

## DATES AT A GLANCE

May 1	Deadline accept OCAS
May 3	Mid-term Reports e-distributed
May 5	P.A. Day - No Classes
May 12	Full Disclosure
May 22	Victoria Day - No School
May 23	School Council Event Mental Health & Resilience
May 29	School Immunization
June 8	Prom
June 14 & 15	EQAO - Math
June 26	Graduation
June 30	P.A. Day No Classes

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

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## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Our journey towards ReconciliACTION started several years ago at ECSS. In the Fall of 2022, the decorative "totem pole installation" was removed from our main foyer. In the months that followed, a team at our school have been doing the background research and work to have a new artwork installed safely in its place.

On Wednesday, May 03, 2023, our Cafeteria will be transformed into an art studio for our Big Picture Event @ ECSS! We will be working with a team from Eventology to create "pieces" of "The Big Picture" on a canvas that all ECSS staff and students will be able to paint. Ultimately, the many canvases will join together to create a "Big Picture".

Below is our modified schedule for Wednesday, May 03, 2023:

Homeroom and Announcements	8:00 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.
Period 01	8:05 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Travel Time	9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.
Period 02	9:35 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
<b>** LUNCH Period 03</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (45 minutes) **</b>
Period 04	11:45 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.
Travel Time	1:10 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Period 05	1:15 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

## YOUTH GALLERY LAUNCH - TUESDAY, MAY 02, 2023 @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

[Vaughan Public Libraries](#) would like to cordially invite you and your families to the [Youth Gallery Launch](#) at [Pierre Berton Resource Library](#), VPL's official opening of our beautiful teen art gallery, featuring the stunning artistic creations of students from [Emily Carr Secondary School](#).

This family-friendly evening will feature live music from the E.C.S.S. jazz band, guided tours, and mixed media art creation stations. Instructors from [McMichael CAC](#) will be hosting an oil and chalk pastel art competition with prizes. Please feel free to share this invitation!



## FEARLESSLY BLACK: RACIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

*Learn how to manage racial incidents and encounters without fear!*

The Centre for Black Student Excellence (CBSE) invites Black YRDSB students accompanied by their parents/guardians to attend a Black Excellence Program Master Class with a special guest, Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, Professor of Africana Studies and Director of the Racial Empowerment Collaborative at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Stevenson's racial literacy work offers Black



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**HELPFUL LINKS:**

[ECSS Calendar](#)

[ECSS Website](#)

[YRDSB Website](#)

[ECSS Twitter](#)

[ECSS Instagram](#)

[York Region Public Health](#)

[Tips For Speaking With Your](#)

[Child - COVID-19](#)

[Mental Health Supports](#)

[School Mental Health](#)

[Ontario](#)

families effective strategies to address anti-Black racism when it occurs. His approach to resolving racial stress offers healthy and viable ways to support the mental health and well-being of those impacted by anti-Black racism, while increasing their awareness and agency. ***Student registrants MUST attend this workshop with a parent, guardian or caring adult.***

This event is **FREE** and includes a light meal (assorted sandwich wraps, salads, and dessert)

**Time:** 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. / (The Racial Literacy Workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m.)

**Location:** The Venu Event Space (2800 Hwy 7, Woodbridge)

**Registration:** [Google Form](#) (Spaces are limited)

**NEW: YEARBOOK GRAD QUOTES - DUE FRIDAY, MAY 05, 2023**

Your Yearbook Grad Quotes Google Form is now available! Please complete the hyperlinked [Google Form](#) for your Yearbook Grad Quote. It will be featured beside your Grad Portrait.

Carefully read each question as there are guidelines that need to be followed. Consider using something inspirational. A reminder, that any inappropriate language and/or inside jokes/references will be removed. "REACH FOR THE STARS" will be used in its place.

This information has also been updated on ECSS Grad Information PDF below, added to the Potential Grad Google Classroom and emailed to student YRDSB gapps account.

Thank you and Congratulations Graduates!!

**YEARBOOK - 2022-2023**

Don't miss out!! Be sure to get your yearbook before it's too late. To purchase, use [School Cash Online](#). **DEADLINE - April 28, 2023.**

**GRADE 12s - GRADUATION PACKAGE 2023 - GOWN, CAP & TICKETS - ACTION REQUIRED**

Our Graduation ceremony will be taking place at The Embassy Grand Convention Centre on June 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. If you are graduating, you can now purchase your Graduation Package.

The Graduation Package (\$75.00) is available for purchase on School Cash Online. Please purchase your package by April 28, 2023. This will ensure that Graduation gowns and caps arrive on time.

