



DATES AT A GLANCE

April 17-21	Earth Week Events
April 19	OSAP Presentation 6:00-6:45 p.m.
April 19	School Council Meeting
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

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMELINES FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

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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.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSES & TOURS

Attending a college and university open house or tour is a great way to find out more about the campus, the programs, and the environment. Each post-secondary institution offers a variety of events throughout the year for secondary school students, and especially during the months of March and April. We encourage students and families to visit each institution's website to find out more details about in-person and virtual opportunities.

ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OSAP)

For those students and families interested in learning more about OSAP, we will be having a representative come to ECSS to provide a presentation for all students and families the evening of **Wednesday, April 19th from 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm in the school library.**

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 no later than Friday, April 21st.



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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](#)

ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AT PIERRE BERTON LIBRARY

- **Virtual Reality Club** Tues. Mar. 21 & Tues. Apr. 25 - 3:00-5:00pm at Pierre Berton. Drop-in.
- **Toastmasters**: public speaking and debate club at Pierre Berton on Tuesdays from April 4 to May 23 (7:00-8:30pm), followed by a debate program in May that will take the same Tuesday evening slot through to the end of June. Register via link.

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	Gr. 12s ONLY - Exams/Culminating - Period 04 Classes Grades 09 - 11 - regular class/schedule
Tuesday, June 20, 2023	Gr. 12s ONLY - Exams/Culminating - Period 05 Classes Grades 09 - 11 - regular class/schedule
Wednesday, June 21, 2023	ALL Grades - Exams/Culminating - Period 01
Thursday, June 22, 2023	ALL Grades - Exams/Culminating - Period 02
Friday, June 23, 2023	Grades 09 - 11 - Exams/Culminating - Period 04
Monday, June 26, 2023	Grades 09 - 11 - Exams/Culminating - Period 05
Thursday, June 29, 2023	ALL Grades - 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 Secondary School

Important Dates and Timelines for the Graduating Class of 2023

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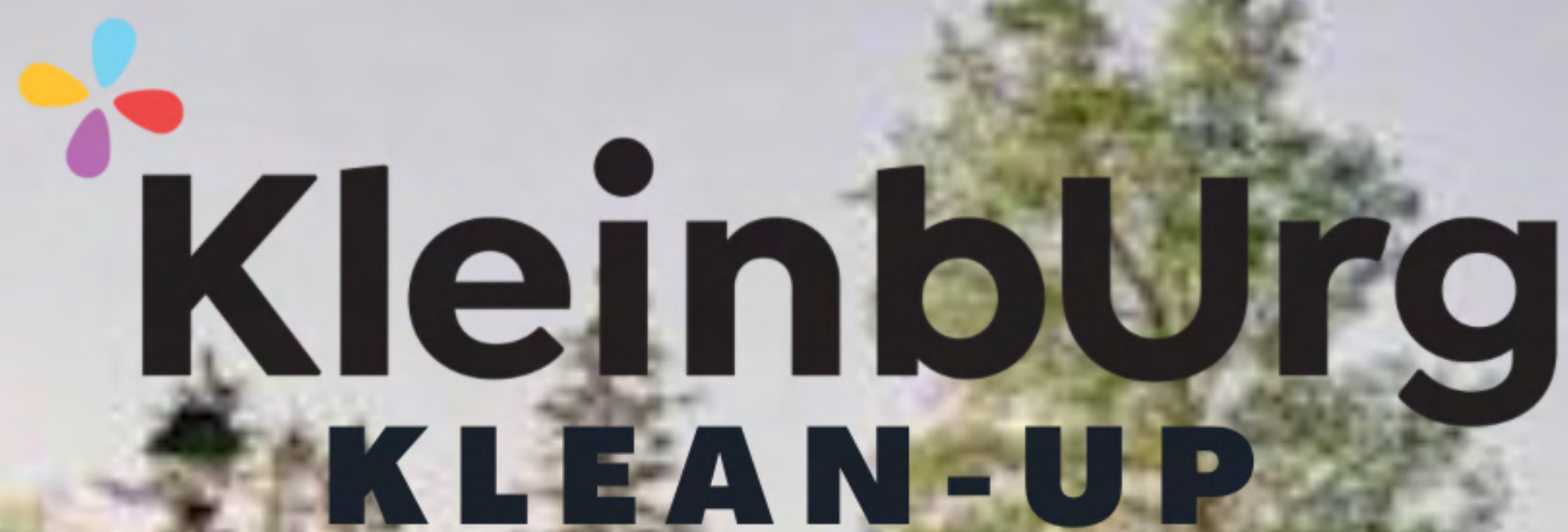
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IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, April 20	Community Involvement Hours DEADLINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca OR drop off to the Guidance Office Included in Post Secondary Institutions uploads 40 hours - Ministry Requirement for Class of 2023 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
Tuesday, April 28	Graduation Award Nominations DUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca OR drop off to the Guidance Office
Thursday, April 27	Midterm Marks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uploaded to OCAS and OUAC Non-YRDSB school (i.e. private, YCDSB) must submit mark
Friday, April 28	ECSS Graduation Package order DEADLINE - School Cash Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Gown, Cap & Tassel, V-Stole & 2 Guest Tickets
Friday, April 28	Yearbook - last day to purchase
Monday, May 01	College Offers - Acceptance DEADLINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check all college correspondence for important dates
Friday, May 05	Prom Ticket(s) - last day to purchase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Prom Letter of Understanding" required If applicable, Guest Form must be completed and submitted
Friday, May 12	Full Disclosure/Mark Maintain Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Tuesday, May 16	Grade 12 Graduation Assembly - Period 02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal Graduation Invitation Graduation Information: Before, During & After Valedictorian Process & email to Grade 12s yrdsb gapps account
Tuesday, May 23	ECSS Valedictorian Nomination, 2023 DEADLINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information provided at Graduation Assembly & email to Gr. 12s

