

School Council Meeting #1

Monday, September
18th, 2023

Welcome
everyone!



Land of Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties are signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island our closest neighbour and partner in education. To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledges and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
(Very Special Welcome: Trustee, Ron Lynn & Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kien Nam Luu)
2. **USAC Greetings - William Zhang & Sabrina Wang**
3. **Guidance update - Ms. Hawkins & Ms. Sukdeo**
4. **School Council Overview and Elections**
5. **Administration Update - Staffing and Timetable updates, Enrollment and projections, Plant and Facility (parking)**



Unionville High School Welcome and Introductions

Susie Nunes - Principal

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Dawn Imada-Chan - Vice-Principal (A-J)

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Raymond Luong - Vice-Principal (K-Shas)

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Patrick Belmonte - Vice-Principal (Shek-Z)

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UHS Admin Team

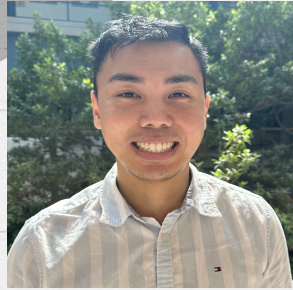
Ms. Nunes
Principal



Ms. Imada-Chan
Vice-Principal
A - J



Mr. Luong
Vice-Principal
K - Shas



Mr. Belmonte
Vice-Principal
Shek - Z



Ms. Kyriopoulos
Secondary Office
Administrative Assistant
(SOAA)

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UHS GUIDANCE

2023-2024

Our Guidance Counsellors

Ms. Farwell
A - F



Ms. Sukdeo
G - J

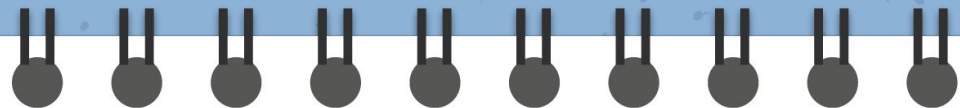


Ms. Riolo
(Subject Head)
K - Ma

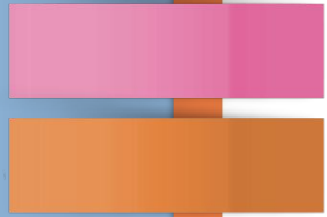
Ms. Hawkins
Mac - V, X



Mr. Tam
W, Y - Z



Our Guidance Secretary



Ms. Nellie 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 bookings will begin in October

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.

Community Involvement Hours

Students are encouraged to continue working on completing their community involvement hours. A minimum of 40 hours is required to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

To ensure their activity is eligible, students are asked to receive approval for their activity from their alpha counsellor prior to completing their hours.

Students can still pick up community involvement tracking forms outside the Guidance office or can obtain a [digital form](#). Completed forms can be submitted by scanning or taking a picture and sending them to the student's alpha counsellor.

To find out more and gain access to digital forms, please join the Volunteer Google Classroom. **Join Code: j7t5zik**

Additional information can be found here:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/experience-secondary-school/graduation-requirements/community>

Peer Tutoring



Do you enjoy helping others?
Do you want to earn community service hours?

BECOME A PEER TUTOR!!

We are now accepting applications to become peer tutors! Use your GAPPS email to submit your application here:

<https://bit.ly/BecomeTutorUHS>

Need some extra help in class?
Do you learn better with a buddy?

REQUEST A PEER TUTOR!!

If you feel you could benefit from having a peer tutor, please use your GAPPS email to submit your request here:

<https://bit.ly/RequestTutorUHS>

Grad and Scholarship Info

Grade 12 potential grads have been asked to join the **Grad Google classroom**. Information regarding graduation information and post-secondary programs will be posted here.

Join code: **u6vpsca**

Students can stay current on Scholarship and Enrichment opportunities by joining the **Scholarships Google Classroom**.

Join code: **6fdb613**

Post-Secondary Information

Information about post-secondary planning and applications will be shared via a Guidance presentation in mid-October.

Notification of the date will be delivered via google classroom, announcements and in the weekly parent/guardian bulletin.

2022 Ontario Universities' Fair (In-person Event)

October 21-22, 2023, from 10:00am to 5pm ET (daily)

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

2022 Ontario College Information Fair (In-Person Event)

October 18, 2023 from 5pm to 9pm

October 19, 2023 from 9am to 2pm

Study and Go Abroad

Registration required

Toronto (Metro Toronto Convention Centre): October 1, 2023

US College Expo

September 28, 2023 7pm-9pm

St. Francis Xavier SS, 50 Bristol Road West, Mississauga

Registration required <https://prepskillsconnect.com/register>



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!

