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everyone!



# School Council Meeting #1

Monday, September 16th, 2024



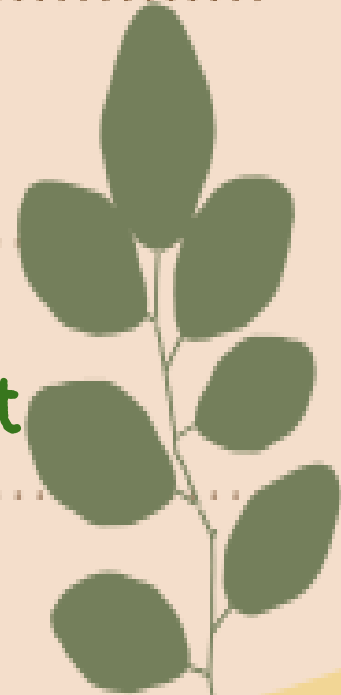


**Dr. Anoosh Sharif**



# Agenda


1. Welcome and Introductions
2. USAC Greetings
3. Guidance update
4. School Council Overview and Election
5. Administration Update -  
Enrolment and Timetables, Plant  
and Facility (parking), Start-Up  
Packages, and SAC Fees





# USAC Updates

Aditya Manyal and  
Evelyn Wong



# Unionville High School Welcome and Introductions



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**Ms. Susie  
Nunes  
Principal**



**Ms. Catherine  
Clarke  
VP**



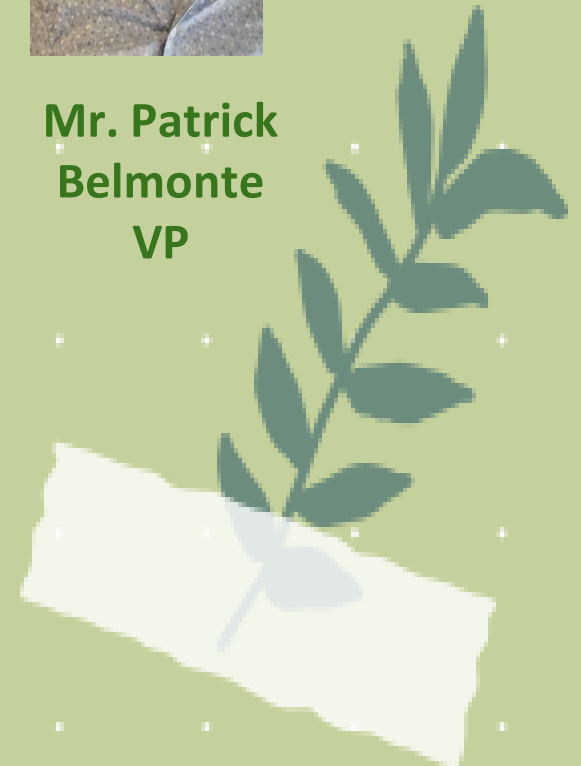
**Mr.  
Raymond  
Luong  
VP**



**Mr. Patrick  
Belmonte  
VP**



**Ms. Effie Kyriopoulos  
School Office  
Administrative  
Assistant**





**UHS**

**GUIDANCE**

2024-2025



# UHS Guidance Team

Guidance appointments may be booked via  
TeachAssist beginning in October!

**Ms. Sukdeo**  
A - F



**Mr. Tam**  
W, Y - Z



**Ms. Simtikidis**  
Guidance  
Secretary



**Ms. Wu**  
G - J

**Ms. Riolo**  
(Subject Head)  
K - Mac



**Mr. Rafik**  
Mad - V, X







# 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>

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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: **npegu46**

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

Join code: **kr2y3kr**

# 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.

## 2024 Ontario Universities' Fair (In-person Event)

October 5 and 6, 2024 from 9:30am to 5pm ET (daily)

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building

## 2024 Ontario College Information Fair (In-Person Event)

October 16, 2024 from 5pm to 9pm

October 17, 2024 from 9am to 2pm

## Study and Go Abroad

\*\*Registration required\*\*

Toronto (Metro Toronto Convention Centre): October 20, 2024

## US College Expo

TBA

## Post-Secondary Information Fair

Bill Crothers S.S. 6:30pm to 8:30pm



## 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.

# School Council: Purpose and Responsibilities





# School Council 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 4

- first day of school

## Monday, September 9

- nomination forms were emailed as part of the StartUp package

## Friday, September 20

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

# Elections Process

## Monday, September 23

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

## Friday, September 27

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

## Wednesday, October 2

- successful candidates will be contacted on or before this date

## Friday, October 4

- School Council 2024-2025 Executive will be published in the Parent Bulletin



# Administration Updates



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HIGH SCHOOL

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EDUCATION ON RENF  
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# Enrolment: 2024-2025 School Year

- Enrolment
- Student Timetables
- Closed to transfers and capped for 2024-2025 school year

# Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

- PA Day - Friday, September 27 (No Classes)
- Grade 9 Camp Day - Wednesday, September 25 - Green Acres Leadership Centre
- Safety Week - week of September 23
- Safe School Presentations:
  - (Gr.9/10), Monday, September 23
  - (Gr.11/12), Tuesday, September 24
- Terry Fox Run/Walk Fundraiser - Tuesday, October 1

# Important Dates & Upcoming Events:

- Awards Breakfast - TBD
- Interim Report Card eDistribution (via GAPPS): October 15/16
- Parent Teacher Interviews:  
Thursday, October 24 - 6:30-8:30pm  
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 Cafeteria Services are open
- 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

# SAC Fees

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.schoolcashionline.com/>.



# Upcoming School Council Meetings

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

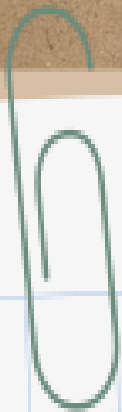
Monday, November 25, 2024

Monday, January 20, 2025

Monday, February 24, 2025

Monday, April 28, 2025





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