

DATES AT A GLANCE	
Jan. 26- Feb. 01	Exams & Culminating
Feb. 01	OCAS Application Deadline
Feb. 02	Semi-Formal
Feb. 03	P.A. Day
Feb. 06	a.m. - Sem. 01 Mark Review p.m. - Sem. 02 Start-up
Feb. 15	Course Offerings Fair
Feb. 16	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>
Feb. 02	Semi-Formal

****REVISED: CULMINATING TASK/EXAM DAYS**

During the Culminating Task/Exam days, January 26 - February 01, 2023 students may be participating in Culminating Tasks and/or Exams. **Regular scheduled bussing will be provided; morning drop-off at school 8:00 a.m. and afternoon pick-up 2:50 p.m. All exams start at 8:30 a.m. Please confirm exam length with respective teachers and/or review the schedule attached as a separate document.**

Please note and review dates & times below:

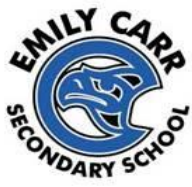
- Students participating in culminating activities and/or credit salvaging may be asked to meet with their teacher during the school day, even outside of their regular class time.
- Students in Community Classes attend classes, attend as usual.

CULMINATING TASK/EXAM DAYS	
Period 01 @ 8:30 a.m.	Thursday, January 26, 2023 - INCLEMENT WEATHER DECLARED
Period 02 @ 8:30 a.m.	Friday, January 27, 2022
Period 04 @ 8:30 a.m.	Monday, January 30, 2023
Period 05 @ 8:30 a.m.	Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Period 01	Wednesday, February 01, 2023
Severe Weather Days (in needed @ 8:30 a.m.)	Wednesday, February 01, 2023 Thursday, February 02, 2023
Semester 01 Mark Review & Semester 2 Start-up *revised schedule	Monday, February 06, 2023

****REVISED: Semester 01 Mark Review & Semester 02 Start-up - Monday, February 06, 2023**

Semester 01 Mark Review & Semester 02 Start-up on Monday, February 06, 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca
Meeting Dates:
 Tuesday Feb. 21 , 2023
 Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023
@ 7:00 p.m. - Library

ATTENDANCE email:
emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca

SCHOOL email:
emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca

- 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](#)

SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLES

Course changes for semester 2 are now complete. Course balancing is currently being finalized. 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.

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
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Board website (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.

ECSS & McMICHAEL ART GALLERY COLLABORATION

Our students in Visual Arts collaborated with the McMichael Art Gallery in a workshop where they worked closely with artist Ranji Perera to create a new Signature Studio: Envisioning Environmental Futures. If you would like to see some of their work, it is available through McMichael's website hyperlinked here [Envisioning Environmental Futures](#).





MATH DEPARTMENT CONTESTS

Students in grades 9 - 11 are invited to write the University of Waterloo's Pascal (gr. 9), Cayley (gr. 10), or Fermat (gr.11) math contest. They will be written **in person** on **Wednesday, February 22nd**.

Participating in a mathematics and computing contest helps students develop invaluable skills, like creative problem-solving and big-picture thinking. Students applying to a program in the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Waterloo are strongly encouraged to participate.

If they are interested in registering, please have your child join our google classroom (code 33lenal) and submit their payment on School Cash Online by **Thursday, February 2nd**.

Please email Ms. Kanesalingam (sharlene.kanesalingam@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions.

GRAD PHOTO RETAKE DAY & NEW STUDENTS TO ECSS

If any student needs a grad photo, an online sign-up site has been set up for ECSS. This is the **last chance** for graduating students to be on the composite. The website is: www.bookmygrad.ca the school code is **YEC**. Pictures will be taken in the Library Presentation Room. Please arrive on time according to your appointment time in order to avoid a backlog.

OCAS APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 1st

Students are reminded to complete applications as soon as possible to meet the application deadline. We also encourage students to reach out to the Guidance Office should they require support.

