

School Council Meeting Q and A, Sept 7, 2021

- Q: I saw last year on the pathway the career study and civic study was 2 course code however early in the school year I saw it is a combined one code only. Will those 2 codes merge?
- A: These are two different courses each worth 0.5 credits each. Students will take one of these courses for the first term and then mid-way through the semester will switch and take the other one.
- Q: Please clarify re student drop off- is there a designated zone that is permitted for kiss and ride?
- A: The "No Idle Cars" zone along the sidewalk at the Town Centre Blvd entrance can be used for quick pick-up and drop-off. However, cars may not park there for any length of time. Cars that park there while waiting to pick-up students can be ticketed by the City of Markham.
- Q: What date is the end of this semester? Also, if the students are in-person, are they able to attend virtually if they have an appointment/or are away during the school day?
- A: The last day of semester one is Thursday, February 3. Students enrolled in the in-person model may access the remote link if they are ill or have an appointment, but they will still be marked absent as per the in-class model. Students cannot float between models as per Board and Ministry tracking guidelines. Special attendance procedures apply only when absences are related to complications due to COVID-19.
- Q: Hello, can a copy of the presentation be shared/emailed out?
- A: All School Council presentations will be posted on our school website.
- Q: Is it still OK for G9 students to apply for STEM? AS comes from a different school board and missed the first chance to apply for STEM in G8. Is it possible that STEM has available places next year?
- A: All STEM spaces have been filled for the grade 9 year.
- Q: My son was informed today that his Grade 10 math teacher would be changed but this hasn't been communicated with us before. What's the rationale for the change?? Do we anticipate more changes on teacher arrangement this week/next week ?? Thank you!!
- A: Due to our enrollment numbers, we were granted new sections after the start of school. As a result, there was some shuffling and hiring of teachers in order to staff these new sections.
- Q: My son mentioned that out of 4 courses, there are 3 courses with 2 teachers for each course, the first 30 min is one teacher and changes to a different teacher after the first 30 min. Is this normal setting for gr 10?
- A: Teachers are required to provide direct instruction for a specific number of minutes per day. In keeping with the latest Ministry directives which state that we must provide one morning and one afternoon period per day, the typical school day period has been extended. As a result, there are periods that must be covered by more than one teacher. In these cases, there is still a designated classroom teacher who is the subject specialist in charge of all programming and assessment. The second teacher assigned to this course only provides supervision and support as students continue the work assigned by the designated classroom teacher.
- Q: How many students are online learning in Unionville High?
- A: Approximately 10% of UHS students are currently remote.

Q: In the Sep 17 parent bulletin mentioning that there is a student life site online, but we can not find a link to access the site.

A: The link is bit.ly/uhs2021. This link works only when the student is logged in to their GAPPS account. The site is protected and not public.

Q: Is UHS still accepting Transfer students from other high schools in York Region? Thanks!

A: We are open to transfers; however, transfers are always subject to space and availability.

Q: How to apply to the student council and when to start to apply?

A: Applications opened on September 22nd and closed on Friday, October 1 at midnight. Announcements have been shared on the PA system, the Student Life Website, bulletins, and on Instagram (@samthewolf).

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Q: Good Evening! Is there a Google Classroom invitation for Gr 10 STEM Program students this year? Thanks.

A: We are currently organizing our STEM programming. More information will follow.

Q: Is my son allowed to launch a table tennis club during this time? If not, what criteria is required. Thanks

A: If students wish to start a club, they need to find a teacher advisor who will register and supervise the club.

Q: My mom had a question about the STEM Program, when does it start?

A: We are currently organizing our STEM programming. More information will follow.

Q: We were not able to register for the DECA club last year because the registration period is very narrow and we did not communicate. When will DECA registration start? Will it be on the parent bulletin? We were told to follow DECA Instagram. But is it possible to communicate via the same parent bulletin channel ?

A: Due to sanctions imposed by DECA on all Ontario chapters, students are not scheduled to participate in DECA competitions this year. To replace DECA, teacher advisors have created an alternative club called UFAM (Unionville Finance and Marketing Club). Information about all clubs will be shared later in October.

Q: Would like to clarify if a person is feeling unwell and can't come to school, they decide to attend online. Why would they be marked absent?

A: Students enrolled in the in-person model may access the remote link if they are ill or have an appointment, but they will still be marked absent as per the in-class model. Students cannot float between models as per Board and Ministry tracking guidelines. Special attendance procedures apply only when absences are related to complications due to COVID-19.

Q: Will there be a vaccination clinic at this school? Is it true that Parents consent will not be required?

A: I am not aware of a vaccination clinic at UHS at this time.