ECSS Graduation Package - \$75.00 fee includes:

- Graduation Cap & Gown ( Tassel and V-Stole included)
- 2 Guest Tickets - ***Guest tickets will be required at the venue entrance*** (not required for graduating student).
- Cost of: Venue, Décor, and Refreshments

You may verify your purchase of the Graduation Package through School Cash Online - item history.

ADDITIONAL GUEST TICKETS **MAY** become available to purchase. This will be confirmed at a later date after **ALL** graduates have purchased their graduation package.



## PROM 2023

This year's Prom will take place on June 8th 2023 at the Terrace Banquet Centre. In order for grade 12 students to attend, the **attached** permission forms must be filled out and returned to the dropbox on the Google Classroom by **May 5th**. Any student under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign their permission form. If a student is 18, they can Sign for themselves.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMELINES FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

We are very excited to be celebrating with the **Class of 2023!**

The ECSS staff are working very hard to organize some of our traditional events to celebrate our Grade 12 students. Below you will find a "one-stop shop" document for our Grade 12 students and parents/guardians. Please keep this information until the end of our school year as a reference. If there are any updates, we will post them in the Potential Grad Google Classroom and in our ECSS Family e-bulletin.

Reminder that all Grade 12s should be in the **2022/2023 ECSS Potential Graduates Classroom (Code: a7xhtpm)** to receive important information, updates and announcements. Below is a table with important dates to be aware of and some information regarding each item. For some items, more detailed information will be shared closer to the date of the respective item.

## EVERY STUDENT COUNTS

On Tuesday, April 24th students from grade 9 to 12 will be participating in the Every Student Counts Survey in their homeroom classes. The purpose of this survey is to gather student and family input. We anticipate the survey taking approximately 20 minutes to complete. For more information please visit the link above.

## GRADUATION AWARDS

Nominations for Graduations Awards are NOW OPEN. Potential Graduates can access the information in their Potential Graduate Google Classroom under the section called "Graduation Awards 2023". The deadline for students to apply is by 3:00 pm on Friday, April 28th.

## POTENTIAL GRADUATES: OCAS APPLICANTS

College applicants must confirm their acceptance offer of admission by May 1, 2023. Students must log into their [ontariocolleges.ca](https://ontariocolleges.ca) account to confirm their offer. Colleges may extend offers for admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers after May 1st, and this deadline will be communicated with the offer. Please note that accepting this offer does not impact an OUAC offer.

## STUDENTS WORKING ALL TOGETHER (SWAT) TEAM: MENTOR APPLICATIONS

SWAT Mentor applications for 2023/2024 are now open for students to apply and close on Monday, May 1st at 3:00 pm. The details and Google form have been shared with grade 10 and grade 11 students in their Grade Google Classrooms. Students can also pop by the Guidance Office should they have questions.



## YRDSB SUMMER SCHOOL CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Registration is now open via myBlueprint/My Pathway Planner. Instructions and next steps have been shared with students via their Grade Google Classrooms. Sign-off Summer School Registration forms, along with Course Substitution forms, if necessary, are due to the Guidance Office or by email to Ms Sosa at [daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca](mailto:daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca) no later than Friday, April 21st.

## SEMESTER 2 CULMINATING TASK/EXAM DAYS

During the Culminating Task/Exam days, June 19-27, 2023 students may be participating in Culminating Tasks and/or Exams. Culminating activities may include, but are not limited to presentations, performances, demonstrations, portfolios, conversations and conferencing, etc. Each class is unique and teachers will create schedules, based on the dates noted, that best support student achievement. This may or may not include specific activities during the exam period. Teachers will communicate expectations for culminating/exam days directly with students and families. **More details will be provided at a later date.**

*Please note and review dates & times below:*

- Students participating in culminating activities and/or credit salvaging may be asked to meet with their teacher at any point during the school day, even if it is outside of their regular class time.
- Students in Community Classes attend classes, as usual, during the culminating/exam period.