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY OPPORTUNITIES:

- **NEW: Summer Company Information Sessions for Young Adults.** Summer Company is a program that prepares students 15 to 29 years old to start and operate a full-time business over the summer. Summer Company provides mentorship from Vaughan's business community, along with a pipeline of tools, skills, connections, and resources required to turn goals into reality. Young entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to get up to \$3,000 in provincial grant funding to kick-start their business. Here are the important details about this upcoming event: Civic Centre Resource Library and [Live on Zoom](#) Thursday, February 23, 7-8 pm
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** students can apply to be a Reading Buddy or a Tech Coach at our [opportunities webpage](#).
- **Breakout Design Challenge:** design an escape room on Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm from Jan. 9 - 30 at Bathurst Clark. Register [here](#).
- **Teen Book Club: What Are You Reading Now?** Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm on [Jan. 12 \(this Thursday!\)](#) and Feb. 9 at Pierre Berton or over Zoom. Walk-in.
- **Virtual Reality Club:** Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30pm on Jan. 17 and Feb. 28 at Pierre Berton. Walk-in
- **Conversations on Social Inclusion: Funny, You Don't Look Autistic** on Jan. 18 at 7pm (virtual). Register [here](#).
- **Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshop** hosted by 360Kids, to help with managing stress particularly around exams. Jan. 18, 3pm at Pierre Berton. Walk-in.



- **Teen Book Club for *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang:** Thursday, Jan. 19 from 7:30-8:30pm at Bathurst Clark or over Zoom. Register [here](#).
- **Table Top Games for Teens:** Mondays from 3:00-4:00pm on Jan. 23 and Feb. 13 at Maple. Walk-in
- **Dungeons & Dragons Club:** monthly on Saturdays from 2:00-4:30pm on Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 at Pierre Berton. Register [here](#).
- **Chocolate Making:** Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:45pm. Cost is \$7. Hosted at VMC. Register [here](#).
- **Conversations on Social Inclusion: Autism and the Transition to Adulthood** on Feb. 22 (virtual) at 7pm. Register [here](#).

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.

ECSS CULMINATING TASK/EXAM INFORMATION – JANUARY 2023

During the Culminating Task/Exam days, January 26 - February 01, 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. Also, attached, you will find a schedule for specific course exams. *Please note:*

- 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.

YOUR SCHEDULE

Complete the following table with your personal Culminating Task and/or Exam schedule:

Period/Grade	Course	Section	Date	Time	Room
Pr. 1 – All grades			Thursday, January 26	8:30 a.m.	
Pr. 2 – All grades			Friday, January 27	8:30 a.m.	
Pr. 4 – All grades			Monday, January 30	8:30 a.m.	
Pr. 5 – All grades			Tuesday, January 31	8:30 a.m.	
All grades	For rescheduled exams, exams by appointment, or credit recovery		Wednesday, February 01 and/or Thursday, February 02	8:30 a.m.	

EXAM REVIEW DAY – Thursday, February 02, 2023

Period	Timeframe
Period 1	8:00 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.
Announcements	8:35 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Period 2	8:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Period 4	9:25 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Period 5	10:05 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Lunch	10:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon	11:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. Teachers are available, by appointment, for individual consultation with students/parents/guardians

SEVERE WEATHER

Information regarding bus cancellations, inclement weather, and school closures will be posted on the York Region District School Board website. If an Inclement Weather Day occurs during the scheduled exam period of January 26 to January 31, forcing the cancellation of all exams on a given day, the day for rescheduling those exams will be Wednesday, February 01 and/or Thursday, February 02. Exams will begin at 8:30 a.m.

ABSENCE

Illness and court appearance are the only two valid absences during exams. If you are unable to be present for an exam, you must present a medical certificate or a court order. Failure to do so will result in a mark of zero for the exam and may jeopardize your credit. A court order must be presented prior to the writing of an exam so that alternate arrangements can be made. The medical certificate must be presented to the Vice-Principal as soon as possible, or at the latest, prior to the end of the exam week, so that exams may be rescheduled.

LATE ARRIVAL

If you arrive up to 30 minutes late, you should go directly to your exam room. You will only be given the remaining time for the exam. If you arrive more than 30 minutes late, you should go to the Main Office to speak to a Vice-Principal.

EXAM WEEK

During exam week, you are required to be at school only when you are scheduled to write an exam or culminating activities. To see your teacher for extra help, you must book an appointment in advance. Students may study quietly in the library, or in small groups in the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to be in the halls, or to go to their locker when exams are being written. The cafeteria servery will be closed during exams.

EXTRA HELP

Students seeking extra help must book an appointment with their teacher(s) in advance. As students are not permitted to be in the halls during exam times, appointments should be scheduled outside of exam hours.

DURING AN EXAM

- a) Textbooks to be returned should be placed on your desk.
- b) Other books, pencil cases, jackets, bags, notebooks, etc. are not allowed in the exam room.
- c) Electronic dictionaries, cell phones and other electronic devices (i.e. watches that connect to phones) are not to be used during an exam. Cell phones must be shut off and out of sight during exams.
- d) Students may not communicate or share resources with any other students once an exam has begun.
- e) Students must remain in the exam room for the entire duration of the exam.

