

UFA News Flash – March 13, 2020

Important Information for the Week of March 23 – April 3

Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20 - March Break

- The UFA Faculty and Staff wishes our parents/guardians and students a wonderful March break!

Monday, March 23 – Friday, April 3 - School Closure

- Ministerial closure of all TDSB Schools to contain and isolate novel coronavirus – COVID 19

Noteworthy Cancelled Events:

March 24 - School Council Meeting

March 25 - FAA's Flapjack Fananza

March 26 - Student Council and Grade 12 Graduation Assembly

March 30 - School Support Team Meeting

March 31 - OSSLT (Literacy Test)

April 2 - Parent-Teacher Interviews

Other Important Information

The Ursula Franklin Academy Chess Team - Submitted by Josh F.



I want to congratulate the UFA chess team for its outstanding performance this year, placing fourth in the Province! The UFA chess team was composed of nine individuals: Joshua F., Jian R., Oscar H., Eric Z., Pio N., Christine S., Alexander K., Saumia K., and Julian C. The team proved itself by winning many competitive games against several other school teams. One of their biggest



accomplishments was beating the number one team in Toronto, the UTS A Chess Team, who have gone undefeated for many years. During the regular season, the chess team placed fourth in the City just a single point behind the third-place team. The team was then selected to compete at the Ontario Chess Championships on Tuesday, March 3, where they competed against some of the top teams in the province and managed to place fourth among the eight teams in their division. They also attribute some of their success to the dedication of their teacher supervisor, Yevgeny Yablonovsky.



Student Council

On Tuesday evening, the Student Council hosted the Semi-Formal Dance at our school. While it was our first time holding the dance in our gymnasium, students were amazed to see the space transformed! Two hundred (200) students from all grades filled the dance floor, posed for pictures in our photo booth, and had their fill of pizza and snacks. It was lovely to see everyone dressed up and celebrating "UFA style" by singing along to their favourite songs and dancing together in big groups.

A very special thank you to all 22 members of the Student Council who worked diligently to put together such a successful and special night. It was so well organized! Finally, a big thank you to the teachers, caretakers and admin who gave up their evening to support this event.



Wednesday Enrichment Program

Interested in Environmental Science? Sign up for UEEE@Humber

For the fifth year in a row, UFA is running a Wednesday Enrichment Program "intensive" – the Urban Ecology Education Experience at Humber Arboretum (UEEE@Humber, for short). This is a four-day, all-day course that will be taught by Michael Naumoff, an educator at the Humber Arboretum Centre for Urban Ecology, and one or two of his colleagues. Ali Callegarini, the sponsoring teacher, will accompany the students to and from the location and be present at all times during the course. The course enrolment is capped at 15 to optimize students' learning.

Topics to Include:

- Various Aspects of the Ecosystem & Observation of the Changes as Spring Unfolds
- Watershed Awareness
- Bird Identification
- Tree Identification & Measurement
- Native vs. Invasive Species
- Different Soil Types
- Habitat Enhancement & Restoration
- Importance of Urban Green Spaces
- Biotic and Abiotic Water Quality
- Aquatic Invertebrate Identification
- Engineered Shorelines
- Climate Change Causes

- GPS, Mapping & Compass Use
- Wilderness Survival
- Careers in the Environmental Sector

Activities Will/May Include:

- Team-Building Games
- Nature's Balance Game
- Expanded Recycling Relay
- Using a GPS Unit for Mapping
- Building a Survival Shelter
- Identifying Different Tree Species
- Bird Watching Using Binoculars
- Planting Trees &/or Aquatic Plants
- Identifying & Removing Invasive Plants
- Water Quality Sampling
- Hiking
- Survival Skills:
 - How to Start a Fire
 - How to Make Useful Knots
 - How to Make an Emergency Shelter
- Scavenger Hunt on Last Day!

This experience is offered during Unit 6, and a display to inform students about the course will be mounted at lunch on the second floor on Tuesday, March 24th. Students will be able, we hope, to meet one of the Humber Arboretum teachers and to pick up field trip permission forms at that time, or in the Guidance Office from Ali Callegarini at other times. The cost for the course is \$45.00 (financial assistance available). At the end of the course, students who have attended all four days will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation in the twenty-hour course.

For more information, please contact Ali Callegarini at 416-393-0430, ext. 20136.

Prom Committee:

Prom Night Details:

- Prom Date: June 18th, 2020, doors open at 6:30
- Location: Palais Royale, 1601 Lake Shore Blvd W, 10 minute drive from UFA
- Theme: this year's theme is 'Starry Night' as voted on by the grade 12 class

Ticket Sales:

- ~~— Early Bird: \$95 from February 18th – 28th~~
- Regular: \$105 from March 2nd - April 9th
- Last-Minute: \$115 from April 14th - May 1st
- There is a payment plan available in which students can pay a \$60 deposit and then pay in installments until the ticket is paid off. The total price of the ticket is dependent on which time frame you finish the payment within. If your last instalment is paid during the 'last-minute' time frame, the 'last-minute' price will be the cost of the ticket. This is available to all students.

- Tickets will be sold outside of the parent forum!

Plus-Ones:

- Students are permitted to bring a plus one to prom! If they are a high school student, forms may be picked up for them and their school's VP to sign. If the plus one is not a high school student, a meeting with them and Barbara will be arranged so contact the Prom Committee if that is something you'll be looking to schedule.

Fundraisers:

- Bake Sale: Prom committee's bake sale during the Clubs Fair in the fall was a huge success so a big thank you to everyone that baked and all those who bought some yummy goods!
- Grad Sweaters: We're super excited that everyone is enjoying their new grad sweaters and we're also super thankful that so many grade 12s supported this fundraiser.
- Bake Sale and Samosa Sale: We will be having a bake sale and samosa sale so bring your change! Date TBD.
- UFA Mugs Sale: On April 17th, during the Grad breakfast, students will have the opportunity to purchase a limited edition UFA mug for \$10
- More to come... stay tuned!

Communication:

- If you have any questions regarding any prom related events or details please don't hesitate to reach out to any members of the committee at their TDSB student email accounts:
 - Allie S.
 - Sabina G.
 - Ellary H.
 - Kate M.
- Also for students, we will continue to post updates regularly on our Instagram page @ufaprom2020

Have a Great Three Weeks! Keep washing your hands.

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