Culminating Task/Exam Days - ALL exams start at 8:30 a.m.	
Monday, June 19, 2023	<b>Gr. 12s ONLY</b> - Exams/Culminating - <b>Period 04 Classes</b> <b>Grades 09 - 11</b> - regular class/schedule
Tuesday, June 20, 2023	<b>Gr. 12s ONLY</b> - Exams/Culminating - <b>Period 05 Classes</b> <b>Grades 09 - 11</b> - regular class/schedule
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	<b>ALL Grades</b> - Exams/Culminating - <b>Period 01</b>
Thursday, June 22, 2023	<b>ALL Grades</b> - Exams/Culminating - <b>Period 02</b>
Friday, June 23, 2023	<b>Grades 09 - 11</b> - Exams/Culminating - <b>Period 04</b>
Monday, June 26, 2023	<b>Grades 09 - 11</b> - Exams/Culminating - <b>Period 05</b>
Thursday, June 29, 2023	<b>ALL Grades</b> - Mark Review Day <i>*revised schedule below</i>



## Mark Review Day

Mark Review Day, **June 29, 2023**, is an opportunity for staff and students to discuss their culminating tasks and review final marks. The schedule for the day is:

Period 01	8:00 - 8:35 a.m.
Announcements	8:35 - 8:40 a.m.
Period 02	8:45 - 9:20 a.m.
Period 04	9:25 - 10:00 a.m.
Period 05	10:05 - 10:40 a.m.
LUNCH	10:40 - 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon will be used for teachers to make appointments for individual consultation with students/parents as needed regarding credit salvaging where deemed acceptable, course selection consultation and/or support for the next level of study.

# Emily Carr SS presents SARA WESTBROOK



A teen's emotional state affects their performance at school, their relationships and their physical and mental well-being. Emotions can be hard to identify, to move through and hardest of all...to talk about.

## NURTURING YOUR TEEN'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

DATE: Tuesday May 23rd

TIME: 6:45 - 8:00 pm

In this presentation, parents and guardians will learn  
**3 Strategies** to help develop:



### Resilience and Emotional Well-Being

Using the **3 Strategies** with your tee will help them:

- Navigate emotions
- Decrease anxiety and stress
- Strengthen their confidence muscle
- Communicate with empathy, respect & kindness
- Master the skill of making character-based choices

*'Thank you for an incredible presentation!*

*You gave us a sense of honesty, understanding & connection.*

*As parents the journey can become rocky & doubtful at times wondering  
if we are doing a good job.'*

As seen and heard on



[www.sarawestbrook.com](http://www.sarawestbrook.com)



# Racial Literacy Workshop

## A Master Class for Black Families & Youth



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**Monday May 8, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**@ The Venu Event Space**

2800 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON

Families of YRDSB students who self-identify as Black are invited to gather together for a master class in racial literacy for resolving racial encounters with the internationally renowned psychologist and author, Dr. Howard Stevenson.

Come learn techniques to discuss how anti-Black racism functions in a way that empowers and protects the mental health of Black children by building important racial communication skills that helps reduce racial stress and increase agency.

Dinner is available at no cost. All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.



Dr Howard C. Stevenson

**BLACK  
EXCELLENCE**

5:00 p.m.	Doors open
5:15 - 5:30 p.m.	Dinner & mingle with community partners
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Interactive workshop



[Register here](#)

**Note: All YRDSB student participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult family member.**



# Navigating Secondary School and Beyond

## 2023 Summer Program

### Program overview

**The Come Up** summer program is a unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

**Students entering grade 9** will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC2O/CHV2O) credit.

**Students entering Grade 10** will earn a Black History (CHE3O) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

### Eligibility (must meet all criteria)

- Are you entering Grade 9 or 10 in September 2023?
- Do you self-identify as Black?
- Are you a YRDSB Student?
- Are you interested in earning a high school credit?

### Dates

#### July 5 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday)\*

\*Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the program.  
Please note: Lunch will only be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.**

**Choice of Tommy Douglas SS or Milliken Mills HS**

Registration opens April 11, 2023

**Register by May 26, 2023**





# Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

Is your child a YRDSB student?

Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?

Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?

Does your child self-identify as Black?

**Join us for a workshop series  
on navigating the secondary  
school system.**

## **Session # 1 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Understanding the Secondary System

(Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

## **Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.



For more information email: [TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca](mailto:TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca)



# YOUTH GALLERY LAUNCH

GUIDED TOURS • LIVE MUSIC  
ART CREATION

TUESDAY, MAY 2  
2023

6:00-8:00 pm

PIERRE BERTON RESOURCE LIBRARY  
4921 RUTHERFORD ROAD.  
WOODBIDGE, ON

All are welcome!



