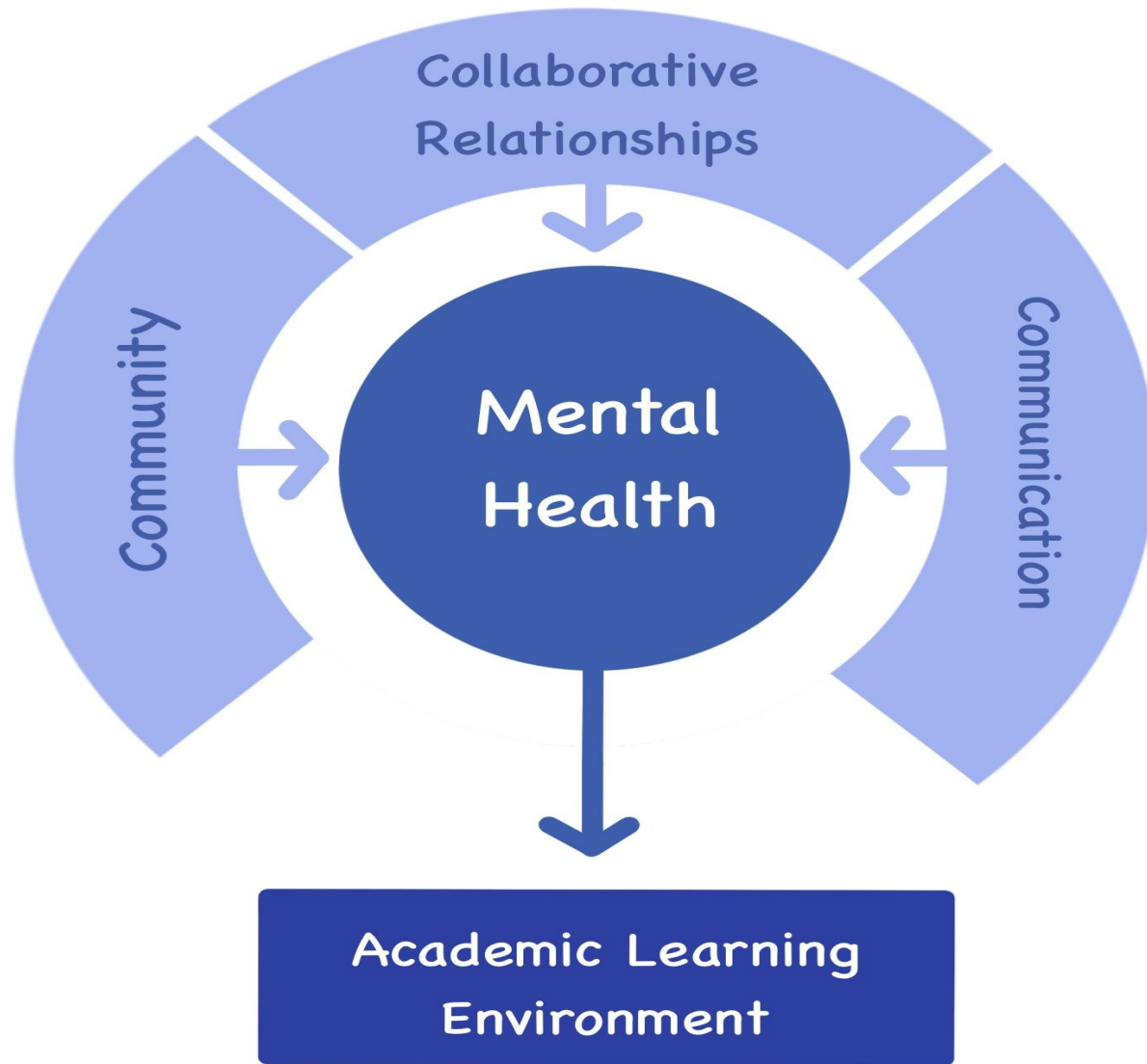


Ms. Kyriopoulos  
Secondary Office  
Administrative  
Assistant  
(SOAA)

# Unionville High School

## Administration:

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# Who Can Help You?

