

## DATES AT A GLANCE

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 12	CARR-nival
June 14 & 15	EQAO - Math
June 26	Graduation
June 30	P.A. Day No Classes

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

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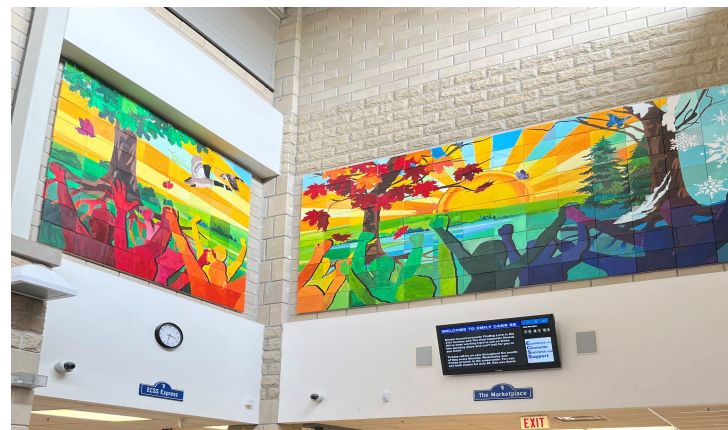
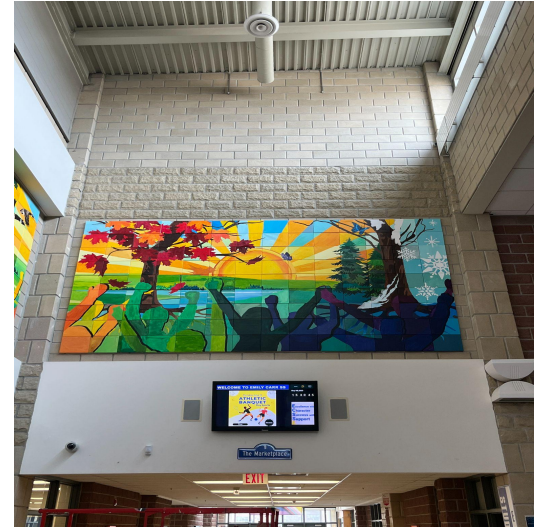
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## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

We are excited to share with you the results of the “Big Picture” collaborative project we engaged our students and staff with. It was installed this past week and you can see the piece below. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Farrugia for spearheading this event in collaboration with Mr. Campo, Mr. Ferrara & our Emerging Artists Club.



## CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS, 2023

Also, we are very excited that one of our ECSS students was recognized by York Region Districts School Board at our Celebrating Student Success Celebration. The hyperlinked video [Celebrating Student Success, 2023](#) provides a brief summary of each student. Congratulations Shakira Rodriguez, we are very proud of you!




## 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](#)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENT - May 23, 2023

School Council is excited to announce Sara Westbrook is coming to speak to us on May 23rd from 6:45pm-8:00pm about Nurturing Your Teen's Emotional Wellbeing. Please register for this event [here](#). Students will be receiving a different presentation in the afternoon.



### Emily Carr SS presents SARA WESTBROOK

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## 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

## THE COME UP SUMMER PROGRAM 2023

The York Region District School Board is pleased to announce The Come Up summer program 2023. This program offers self-identifying Black students who are entering grade 10 in September 2023 with an opportunity to earn a history credit. Students will explore the history of Black and/or African peoples in Canada. Students will explore historical developments and events in the countries of origin of Canada's diverse Black/African population, the factors that influenced voluntary and forced migration to Canada, and their contributions to Canadian identity and heritage. It will also feature various speakers from the Black community. Each activity/workshop will use an identity affirming approach with emphasis on student engagement to build positive self-esteem for Black students. Students will have the option to use this credit to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit. Students will earn/receive the following:

- Swag bags including t-shirts and resources;
- Free lunch (Mondays and Wednesdays); and
- Grade 10 compulsory history high school credit;

For more information and to register please see the flyer below.



## SENIOR SUNSET

Grade 12 Potential Graduates are invited to participate in our **Senior Sunset** event on Thursday, May 18th. In order to participate, students must complete and submit their signed permission form to the Main Office by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, May 17th. The event will run from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm on the back field and will include entertainment and treats. Lots of fun and memories to be made!



## VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

- [D&D Club](#) every other Saturday - Spots are filling up fast so reserve yours on Eventbrite.
- [Explore Artificial Intelligence](#) and learn how to use it to create art, music and more. Every Wednesday from May 10 to 24 at 7-8:00p.m. Register on Eventbrite
- [Debate Club](#) starts on Tuesday, May 30 and continues every week until June 27<sup>th</sup>. Former world champion debaters will provide workshops and opportunities to practice debating on a wide range of topics in politics, philosophy, economics and more. Register on Eventbrite.
- [STEAM for Pride Month](#) will make gear and décor to celebrate Pride Month on Thursday, June 1 from 3:30-4:30pm.
- Join our [Study and Chill](#) session on Wed. June 21 from 6-8:00 p.m. to enjoy snacks and relaxing activities to get ready for exams.

## 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.



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### 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)

**Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)**  
invites you to

## **Family Engagement Conference 2023:** ***Creating Dynamic Futures***

*Please join us to learn about mental health, special education, and ways to navigate the education system with appearances from children's authors Amaya James and Erica London.*

***Keynote Speaker: Dwayne Morgan***

### **When**

Saturday, May 13, 2023

10:30am - 2:30pm

Light refreshments will be served

### **Where**

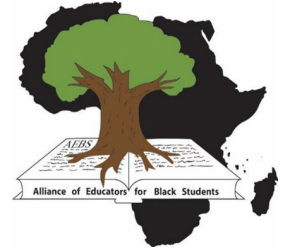
Richmond Green High School  
1 William F. Bell Pkwy in Richmond Hill

### **Registration**

Please register [here](#).

Follow Us On Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](#)

For additional information please contact [aebasca@gmail.com](mailto:aebasca@gmail.com)



## **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





# 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)

**A Century of Reflection**  
**Celebrating East-Asian Heritage**  
and  
**Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the**  
**Chinese Exclusion Act**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

Come and join the event to honor East-Asian cultures through art performances, cultural displays, fun activities, and community resources. Learn the history of East Asian Canadians and celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m**

**Richmond Green Secondary School**  
1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9

**[Register Now!](#)**



For more information, please contact YRDSB Community and Partnership Developers:

**Cynthia Liu** - [cynthia.liu@yrdsb.ca](mailto:cynthia.liu@yrdsb.ca), **Pauline Guo** - [pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca)



# 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)**



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## 100 YEARS 100 STORIES

向往与归属 百年移民故事  
嚮往與歸屬 百年移民故事

**Saturday, May 13, 2023 | 2 PM to 4 PM**

You are invited to the opening of Long Time No See's exhibition *Longing Belonging, 100 Years 100 Stories*.

This free public event will feature a ceremonial lion dance performance, artist tours, refreshments, and more.

Supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council for the Arts, the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham, and the City of Markham.

### Varley Art Gallery of Markham

216 Main Street Unionville, Markham

905.477.700 x3261 [VarleyArtGallery.ca](http://VarleyArtGallery.ca)

Image: Long Time No See, composite from the installation,  
*Finding Beauty Among Ashes of Ancestors' Pain and Sorrow*, 2023.



## What You'll Learn



### Undergraduate Programs

Pre-Medicine, Pre-Law, Engineering, Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Business, Arts/Design, Esports, Economics, Computer Science and more!



### Scholarships

Learn about all the scholarships and financial aid available for Canadian students!



### Study Abroad

Learn about first year study abroad opportunities to Italy, Argentina, Europe, Costa Rica, Spain and Czech Republic!



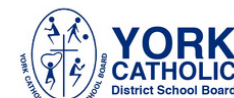
### NCAA Sports

Are you a Canadian student-athlete? Join us to learn about the many sports offered by NCAA member schools!



### Meet U.S. Universities

Speak to U.S. representatives about their undergraduate programs, sports, admissions process, standardized testing requirements, tuition/fees, scholarships, financial aid and more!