Vaughan  
Public Libraries

# Emily Carr Secondary School

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>Thursday, April 20</b>	<b>Community Involvement Hours DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email <a href="mailto:daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca">daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca</a> OR drop off to the Guidance Office</li> <li>Included in Post Secondary Institutions uploads</li> <li>40 hours - Ministry Requirement for Class of 2023</li> <li>can also earn a maximum of 10 hours for paid employment - must complete a reflection exercise through myBlueprint.ca OR in the Potential Graduate Google Classroom</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, April 27</b>	<b>Midterm Marks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uploaded to OCAS and OUAC</li> <li>Non-YRDSB school (i.e. private, YCDSB) must submit mark</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, April 28</b>	<b>Graduation Award Nominations DUE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email <a href="mailto:daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca">daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca</a> OR drop off to the Guidance Office</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, April 28</b>	<b>ECSS Graduation Package order DEADLINE - <a href="#">School Cash Online</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduation Gown, Cap &amp; Tassel, V-Stole &amp; 2 Guest Tickets</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, April 28</b>	<b>Yearbook</b> - last day to purchase
<b>Monday, May 01</b>	<b>College Offers - Acceptance DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check all college correspondence for important dates</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, May 05</b>	<b>Yearbook Grad Quote DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Google Form</a></li> <li>Consider something inspirational</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, May 05</b>	<b>Prom Ticket(s)</b> - last day to purchase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Prom Letter of Understanding" required</li> <li>If applicable, Guest Form must be completed and submitted</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, May 12</b>	<b>Full Disclosure/Mark Maintain Date</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you wish to drop a Grade 11 or 12 course and it does not appear on your transcript - must be done before May 12th</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 16</b>	<b>Grade 12 Graduation Assembly</b> - Period 02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal Graduation Invitation</li> <li>Graduation Information: Before, During &amp; After</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Valedictorian Process &amp; email to Grade 12s yrdsb gapps account</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	<b>ECSS Valedictorian Nomination, 2023 DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information provided at Graduation Assembly &amp; email to Gr. 12s</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, June 01</b>	<b>University Offers - Acceptance DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Check all university correspondence for important dates</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, June 02</b>	<b>Valedictorian Nominee Package (Google Form) DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information provided at Graduation Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, June 07</b>	<b>Valedictorian Teacher References (Google Form) DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information provided at Graduation Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, June 08</b>	<b>Prom - The Terrace Banquet Hall , 5:45p.m. - 9:45p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 13</b>	<b>Valedictorian VOTING DAY - Period 02</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information provided at Graduation Assembly &amp; email to Gr. 12s</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, June 13 - Wednesday, June 14</b>	<b>Graduation Package Pick-up - Room 101 @ Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gown, Cap &amp; Tassel, V-Stole, Guest Wristbands, Grad Composite</li> <li>● No extras at Graduation - keep in a safe place</li> <li>● All guests must wear their wristband in order to enter venue</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, June 16</b>	<b>Private School or non-YRDSB Final Marks DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submit original report card to Ms Sosa (Guidance Office)</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22</b>	<b>Grade 12 Exams - All exams start promptly at 8:30 a.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Detailed schedule with locations will be provided at a later date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monday June 19th - Period 4 Classes</li> <li>○ Tuesday, June 20th - Period 5 Classes</li> <li>○ Wednesday, June 21st - Period 1 Classes</li> <li>○ Thursday, June 22nd - Period 2 Classes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Monday, June 26</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Embassy Grand Convention Centre - 8800 The Gore Rd., Brampton</li> <li>● Graduates arrive at 5:45 p.m.</li> <li>● Ceremony begins promptly at 6:30p.m.</li> <li>● More information will be sent to Grade 12s yrdsb gapps accounts</li> </ul>
<b>July 01</b>	<b>YRDSB GAPPS Accounts Disabled - Grade 12s not returning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Before July 01st, more information regarding how to backup/save documents will be sent to Grade 12s yrdsb gapps account</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, July 04 - Thursday, July 06</b>	<b>Diploma/Transcript Pick Up - Main Office</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● borrowed materials i.e. textbooks, novels, musical instruments, electronics, etc. must be returned.</li> </ul>

Kind regards,  
Emily Carr Secondary School Graduation Committee





# Student Conference & Career Expo

May 24, 2023

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Sheraton Parkway North Conference Centre



If you are in Grade 12 and you are:

Graduating AND

Interested in Skilled Trades & Apprenticeship OR

Starting a Business OR

Interested in getting started in the workforce...

Join us!



