



**School Council
Meeting #1
September 29, 2020**



Unionville High School

Welcome and Introductions

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Agenda
3. Hot topics
4. School Council Overview and Elections

5. Principal Updates
 - STEM
 - Health and Safety
 - Staffing numbers
 - Secondary Virtual School or SVS
 - Cohorts and Study Hall
 - Synchronous expectations
6. Guidance appointments

7. Mental Health Resources

Hot Topics

Let's Find Out Why You Are Here....

★ Hot Topics

- please use the **chat feature** to list any burning issues/questions you would like us to address in future meetings
- **parent-centric perspective**
- Dr Debbie Pushor
 - Professor, Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan
 - parent knowledge, parent engagement and leadership
 - walking alongside

Old vs Revised Agenda

Old Agenda
Principal Driven



Revised Agenda
Parents Driven

School Council: Purpose and Responsibilities





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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;



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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;



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Principal Responsibilities

- **Principals are responsible for:**

- be a member of the school council;
- attend all school council meetings (vice-principal may be designates);
- ensuring that a school council is established that represents the school community;
- communicating and collaborating with school councils;
- actively seeking representation;
- 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;



Principal Responsibilities continued...

Principals are responsible for:

- 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

1. Chair or Co-chair

- a. organizing meetings and consulting with P*
- b. meeting agenda and minutes are accessible*
- c. parents are consulted on school issues*

2. Secretary

- a. summarize each discussion and record decisions or recommendations made by Council*

3. Treasurer

1. Community Members - Arts/STEM representatives

- 1. Other - Staff representative, Student representative*



Elections Process

When are elections?

- first 30 calendar days of the school year;

Monday, Sept 14

- first day of school

Friday, Sept 25

- nomination forms provided via Parent Bulletin + week before as part of Startup package

