

UFA News Flash – November 15, 2019
Important Information for the Week of
November 18 – November 22

Tuesday November 19

- Staff Meeting schedule
- Early Dismissal @ 2:33 pm

Wednesday November 20

- Waterloo Intermediate/Senior Mathematics Contest – GOOD LUCK!
- On Wednesday, 42 UFA students from grades 9 to 12 will be writing the Canadian Intermediate and Senior Math contests. These full-solution contests, run by the University of Waterloo, provide an opportunity for students to challenge their problem-solving skills in preparation for the main round of contests in February and April. Interested students should look out for the registration details in the new year. Good luck to our Mathletes on Wednesday!

Other Important Information

Report Cards – November 25th

Report Cards will be distributed in home room on Monday, November 25th. Check your child's backpack!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Booking Appointments: Site opens November 27th (Instructions below)

Interviews: 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 27th at 6:00 a.m.

Instructions:

Open now to set-up accounts!

Go to: 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 Wednesday, November 27th 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.

School Advisory Council Meeting – Nov 26th

Advance notice – 7:00 p.m. in the Library on Tuesday, Nov 26th. All welcome.

Climate Change Walkout – Nov 29th

It would appear that the success of the September Climate Change Rally at Queen’s Park has encouraged the students to organize a second Rally/Walkout on November 29th. As before – this is not a sanctioned TDSB event – however as before – and I quote: “ At the TDSB, we honour student voice and we are committed to ensuring students can express themselves individually and collectively in ways that are constructive, respectful and responsible”.

As with the September rally:

1. This is not a sanctioned event – students who wish to attend the rally and want the attendance register to reflect their absence as Excused will require parental permission if they under the age of 18. A written note or email to the school will be required.
2. Safety is a top priority – please take the time to explore the issue with your child and talk about “Safe Practices” if they intend to participate in the walkout/rally.
3. To support the initiative, at the school level – staff will be asked not to schedule any assessments and/or begin a new topic on that day. Staff will available in their classroom to review and/or provide extra help for the students that choose not to participate.

Grub Day (Advance Notice) – Nov 29th

Have a great weekend!

David