



## DATES AT A GLANCE

Feb. 06	a.m. - Sem. 01 Mark Review p.m. - Sem. 02 Start-up
Feb. 13	Caring & Safe Schools Presentations
Feb. 15	Course Offerings Fair
Feb. 16-17	Grade Photo Retake Day & New Students
Feb. 16	Course Selections for 2023/24 <u>OPEN</u>
Feb. 20	FAMILY DAY - No School
Feb. 21	School Council Meeting
Feb. 24	Course Selections for 2023/24 <u>CLOSE</u>
Mar. 02 - 05	<a href="#">Study and Go Abroad Fair</a>
Mar. 13 - 17	WINTER BREAK - No School

## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin the Second Semester on Monday, February 06 we would like to wish all students a great start in their new courses. Your timetable is available to you on TeachAssist. Also, please review the schedule below for Mark Review & Semester 02 Start-up on Monday, February 06, 2023

Semester 01 Mark Review & Semester 02 Start-up is an opportunity for staff and students to discuss their culminating tasks and review final marks in the morning and in the afternoon to attend Semester 02 classes. The schedule for the day is:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2023 SEMESTER 01 MARK REVIEW - A.M.	
Sem. 01 - Period 01 & Announcements	8:00 - 8:40 a.m.
Sem. 01 - Period 02	8:45 - 9:20 a.m.
Sem. 01 - Period 04	9:25 - 10:00 a.m.
Sem. 01 - Period 05	10:05 - 10:40 a.m.
LUNCH	10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
SEMESTER 02 START-UP - P.M.	
Sem. 02 - Period 01	12:05 - 12:40 p.m.
Sem. 02 - Period 02	12:45 - 1:20 p.m.
Sem. 02 - Period 04	1:25 - 2:00 p.m.
Sem. 02 - Period 05	2:05 - 2:40 p.m.

## SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLES

Students will be able to access their **most updated timetable** on **February 5th via TeachAssist**. We strongly recommend that students and families access TeachAssist using a [web browser](#) and NOT the app as it may not be updated. Please be reminded that there will be no further course changes for semester 2 as all updates and balancing have been finalized.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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### Meeting Dates:

Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023

@ 7:00 p.m. - Library

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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](#)

## SEVERE WEATHER

In order to prepare ourselves for the upcoming snowy season please be aware of the following:

On days in which weather reports are indicating that York Region will be receiving some snow, you can obtain information in the morning about bus and/or school cancellations, such as, but not limited to the following:

- Student Transportation Services website: [schoolbuscity.com](http://schoolbuscity.com)
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Board website ([www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)) and school websites
- Radio and TV media outlets

Please continue to monitor local media for up to date weather forecasts and take safety precautions advised by local authorities.

## ESCS PUBLIC SURVEY CONSULTATION

York Region District School Board will be conducting the Every Student Counts Survey with students in Grades K-12 from April 24, 2023 - May 12, 2023. As part of the survey development, we are asking families to review our [draft surveys](#) and provide their feedback.

Student and family feedback is critical to the survey development process and helps to ensure that the survey is an accurate reflection of our school communities. Responses made through the feedback form are voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

The feedback form will be available from February 3, 2023 - February 10, 2023.

To learn more, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs)

## COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2023/2024

The course selection process for 2023/2024 will begin next week. Students will view grade specific videos in their period 2 classes during the week of February 6th. Counsellors will follow-up with in class visits on February 13th and 14th to answer questions. There will also be a *Course Offerings Fair* in the main hallways during the lunch hour so that students can ask questions to subject experts about courses and pathways. It is important to note that students can begin locking in their course selections as of February 16th. Submitted course selections are due no later than February 24th at 4:00 pm. Parents/guardians must finalize submissions by providing email approval in order to lock in a student's course selection.

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR RELATIONSHIPS

The students of E.C.S.S. have a shared responsibility with our community partners to ensure an inviting and clean environment for our neighbours and our community. Although the Al Palladini Community Center, the Pierre Berton Resource Library and the Business establishments at the Plaza are public facilities, they are to be treated as private property by our students.

We would like to remind our students that they are discouraged from "hanging out" in these different areas between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During lunch students are welcome at



both centers as long as they adhere to the City of Vaughan's 'Safe Community Centres Policy Code of Conduct'. We expect our students to be positive representatives of ECSS at school and in our community, being polite, staying out of unsupervised areas and courteous in behaviour or speech at all times.

### **PARKING LOTS**

With icy conditions and darkness making it difficult to see, we kindly ask that staff, students and parents please slow down when driving through the parking lot.

# Celebrating Black History Month Events

\* Dates and Events subject to change



## Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)

Date and Time	Event Information
February 24, 2023	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - <b>Open to All: Student &amp; Families</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a> Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration
February 2, 2023	Virtual Storytime For the Family By Sandra Whiting- <b>Open to All Students and Families in K-6</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a> Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration
February 17, 2023	<a href="#">Black Excellence Program Master Class 2</a> <b>Secondary Self-Identifying Black Students in YRDSB Schools</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a>
February 23, 2023 9:00-2:00p.m.	In Conversation with MARKTD, Dion Walcott and Dr.D'Wayne Edwards at York University for <b>Self-Identifying Black Students Gr. 7 -12 York University Trip- Specific Schools</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a>
February 28, 2023	Black Excellence Program, Elementary- <b>Specific Schools</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a>