Friday Oct 2

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



Elections Process

Monday, Oct 5

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

Friday, Oct 9

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

Wednesday, Oct 14

- successful candidates will be contacted on or before this date

Friday, Oct 16

- School Council 2020-2021 Executive will be published in Parent Bulletin

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Principal Updates

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STEM

STEM Presentation



Health and Safety - photos and protocols

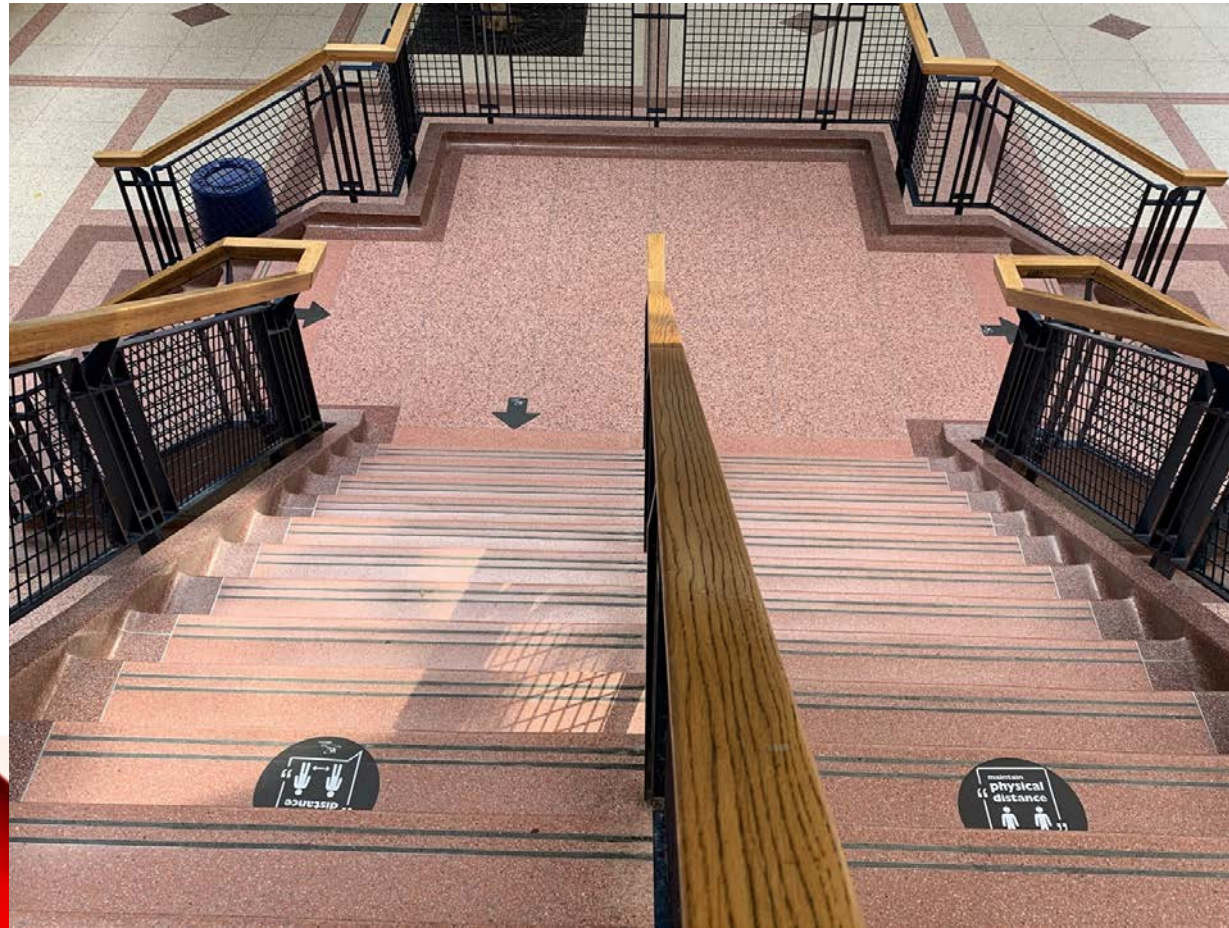
School Entry & Main Office



Movement in Hallways



Atrium Staircases





Staffing Updates

- 1585 Students part of UHS this year, 1187 students physically in the building, approximately 400 UHS students in virtual school this semester
- Student timetables are complete for 1st semester; guidance will begin working on 2nd semester
- We are looking ahead at course offerings for next year in order to eliminate issues
- **New Teachers:**
 - Ms. Laura Fong (ESL)
 - Ms. Maria Melecio (English)
 - Ms. Francesca Ninichuk (Math)
 - Mr. Michael Cowing (Engineering Technology)
 - Mr. Peter Manners (Family Studies and Special Education)

Secondary Virtual School

Please connect via e-mail or call (905) 900-1163 / (647) 749-4328,
extension:

Maria Maiato, Principal of Secondary Virtual School
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Cohorts & Study Hall

Cohorts:

- Students are now in their 2nd in-person rotation
- This means they are in person for their period 2 classes, every other day
- Afternoon classes are period 1, 3, and 4 classes
- [Here is a handy link](#) for students to see all the cohorts and rotations

Study Hall:

- The purpose of Study Hall is to provide a space for students who do not have consistent access to broadband Wi-Fi at home and are in school that day for their in-person morning class.
- Students who need to stay work on afternoon online courses while being supervised by a staff member.
- Students must **sign up in advance** so that a seating plan and attendance can be created. We must track this information for contact tracing purposes.
- We have begun our afternoon study hall; we have had an average of 5 - 12 students each day

Synchronous Learning

- 2 Board platforms - Google Classroom and Brightspace (D2L)
- 2 synchronous learning tools - Google Meet and Zoom

What are the minimum requirements for synchronous learning?

- adaptive model - 40/50 minute afternoon period
- virtual model - 60/75 minute period
- 10 or 15 minutes per model can be structured as independent period for student entry/exit

What does a synchronous lesson look like?

- video incorporated e.g. minds-on or a consolidation of a period
- non-video portion - teacher monitoring small group/independent task
- videos can be recorded - no student photos or names will be recorded