## York Region U.S. University Fair

16 May 2023 | 7 PM - 9PM

### Location:

Thornhill Secondary School



Scan or [Click Here](#) to Register

Organized by: CollegeTrackr Canada







# 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!

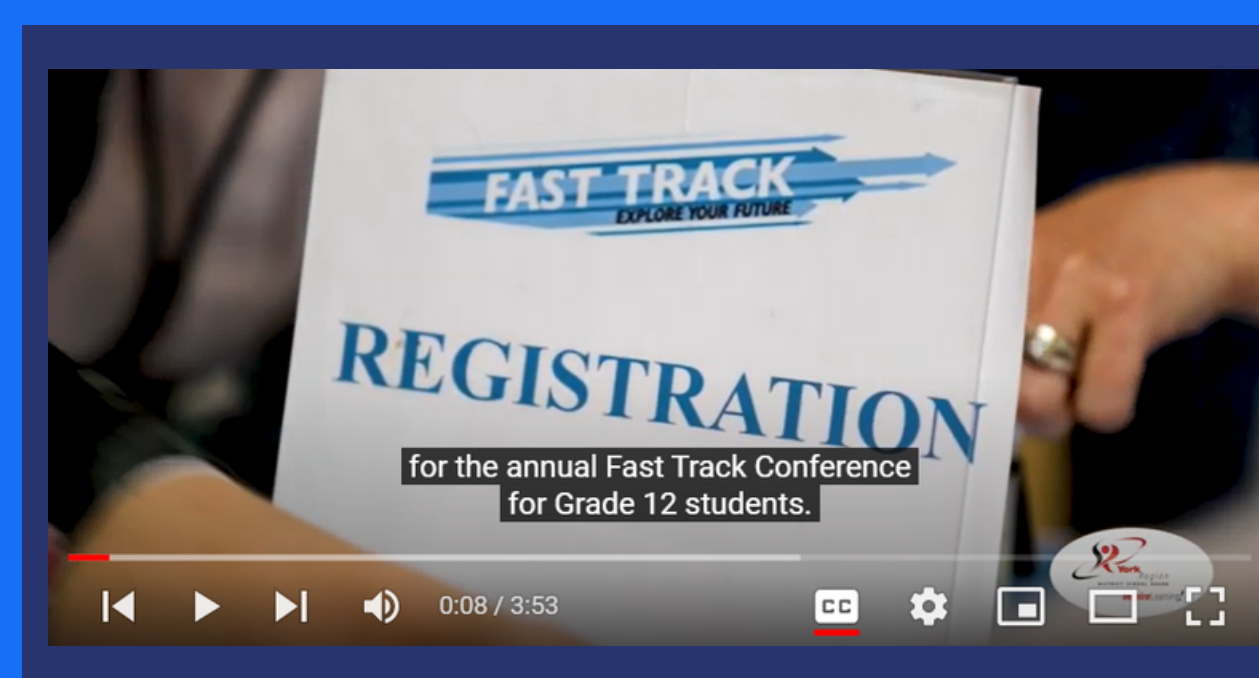


**DANIEL  
LEWIS**

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!**





Open to Students in grades 10-12 and their  
Parents/Guardians

# FAST TRACK CAREER EXPO

**MAY 24, 2023**

**5:00 pm - 7:15 pm**

**Sheraton Parkway North, 600 Hwy 7, Richmond Hill**



<https://yrdsb.cc/FastTrackExpoEvening>



**KEY NOTE SPEAKER**

**JOE MUSICCO**  
Professor  
Pilon School of Business  
**6:30 PM**

**CAREER EXPO OPENS at 5:00 PM!**

**Exhibitors include:**

Employment Ontario Service Providers

Support Ontario Youth

College of Carpenters: Local 27

LiUNA Local 183

Landscape Ontario

Ontario Construction Careers Alliance

Weins Auto Group

Colleges

Workforce Planning Board of York Region

York Region Paramedic Unit

Richmond Hill Fire & Emergency Services

York Regional Police

Millwright Local 2309

Westlake Pipe and Fittings

Operating Engineers Training Institute.....

**and many, many MORE!**

Thank you to our  
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# Emily Carr Secondary School

## 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. We would like to provide 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.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, April 20	<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>
Thursday, April 27	<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>
Friday, April 28	<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>
Friday, April 28	<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>
Friday, April 28	<b>Yearbook</b> - last day to purchase
Monday, May 01	<b>College Offers - Acceptance DEADLINE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check all college correspondence for important dates</li> </ul>
Friday, May 05	<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>
Friday, May 05	<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>
Friday, May 12	<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>
Thursday, May 18	<b>Grade 12 Graduation Assembly</b> - Period 02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal Graduation Invitation</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Graduation Information: Before, During &amp; After</li> <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