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

Kind regards,
Emily Carr Secondary School Graduation Committee



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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.





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!



Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

April 2023

YRDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel

Celebrating Neurodiversity

Dear Families,

In this edition we will focus on celebrating neurodiversity within our student population. We recognize [Autism Acceptance day](#) through highlighting strengths, characteristics, resources, and celebrating the spectrum; we want to acknowledge that families are the core support. There are many ways of thinking, learning or acting and we know that the uniqueness between us as people is to be celebrated and acknowledged. This year, we are moving to increasing acceptance.



For families who are looking to increase their understanding in supporting Autistic people, [Kerry's place](#) offers a great [Resource Portal](#) where there are [videos](#) and [handouts](#) with helpful information to expand understanding of Autism. [Kinark Autism Services](#) has created a [spring guide](#) for services available from April to June 2023 for families connected to the [Ontario Autism Program](#) for free. They also have free [Parent & Caregiver Education](#) that is available to all families.

[Autism Ontario](#) provides informational resources about the intersection between Mental health and Autism. They share how Autistic youth who also experience [Anxiety](#) may find sensory support or art therapy helpful. Sensory calming



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techniques may include a fidget object, or making sure to have noise cancelling headphones accessible. Art therapy can help many people share feelings in a creative way- this can look like painting or picking up a musical instrument!

It is important to acknowledge the diversity in experience and characteristics of Autistic youth, and learn alongside while solving problems, coping with challenges and expressing joy. When we talk about Autistic youth, it is important to note the [identity first language](#) used as this is preferred by most Autistic people. We do encourage people to check in with each person to see what language fits best for them.

Free Community Programs:

Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

- [Parents Support Group](#)- Free, monthly, virtual Zoom
- April 13th 2023, May 11th 2023, June 8th 2023
- [Online Registration](#)

Kerry's Place for Autism

- [The Rec Room](#)
 - Leisure-based online social group.
 - Mondays, April 3, 2023 to June 26, 2023
 - 4:00pm to 5:00pm
 - This group aims to increase opportunities for social interactions, fostering friendships, and having fun
 - Free to participate adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- [Virtual Jam Session](#)
 - Leisure-based online music group,
 - Tuesdays, April 4 to June 27, 2023
 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm
 - All ages with ASD
 - Participants join in by listening, singing along, dancing, or playing their own
- [Caregiver Non-Violent Crisis Intervention](#)
 - Saturday, April 29, 2023
 - 9:30am to 1:00pm