Guidance



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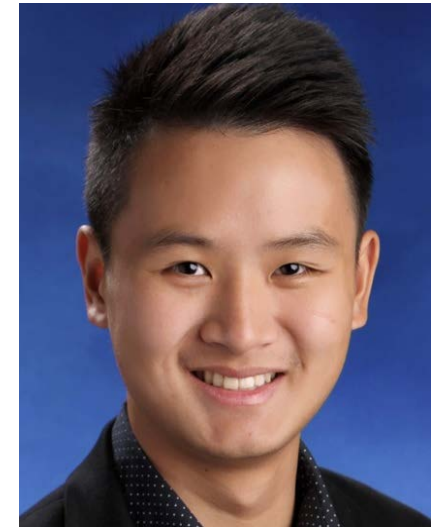
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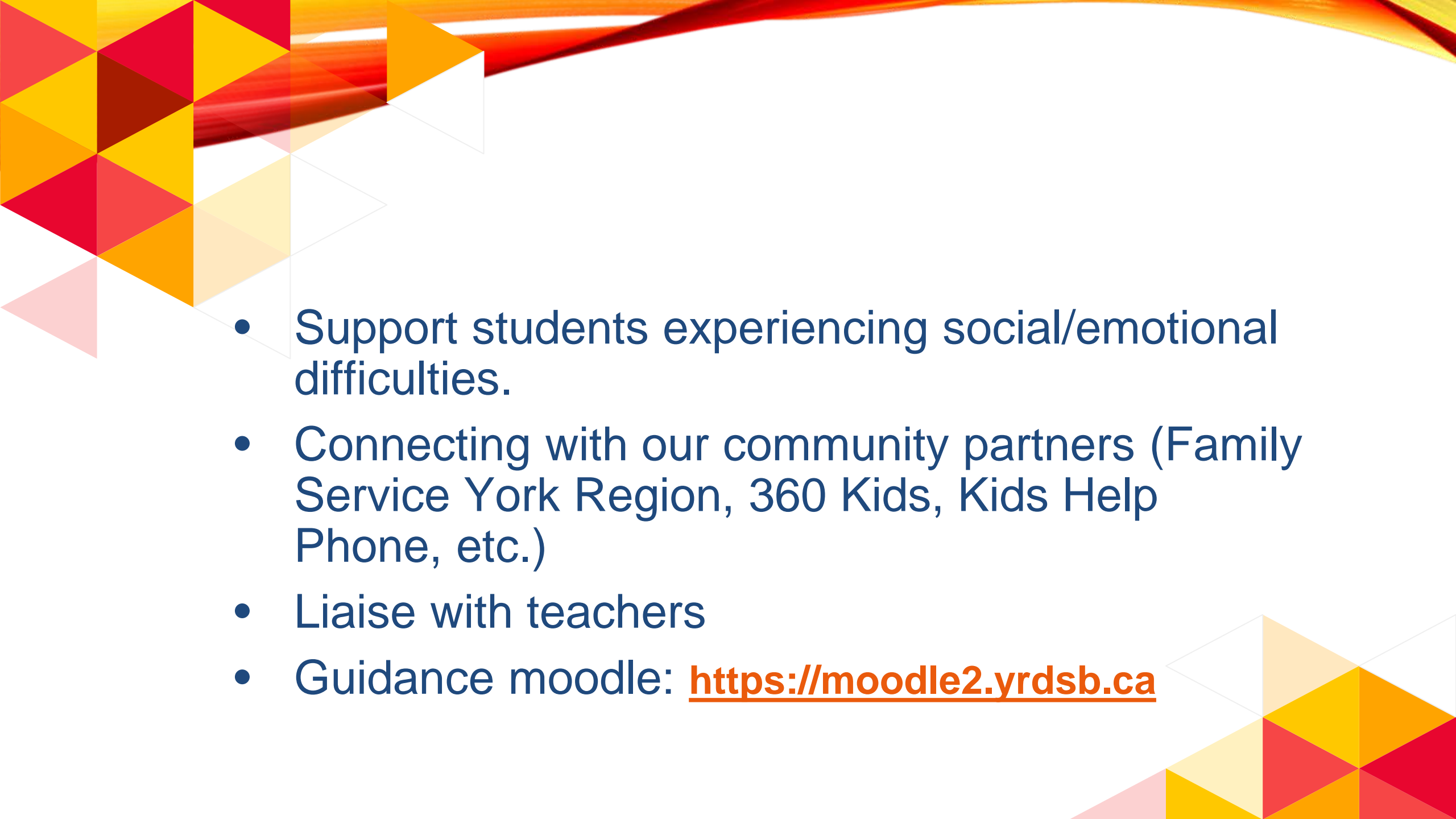
Wu-Z

Period 4,5



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

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- Support students experiencing social/emotional difficulties.
 - Connecting with our community partners (Family Service York Region, 360 Kids, Kids Help Phone, etc.)
 - Liaise with teachers
 - Guidance moodle: <https://moodle2.yrdsb.ca>

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.

Community involvement opportunities can be completed in person and virtually.