School Council: Purpose and Responsibilities



School Council 2023-2024 Responsibilities Highlights

Purpose and Responsibilities of School Council:

- act as an advisory body that can make recommendations to the Principal or the Board
- maintain a school wide perspective
- regularly attend School Council meetings
- encourage engagement of all parents within the school community
- participate in the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP);

School Council 2023-2024 Responsibilities Highlights

Purpose and Responsibilities of School Council continued:

- collaborative
- follow election procedures and the filling of vacancies between elections;
- hold elections for members of school councils during the first 30 calendar days of each school year;
- ensure that a parent qualifies;
- meet at least four times during the school year;
- record and maintain minutes of all meetings;

School Council 2023-2024

Principal Responsibilities

Principals are responsible for:

- be a member of the School Council;
- attend all School Council meetings (Vice-Principals may be designates);
- ensuring that a School Council is established that represents the school community;
- communicating and collaborating with School Councils;
- actively seeking representation;

Principal Responsibilities continued...

Principals are responsible for:

- make known the names of members of the School Council
- forwarding information on community resources to School Councils;
- provide written notice of the dates, times and locations of the meetings;
- soliciting the views of the school council;
- ensuring that any fundraising carried out by the school council aligns with the school improvement plan;
- ensuring that the financial records are maintained at the school;

School Council Code of Ethics

- ✓ consider the best interests of all students;
- ✓ be guided by the school and the Board's mission statements;
- ✓ become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices;
- ✓ follow the Board's Equity and Inclusive Education policy;
- ✓ treat all other members with respect;
- ✓ not disclose confidential information;
- ✓ use established communication channels;
- ✓ declare any conflict of interest;
- ✓ not accept any payment or benefit financially through School Council involvement.

Executive School Council Members

- ***Chair or Co-chair***
 - organizing meetings and consulting with the Principal
 - meeting agenda and minutes are accessible
 - parents are consulted on school issues
- ***Secretary***
 - summarize each discussion and record decisions or recommendations made by School Council
- ***Treasurer*** - provide a budget update
- ***Community Members*** - Arts/STEM representatives
- ***Other*** - Staff representative, Student representative

Elections Process

When are elections?

- first 30 calendar days of the school year;

Wednesday, September 6

- first day of school

Wednesday, September 6

- nomination forms were emailed as part of the StartUp package

Friday, September 22

- Completed Nomination forms due by 4:00 p.m.

Elections Process

Monday, September 25

- nominee profiles will be emailed to parents with online directions to vote

Friday, September 29

- **Elections** voting closes at 4 p.m. and nominees will be counted

Wednesday, Oct 4

- successful candidates will be contacted on or before this date

Friday, Oct 6

- School Council 2023-2024 Executive will be published in the Parent Bulletin

Administration Updates



New Enrolment: 2023-2024 School Year

- Reception Centre Students
- New registrations within our boundary
- No shows
- Request for additional staffing and job postings
- Closed to transfers for 2023-2024 school year

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

- PA Day - Friday, September 22 (No Classes)
- Grade 9 Camp Day - Tuesday, September 26 @Camp Green Acres
- Safety Week - Monday, September 25
- Safe School Presentations: (Gr.9/10), Wednesday September 27
(Gr.11/12), Thursday September 28

Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

- Awards Breakfast (Save the Date) - Tuesday, October 17
- Interim Report Card Distribution (via GAPPS): Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17
- Parent Teacher Interviews (Save the Date)
Wednesday October 25 6:30-8:30
Sign-up through Teach Assist

Parking Lot Signage

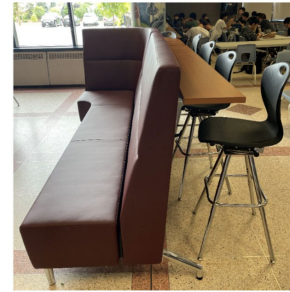


Attendance

- Students who arrive between 8:25 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. should go directly to class
- Entry to the classroom after 8:25 a.m. is considered late
- Students who arrive after 8:45 a.m. shall go directly to the main office to sign in
- Students are expected to depart from UHS no later than 4:00 p.m. unless they are under direct supervision of a UHS staff member

Lunch Expectations

- Our new Cafeteria Services will re-open in October
- Everyone wishing to eat indoors should be eating in the Cafeteria or by the lockers near the Cafeteria only - food is not permitted in the halls, classrooms or gyms
- New lounge seating area



Monday, October 16, 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023

Monday, January 22, 2024

Monday, February 26, 2024

Monday, April 15, 2024



**Upcoming
School
Council
Dates**

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