## Staff Workshops

February 7, 2023 4:30 - 6:30 pm	AEBS Workshop for <b>All Staff</b> featuring "Black Sun Comics" <a href="#">Register Here</a>
February 7, 2023 6:00 pm	<b>The OSSTF D16 T/OT Black Caucus will be hosting an Evening with Dr. A. Campbell (Dr. ABC); "A little more oil in my lamp": #SELF CARE and Anti-Black Racism Work</b> - The workshop session will be open to <b>Black identifying employees</b> of the board—secondary and elementary panels <a href="#">Register Here</a>
February 8, 2023 4:30-6:00pm	<b>Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia - All Staff</b> A virtual workshop presented by the National Council of Canadian Muslims which will explore the interlocking impact of Anti-Blackness and Islamophobia on Black Muslim communities and Black Muslim students. <a href="#">Register Here</a>

February 13, 2023 4:00pm -5:00pm	BSA Black Student Associations Drop-In Chats with CBSE Team- <b>All Staff</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a>
February 27, 2023 4:30pm - 6:00pm	In Collaboration with CurriculumWorkshop using the <a href="#">Sankofa Series Resources</a> at my School- <b>All Staff</b> <a href="#">Register Here</a>
Podcasts	
February 1, 2023	Black History Month Kick Off <b>SHINE Podcast</b> with Cecil Roach, Darcie Sutherland  <b>SHINE</b> is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge.
Drop In Chats with DABRS Team, Administrators & Superintendents	
February 13, 2023 4:00pm-5:00pm	BSA Black Student Associations Drop In Chats with CBSE Team <a href="#">Register Here</a>
March 2, 2023 12:00pm-1:00pm	Drop In Chats with DABRS Team & Administrators <a href="#">Register Here</a>
Upcoming	
TBD	A Discussion with Children's Aid Society and Black Children in Care- <b>All Staff</b>



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约克区南部社区生活机构



### 支持有特殊需求孩子的中文讲座系列之一: 了解自闭症

欢迎家长, 监护人或照顾者参加这个中文讲座来了解什么是 :

- 自闭症谱系障碍
- 诊断过程
- 普遍特征
- 在家干预技能
- 社区帮助资源

讲座嘉宾: **Winnie Ho**, 约克区南部社区生活机构社区支持协调员

#### 中文线下讲座

时间 : 2月17号周五上午9:30-11点

地点 : Aldergrove Public School

报名请点击

<https://bit.ly/3i8VOA2>

或扫码



#### 中文线上讲座

时间 : 2月24号周五晚上6:30-8点

报名请点击

<http://bit.ly/3GcNE1l>

或扫码



如需了解更多详情, 请联系社区和合作拓展专员

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யோக்பிராந்திய கல்விச் சபையும் யோக் பிராந்திய தென்  
சமூக அமைப்பும் இணைந்து  
வழங்குகிறது



சிறப்புத் தேவைகளைக் கொண்ட உங்கள் குழந்தைகளுக்கான

தகவல் தொடர் பாகம் ஒன்று  
எவ்வாறு ஆட்டிசத்தைப் புரிந்துகொள்வது

பெற்றோர்கள்,பாதுகாவலர்கள்,மற்றும்,பராமரிப்பாளர்கள் கலந்துகொள்ளுங்கள்

- ஆட்டிசம் என்றால் என்ன?
- அதனை எவ்வாறு கண்டறிதல்,
- அதன் பொதுவான பண்புகள் என்ன
- வீட்டில் பயன்படுத்தும் உத்திகள் எவை
- சமூகத்தில் கிடைக்கும் வளங்கள்.

வழங்குபவர் : Winny Ho யோக் பிராந்திய தென் சமூக ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்  
எப்போது: மாசி,23, 2023 பி :ப 6:30 - 8 மணி வரை

மெய்நிகர் தமிழ்ப் பட்டறை

<https://bit.ly/3GosAVU>

அல்லது ஸ்கான் செய்யவும்



மேலதிக தகவல்களுக்கு சமூக கூட்டாண்மை மேம்பாட்டாளரை தொடர்பு  
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# Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**Friday, February 24, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Open to all students and families

Light refreshments will be served.

[Register here](#) for the in-person experience, happening at Thornlea Secondary School.

Further details will be provided upon registration.





# In Conversation with Dion Walcott and Dr. D'Wayne Edwards



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THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**Thursday, February 23, 2023  
at York University, Keele Campus**

Self-Identifying Black students in Gr. 7 -12 are invited to join the In Conversation with Dr. D'Wayne Edwards President of Pensole Lewis College and Dion Walcott, Director of partnerships for Pensole Lewis College in Detroit MI. This event will be hosted at York University Keele Campus and will include an interactive conversation with Dr. D'Wayne and Dion who will share their inspirational journeys in merging their identities, passion and creativity to develop and lead established careers in the sneakers, art and education industry. Additionally, students will have the chance to explore York University, and the many educational opportunities offered there.

**[Register here.](#)**





# PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!



Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!**

**February 1, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**The Power of Positive Parenting**

For parents of children 0-12. This session will focus on ensuring a safe engagement environment for children. Strategies for creating a positive learning environment, using assertive discipline, having realistic expectations, taking care of yourself as a parent and available community resources and supports will be discussed.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**February 7, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Raising Confident Competent Children**

For parents of children 0-12. This session will focus on strategies to; encourage respect and cooperation, learning to be independent, developing healthy self-esteem and how to be a good problem solver.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**February 14, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Raising Resilient Children**

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to: recognize and accept feelings, express their feeling appropriately, build positive feelings, deal with negative feelings and deal with upsetting or stressful events.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**February 21, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Nurturing Healthy Self-Esteem**

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on how to create a supportive and engaging environment that helps your child develop and maintain confidence and healthy self-esteem.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

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# SEX TRAFFICKING

**Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation  
are a growing concern in York Region.**

**Youth as young as 12 are being recruited!**

**Would you know it if you saw it?  
What could you do?**

**February 22, 2023 | Session A: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Session B: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and community!  
Register today!**

York Region District School Board in a collaborative partnership with Women's Support Network 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