**DANIEL  
LEWIS**

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

## AGENDA

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Opening Remarks
- 9:40 Keynote Speaker
- 10:00 Panel Discussion: Pathway Experiences
- 11:00 Employment Ontario Workshops
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12: 30 **Pathway & Career Expo Opens**
- 2;30 Conference closes



<https://youtu.be/LTVx-ZjDtFM>

**Speak to your Guidance, Co-op/ALEP, Technology or Student Success teacher on how to register for this exciting event!**





# KleinbUrg

## KLEAN-UP

Spring has sprung! Join your neighbours to  
help klean up in our Village.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

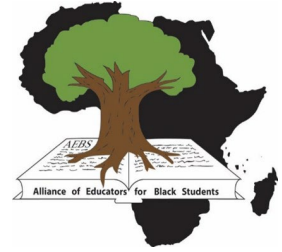
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Meet at the Kline House

Please RSVP using QR code by  
Thursday, April 20th, 2023 to  
participate.







## **AEBS 2023 Scholarships for Black Students Graduating from York Region District School Board High Schools**

AEBS invites Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for 2023 AEBS Scholarships.

Please note that the link below is for graduating students applying for scholarships. It is not the form to nominate Grades 4-12 students for recognition at the Annual Achievement Awards Ceremony.

Students should [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the 2023 scholarships and to apply. (Having problems accessing the information? Search using Google Chrome.) Students are required to sign into their YRDSB Google Accounts to access the application form.

**The deadline to apply is Monday, May 22nd, 2023 before 11:55 p.m.**

For further information contact:

Elaine Ricketts: [elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca](mailto:elaine.ricketts@yrdsb.ca)

Jaymyi Lesmond: [jaymyi.lesmond@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jaymyi.lesmond@yrdsb.ca)

Charlotte Reid: [charlottereid60@gmail.com](mailto:charlottereid60@gmail.com) or (416) 540-1005

# Preserving our Past Sikh Heritage Month

Please join us to commemorate our first Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with YRDSB. Our focus is on **Preserving our Past**. At this event, the Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity, and to build unity through community.

## **Exhibits:**

- Sikh Heritage Museum Display and Keynote Speaker
- Artifacts
- Artwork Exhibit by YRDSB Students
- Shabad Performance
- Gathkha Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

**Date:** April 29, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Woodbridge College, 71 Bruce St, Woodbridge

**[Registration Online by April 26](#)**

More Information, contact: [harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca](mailto:harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca) 905-884-2046 ext 268





# South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference

Grades 7 to 12

To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with [The South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective](#) invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our **2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference**.

Students will participate in a day of culturally responsive, identity affirming mentorship and learning in support of their agency, health and well-being. **SHSM students should note that this conference fulfills the Experiential Learning required for your SHSM certification!**

## When:

Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30am – 2:30 pm

## Where:

[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School](#)

90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham, ON L6C 2E6

## Registration:

Students are to register through this [Conference Google Form](#).

Students should also bring the completed [consent](#) for filming form to submit at the conference.

## Contact:

For more information, please contact:

[nusrat.sacranie@yrdsb.ca](mailto:nusrat.sacranie@yrdsb.ca) or [hshah@ccsyr.org](mailto:hshah@ccsyr.org) or  
[sana.aliqureshi@gmail.com](mailto:sana.aliqureshi@gmail.com) or [ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca)



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# Stay Informed!

## Sex Trafficking and Youth Exploitation

### DID YOU KNOW...?

Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are a growing concern for youth and families in York Region

Would you notice and be aware of it if you saw it?  
What might you do to get help and necessary resources?

Parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and community members are invited to attend one of the information sessions being offered.

**Register today!**

**When:** May 18, 2023

Session A: 10:00am – 11:30am

**OR** Session B: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

In a collaborative partnership with Women's Support Network, the York Region District School Board is hosting a virtual information session about sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

This session will provide awareness and information about:

- What is sex trafficking?
- How to identify signs of someone who may be in the process of being recruited or is already being trafficked?
- Who is at risk?
- Available resources and supports in the school and community

**For more information:**

**Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB at [Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca)**

# Fearlessly Black

## Master Class #3



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**Monday May 8, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**@ The Venu Event Space**

2800 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON

The Black Excellence Program invites you to the last  
Master Class for 2022 - 2023 featuring

Dr. Howard Stevenson.

*Have you ever been racially profiled and froze  
because you didn't know what to say?*

*Worried about how to confront racial tension at school?*

Well, Dr. Howard Stevenson has perfected the art of  
how to respond in these uncomfortable situations!

Dinner is available at no cost. Register for this FREE  
workshop with a parent, guardian or caring adult using  
the link below.



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5:00 p.m.	Doors open
5:15 - 5:30 p.m.	Dinner & mingle with community partners
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Interactive workshop



[Register here](#)

**Note: All YRDSB student participants must  
be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult family member.**