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 of the complete form and sending it to the student's alpha counsellor:

Ms. Farwell (A - Hou): michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Riolo (Hu - Ma): rita.riolo@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Hawkins (Mc - Wr): Stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca

Mr. Tam (Wu - Z): jonathan.tam@yrdsb.ca

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, students are encouraged to join the google classroom Code: **gsrz264**

Additional information can be found here: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Guidance/CommunityInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

Booking Guidance Appointments

Guidance counsellors will not be seeing students in person, however students and parent/guardians can still speak to a counsellor by booking an appointment with the student's alpha counsellor through Teach Assist (<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/>).

Once the appointment is booked, please email the counsellor indicating whether the student would prefer a phone appointment (provide a phone number where the student can be reached) or a google meet appointment (the counsellor will email the google meet code prior to the appointment).

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Parents/guardians can also contact Ms. Simtikidis, the Guidance secretary if they are having any difficulty with appointment bookings or have general questions. Ms. Simtikidis: Nellie.simtikidis@yrdsb.ca

Appointment bookings will begin in October.

Grad and Scholarship Info

Grade 12 potential grads have been asked to join the Grad Google classroom. Information regarding graduation information, post-secondary programs, scholarships/bursaries and much much more will be posted here.

Classroom code: **fdae3qe**

Students are also encouraged to continually check the Guidance Moodle as scholarship information and due dates are updated as they become available. Please visit: <https://moodle2.yrdsb.ca/login/index.php>

Search: UHS Guidance

Username: UHS student number

Password: UHS login

Loran Awards

<https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/>

October 2nd by 3pm - submit to Guidance for consideration for school nomination (see application on Guidance Moodle and grad google classroom)

Oct 22nd by 8pm - Direct Pool Application due

University of Toronto Book Award

October 2nd - Due to Guidance by 3pm (application on Guidance Moodle and grad google classroom)

Upcoming events

At School:

- Virtual Guidance visits via Google meet with ESL Classes
- Post-Secondary Application Presentation
 - Students enrolled in **Secondary Virtual School Students (SVS)** are asked to join the google meet on Thursday October 1st from 11:40pm-12:30pm.
 - Students enrolled in the **Adaptive model (UHS)** are asked to join the google meet on Friday October 2nd from 11:30am to 12:30pm.
 - Google meet info will be posted to the grad google classroom on the day of the event
- Scholarship Presentation (Gr. 12's)(DATE: October 8th. Format is the same as Post-Secondary Application Presentation)

Outside of school:

- 2020 Ontario Universities' Fair – Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Visit <https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/> to connect with and learn about Ontario Universities
- 2020 Ontario College Information Fair (VIRTUAL) – This year's fair is virtual! More details to come. <https://ontariocollegefair.ca/>



Special Education and ESL

Melissa Caufield: Head of Special Education

Laura Fung & Don Pan: ESL Teachers

Special Ed Resource Room ext 218

Special Ed Classroom ext 216

Student Success

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The Student Success Team is made up of our administrators, guidance head, special ed head, ESL head, literacy teacher, and our Student Success staff. We meet bi-weekly to discuss and plan ways to support referred students.

- If a teacher has a concern about a student, he or she should begin by connecting with the student's alpha guidance counsellor.
- A referral maybe made to the Student Success Team by the counsellor or admin.
- We will connect directly with subject teachers to support referred students.



Links to Mental Health Resources 2020-2021

Please click on the link below to access additional Mental Health Resources:

[Mental Health Resources 2020-2021](#)



201 Town Centre Boulevard
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Community Contacts

**24 hour Crisis Services York Region
Police-Fire-Ambulance**

911

Markham Stouffville Hospital	905.472.7000
Kids Help Phone	1.800.668.6868
Poison Control	1.800.268.9017
Community Crisis	310.COPE (2673)

Community Services

Canadian Mental Health Association—York Region
cmha-yr.on.ca; 905.841.3977

Addiction Services for York Region
asyr.ca; 905.841-7007

Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line
youthline.ca; 1-888-687-9688

York Region Sexual Health Clinic
AccessYork@york.ca; 1-800-361-5653

Family Services—York Region
fsyr.ca; 905-415-9719

York Region Children's Aid Society
yorkcas.org; 905.895.2318

Bereaved Families of Ontario—York Region
bfoyr.com; 905-898-6265

York Region Abuse Program
centralhealthline.ca; 905.895.3646

Information Markham and Volunteer Centre
volunteermarkham.ca; 905.415.7500



School Council Meeting Dates

Monday, September 29, 2020

Monday, October 26, 2020

Monday, November 30, 2020

Monday, January 25, 2020

Monday, February 22, 2020

Monday, April 26, 2020



Questions?