EXTRA TIME

Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Multi Language Learners (MLL) who have the accommodation of extra time, may continue their exams with their teacher or be escorted to the provisions room (room 116).

Arrangements must be made in advance with the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) for any student with an IEP who wishes to begin their exam in the provisions room.

Message from Our Trustee

February 2023

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to 2023, and enjoyed their winter break.

One of the most important roles of school board trustees is **communicating with the public**. I hope to use this newsletter as one way to keep you updated on Board news, to communicate my role as trustee and how I can support you, and to answer some of the questions I am often asked as a trustee.

Communicating with the public includes both sharing information and attending events to build relationships with families, but also ensuring I am available to you. If you have questions about Board policies or budget, concerns about your community, ideas and suggestions, or have a question and don't know [who to call](#), please feel free to reach out. I am happy to assist you.

Our Board of Trustees is made up of 12 trustees elected during the municipal election process, and one Indigenous trustee appointed through a separate process. Eight of the 12 elected trustees are new this term, and we are all looking forward to connecting with families and fulfilling our roles to support student achievement and well-being.

What do Trustees Do?

In addition to communicating with the public, we are also responsible for:

Establishing a Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This [plan](#) sets out our priorities as a school board and guides our direction and decision making as a system.

Setting policy. [Policies](#) govern the operation of our schools and organization, including field trips, school transportation, homework, caring and safe schools and much more. You can find out which policies are up for review in our [meeting agendas](#), or which [policies are out for comment](#) on the website. Your participation in this process is important to ensuring our policies are serving our communities and align with our priorities.

Setting an annual budget. I look forward to sharing more information about this process with you in the coming months as we engage in [budget](#) consultations.

Participating on Board and Advisory Committees. You can find the dates and agendas for these meetings on the Board website. You are welcome to attend and observe any [public Board, Advisory and Board Committee meetings](#).

Hiring the Director of Education. This process is governed by the [Director of Education Selection Policy](#), and we will keep you updated as this process progresses. In the meantime, I am deeply grateful to Interim Director of Education Scott Yake for his commitment and service.

Advocating for quality public education. I became a school board trustee because I believe in public education. I believe in the potential of each and every one of our students and our

responsibility to nurture their learning, growth and achievement. Our decisions as a board are centred on our commitment to deliver the best for our students.

What's Happening in YRDSB

[Kindergarten](#) registration opened January 20 for families with children who will start Kindergarten in September 2023.

[French Immersion registration](#) is open from January 20-February 6 for students entering Grade 1 in September 2023.

[Student trustee elections](#) are currently underway. All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the student trustees who will represent them next school year.

January was Tamil Heritage Month, and we saw our schools and community participate in activities that celebrate the rich Tamil language and culture and contributions the Tamil community has made and continues to make in our society.

In February, we recognize Black History Month, celebrating the contributions of Black people to the fabric of our society. I encourage you to visit the Board's [Centre for Black Student Excellence webpage](#) and [newsletter](#) to learn more about upcoming events during Black History Month and what's happening in the Board to celebrate Black excellence.

Family Day and the March Break are also approaching and we hope everyone enjoys the break.

There are a number of other events for families coming up and I encourage you to check the [Board calendar](#).

New and Replacement Schools

One of the other questions I am asked, particularly in growing communities is about new schools or capital projects. I can let you know that in our municipality the following [capital projects](#) have received approval:

- Blue Willow Public School Kindergarten Addition, proposed to open January 2025.
- [Kleinburg/Nashville Elementary School](#), proposed to open September 2024.
- [E.J. Sand Public School](#) replacement, proposed to open September 2023.

There are many ways you can stay up-to-date with what's happening in our school board. Visit the [newsroom](#) or website homepage at www.yrdsb.ca. Listen to our [podcast](#). Follow the Board on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#). Read your school newsletters and emails. I look forward to staying connected with you.

Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair
Trustee, Vaughan Wards 2 and 3



2023 Campaign

WHERE TO DONATE IN-STORE

If you're able, please donate a toonie at your local grocery store and help buy a child a healthy breakfast. Our sponsor and retailer partners enable the campaign so that 100% of your donations go towards feeding hungry children. To learn more, visit <https://groceryfoundation.com/pages/toonies-for-tummies>

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January 26

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February 8



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