## Student Success Team

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

## School Settlement Worker

Lina Li – Thursdays and Fridays (rm. 230)

**Family Services York Region (Mandarin & Cantonese)**

# Guidance Department

## Guidance Counsellors:

Ms. Farwell ext. 457

**Ms. Riolo** ext. 441

Ms. Hawkins ext. 437

Mr. Tam ext. 438

A – G

H – Liu

Lo – V

W – Z

**Guidance Secretary:** Ms. Simtikidis ext. 458

# SCHOOL HOURS

- School begins at **8:25am**
- We encourage students to arrive by 8:15am
- Being at school at least 10 minutes before the bell allows time for students to get to their lockers and organize their materials for the day
- School day ends at **3:05**

# Parking!

- Our school promotes healthy lifestyles. We encourage our students to walk to school!
- The school driveway is very busy in the mornings between 8:00am and 8:25am.
- Do not stop your car in the “No Idle Cars” zone. This is also a **Fire Zone**.
- 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!



# Parking Lot



# Parking Lot Signage



# 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](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca)

- **Daytime Appointments:**

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

- **Extended Absences:**

Students 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.

# Attendance

- **Planned Absences:**

Your child should inform their teachers prior to the date of absence.

- **Sports or Other School Activities :**

Students should inform teachers well in advance of absences.

- **Exams:**

Do not book holidays in late January/early February (January 26–February 1) and June (June 21–27). 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 & Learning*

- No clothing with racist language, obscene/sexual images, promoting hate or violence, drug/alcohol or drug paraphernalia, or tobacco/vaping.

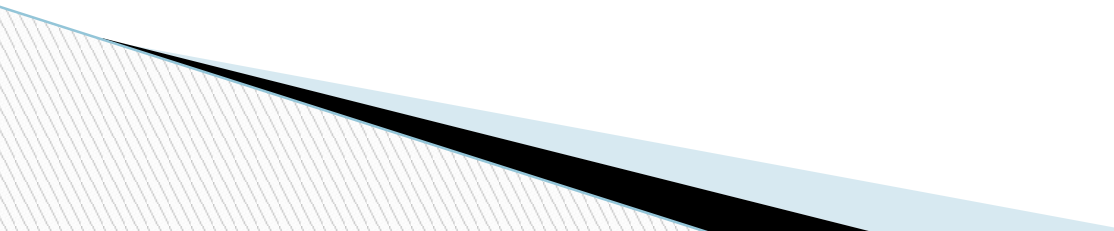
# Report Cards

- Interim report cards will be distributed in **October** (for semester 1) and **in March** (for semester 2)
- Interim report cards provide a snapshot of your child's early progress in class
- Midterm report cards will be distributed in **November** (for semester 1) and in **April** (for semester 2)
- Final report cards will be issued at the end of each semester

# Teacher Interview Nights

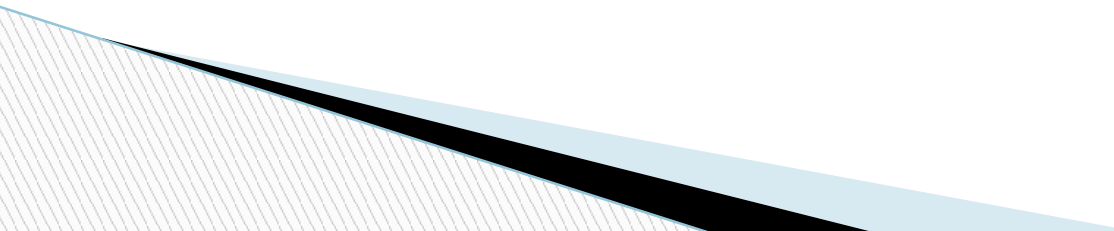
- Provide an opportunity to discuss strengths, areas of improvement and next steps with classroom teachers
  - Students are encouraged to attend and be involved in the discussions
  - Semester 1 Interviews will take place in October
  - Semester 2 Interviews will take place in March
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# Medical Information