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- Caregivers program who would like to enhance their skills in managing crisis situations, and learn about de-escalation techniques. Limited spots available.
 - [Online Registration](#)
- [Sibling Hang](#)
 - Thursday, April 27, 2023
 - 4:30pm to 5:30pm
 - No cost group program for youth ages 13-17 who have a sibling with a diagnosis of autism.
 - Group members will have the opportunity to learn more about ASD, and ways they may support their siblings.
 - This month's topic will be "Minute to Win it".
 - [Online Registration](#)
- [Fundamental of Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)
 - Saturday, April 22, 2023
 - 9:30am to 12:00 pm
 - Free virtual program for parents and caregivers, and community members, interested in learning more about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
 - Common characteristics of ASD, possible strengths, needs, learning styles and profiles of persons with ASD will be introduced.
 - [Online Registration](#)

York Support Services Network

- [Caregivers connecting Chat Group](#)
 - April 12 , 11:00- 12:00
 - Peer Mentor Program hosts monthly virtual family drop-ins for parents or caregivers of children or adults with a developmental disability
 - [Online Registration](#)
- [Resource Day](#)
 - April 18, All day. Book a 1 hour session
 - Need help understanding the developmental services system?
 - Book a free, 1 hour session, with a case manager to discuss and ask important questions related to your situation.
 - To register call: 905-953-8354 or 1-833-953-8354
- [Mental Health Housing and Navigation Day](#)
 - April 18, All Day, Book a 1 hour session
 - Need help figuring out mental health resources and how to access



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available services in York Region and South Simcoe?

- You can book an appointment to meet with a case manager to help navigate York Region's Mental health, financial and shelter system.
- [Online Registration](#)
- [Transition Resource Day](#)
 - April 7, 12, 21, 26 All Day, Book a 1 hour session
 - Need help understanding the developmental services system and transition planning? Do you have an IEP? Book a free, 1 hour session, with a transitional planner to discuss and ask important questions related to your situation.
 - Discuss the differences between elementary and high school, share tips and strategies to help you and your child prepare for life in high school, fill out forms and applications (e.g. ODSP, SSAH, Mobility Transit, etc.), find resources, build on skills, share options for after high school and adult life
 - Registration can be done through emailing cmacdonald@yssn.ca or calling: 905-953-8354 or 1-833-953-8354 ext. 2245
- [RAMP Up Group, Relationships: Investing in Social Connections](#)
 - April 25, 1:30- 2:30
 - 16+, strengths-based, open group created from the principles of Positive Psychology
 - [Online Registration](#)

Yorkhills

- [York Hills Events – April](#)

ConnectAbility.ca

- [List of Family Groups operating in Ontario.](#)

Supportive Resources:

[YorkHills Here to Help Line](#) (905-503-9561)

The Here to Help Line is a free service available to children/youth (0-18 years) and their parents/caregiver/adult supporters. Monday to Thursday from 2:00pm-7:00p.m

[Family Services York Region](#) (905-895-2371)

Virtual walk in is operated on a first come, first serve basis, and can be accessed once per month. Virtual appointments can be 15 minutes to 1.5 hours long depending



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on your specific needs. Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[YRDSB Mental Health Resource Page](#)

Continue to check out the [YRDSB website](#) for updated information as well as the Twitter account [@YRDSB](#)

Follow YRDSB Mental Health on Twitter [@MH_YRDSB](#)

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- [Coffee Night](#), held every second Monday of the month, is a safe space where members of the LGBTQ2 community, their friends, family or allies can come together.
- [Online Registration](#)

Family Services of York Region

- [Free to be](#)
 - Free virtual group for parents/caregivers of gender diverse children, regardless of age which meets once a month.
 - Second Tuesday of each month
 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m

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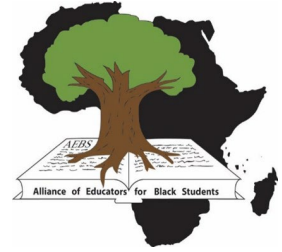
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AEBS 2023 Scholarships for Black Students Graduating from York Region District School Board High Schools

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.

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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.



Dr Howard C. Stevenson

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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.**



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.

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.

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Scholarships

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



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



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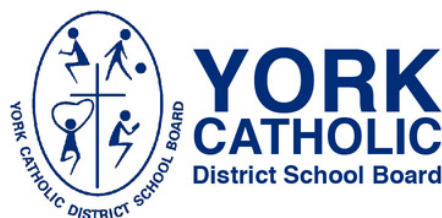
Are you a Canadian student-athlete? Join us to learn about the many sports offered by NCAA member schools!



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!

For York Region Students, Parents, Athletes & Counsellors



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U.S. College & University Fair

16 May 2023 | 7PM - 9PM ET

Location:
Thornhill Secondary School

