

**UFA News Flash – November 22, 2019**  
**Important Information for the Week of**  
**November 25 – November 30**

**Monday, November 25**

- Provincial Report Cards Distributed – End of the School Day

**Tuesday, November 26**

- School Advisory Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Library (All are welcome!)

**Wednesday, November 27**

- Online Parent-Teacher Bookings Open at 6:00 a.m.
- Admission Assessment @ 4:00 p.m. (Thank you parent & student volunteers!)

**Friday, November 29**

- Grub Day

**Saturday, November 30**

- Admission Assessment @ 10:00 a.m. (Thank you parent & student volunteers!)

**Other Important Information**

**Report Cards**

Report Cards will be distributed in home room on Monday, November 25 at the END of the school day. Check your child's backpack!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Thursday, December 5, 2019 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

All parents must sign up for an online account in order to book appointments with teachers for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents are encouraged to do this sooner than later in order to be ready to book time-slots once the interview booking aspect of the site is “opened” on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m.

***Instructions:***

**Open now to set-up accounts!**

Go to: [www.ufacademy.org](http://www.ufacademy.org) > Parents > Parent Teacher Conferences > New Account

Or: <http://parentteacher.ufacademy.org/general/login>

**Booking Appointments**

The site opens @ 6:00 am on November 27 to book appointments. You will need your child's report card to know the surname of their teachers.

In the fall the length for each appointment is 5 minutes. Our teachers typically teach 180 students each. As such it is not possible for teachers to meet with every parent. The 5 minutes allows for a face-to-face opportunity to hear how your child is performing in class, and for the teacher to share strategies for

improvement as required. Given the limited time for interviews, parents are asked to prioritize appointments to those courses in which your child is struggling.

## Model UN Update



In early November, the UFA Model UN club went to their first conference of the year, SSICsim. Hosted at UofT, the team got to partake in rigorous debate and navigated their way through various crises. From planning the future of Formula 1, reshaping history through the German Unification and even solving the mysterious death of Christopher Wallace (a.k.a. Biggie Smalls), the team took on everything thrown their way and presented their unique solutions. We were able to secure 11 awards, but most importantly, everyone learned valuable skills and had an amazing time! Congratulations delegates!

## Holiday Gift Drive (Youth for Youth Club)

Did you know that around  $\frac{1}{4}$  of all kids and  $\frac{1}{5}^{\text{th}}$  of all adults in Toronto live in poverty, and there are over 8700 homeless people in our city? This year, UFA's Youth For Youth group is trying to help our

school do its part. Youth for Youth has partnered with Holiday Helpers ([www.holidayhelpers.org](http://www.holidayhelpers.org)), an organization that collects gifts and essentials to give to low income families over the holidays. We have asked that each homeroom class picks a way of helping out from the list of suggestions that we've given out to all homeroom teachers. Most classes will be asking each student to donate a loonie, toonie, or other agreed-upon amount to purchase a gift for a tween or teen. We will also be collecting brand-new care and hygiene items (full or sample sizes) such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, etc. Holiday Helpers only collects **new** items as gifts, so no used clothing or other previously-used items will be collected in this drive. The drive will end on December 5<sup>th</sup>, and the class deemed the most helpful will receive **early sign-up for Unit 4 Wednesday sessions!**

## DECA News

While most students were off last Friday, November 15th, enjoying some down time on their PD Day, 41 students got up early, dressed in business attire and went to Cedarbrae Collegiate to compete in DECA's Toronto region business competition. All the students worked really hard to prepare: practicing cases and studying for their exam. We are extremely proud of everybody that competed. We would like to recognize the following students for coming in top 20 and making it to the next round of competition:

Samuel C	Nicole A	Jerome C	Alex D	Alexandra F
Sabina G	Samanth P	Kanya S	Melanie S	Owen T

Krisitna L (also won a ribbon for scoring top 10 on her exam)  
Julia M (also won a medal for coming in top 10 for her case study)  
Heala A (also won a ribbon for scoring top 10 on her exam)  
Gwen B (also won a medal for coming in top 10 for her case study)  
Amanda F (also won a ribbon for coming in top 10 overall) Steven N  
Ella P (also won a ribbon for coming in top 10 overall)

David

Have a great week!