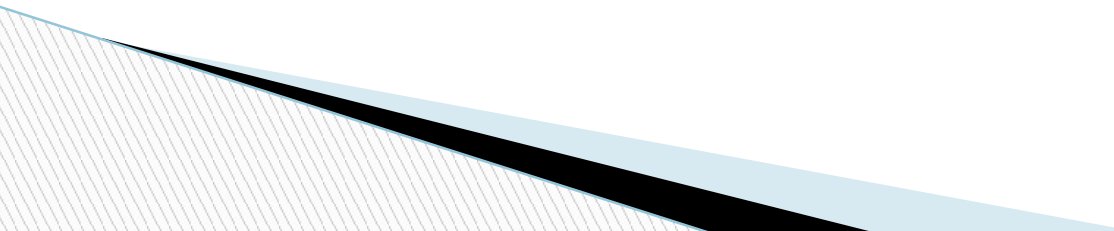
- If your child has a medical condition or allergy, please ensure that a Medical Health Plan is submitted to the Main Office
  - In addition, you are advised to provide the Main Office with an epi-pen (if required) to be used in case of emergency
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# 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.
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# Caring and Safe Schools (continued)

- 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.
  - Online acknowledgements of the Caring and Safe Schools Policy are due as soon as possible!
  - Please view the [Guide to the School Year](#) (p. 69–73) for details.
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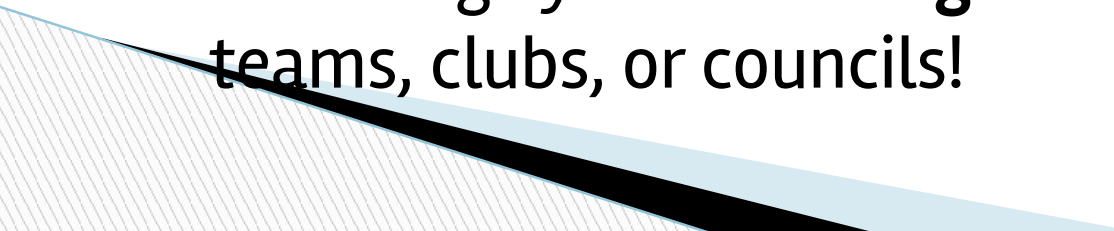
# Home – School Communication

- Early and ongoing communication between home and school is key
- Teachers have direct voice mail extensions
- Email – [firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca)
- School website provides up to date information, links and updated calendar  
[www.unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca](http://www.unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca)
- General inquiries – [unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:unionville.hs@yrdsb.ca)
- Twitter – @UHSUpdates
- Weekly parent bulletin – emailed every Friday

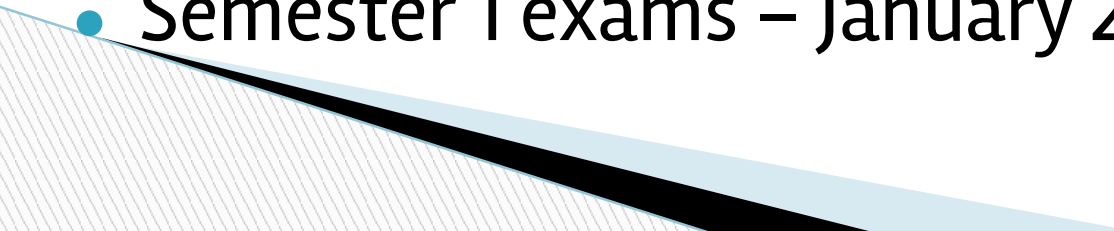
# EXTRA HELP

- Students should 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) supports.
- Contact your child's teacher or the Guidance Department if you have concerns. Be proactive; early contact is best!

# TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 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’ sports teams, clubs, or councils!
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# Upcoming Dates and Events

- School Council Meeting – Monday, September 19 @ 7pm.
  - Photo day – Tuesday, September 20, 2022
  - Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 2, 2022
  - Semester 1 exams – January 26 – February 1, 2023
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**Please contact us if you have any  
questions or concerns**





# UHS GUIDANCE



2022-2023





# Our Guidance Counsellors

Ms. Farwell

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Ms. Riolo  
(Subject Head)

H- Liu



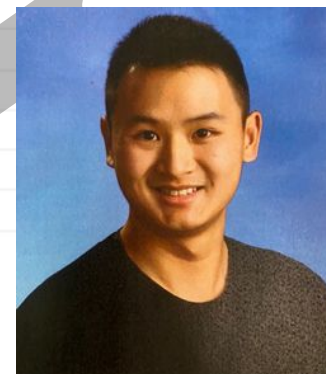
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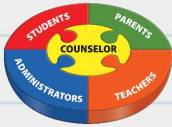
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# Our Guidance Secretary



Ms. Simtikidis



# The Role of the Guidance Counsellor

- 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.



## **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 email.



**Thanks!**

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