



DATES AT A GLANCE

Mar. 12	Daylight Savings
Mar. 13 - 17	MID-WINTER BREAK - No School
Mar. 22-27	Interim Reports e-distributed
Mar. 30	Interview Night
April 1	Autism Awareness Month
April 3-5	Gr. 10 OSSLT
April 7	GOOD FRIDAY - No School
April 10	EASTER MONDAY - No School
April 19	School Council Meeting
May 5	P.A. Day - No Classes

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to wish all students and families a great Mid-Winter Break. We hope students and families take the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate.

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.

INTERVIEW NIGHT - BOOKING INFORMATION - TEACHASSIST

We are pleased to announce that Interview Night will be taking place at Emily Carr on **March 30, 2023**. ECSS will be using teachassist to manage our Interview Night scheduling. Families will be able to make appointments beginning on March 22, 2023.

INTERVIEW NIGHT 2023 - IMPORTANT TIMELINES

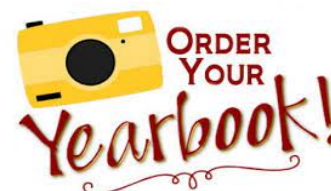
March 22, 2023	TeachAssist Interview Night scheduler opens to families
March 22-29, 2023	Families make Interview Night appointments on TeachAssist
March 30, 2023	Interview Night, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

March break is a great opportunity for all students to complete their 40 hours and submit their completed forms when they return from the break. This past week, potential graduates received email reminders if they have not submitted their 40 hours of community involvement.

YEARBOOK - 2022-2023

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



SCHOOL COUNCIL

emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca

Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023
@ 7:00 p.m. - Library



ATTENDANCE email:

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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](#)

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.

ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AT PIERRE BERTON LIBRARY

- [Hack your resume](#) workshop: Tues. Mar. 28 at Pierre Berton from 3:00-4:00pm. Register via link.
- [Dungeons & Dragons Club](#) continues every other Saturday (Mar. 25 onward) at Pierre Berton from 2:00-4:30pm. Register via link.
- **Lit Teen Café** (to discuss what we've been reading and make fandom gear, play games, etc.) Thurs. Apr. 6 from 3:00-4:30pm at Pierre Berton. Drop-in.
- **Virtual Reality Club** continues on Tues. Mar. 21 and Tues. Apr. 25 from 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.

BLACK MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS (WEBINAR)

In recognition of Black Mental Health Week, Human Resource Services in partnership with [NACCA](#), are holding an open space and dialogue on Black Mental Health and Wellness. The webinar will aim to provide:

- Black Mental Health and Wellness Awareness, including how culture and identity shape experiences of wellness
- Increase understanding of resources and supports in the community
- Space for dialogue and questions

Audience: All Staff

Date: Thursday May 4, 2023

Time: 4:00-5:30pm

Register on [Connect2Learn](#)

Black Mental Health & Wellness [Resource List](#)



**BLACK MENTAL
HEALTH MATTERS**





Background Information

The Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is being awarded through the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) to one recipient in the OPSBA Central East Region for four school years – 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. Scholarship recipients are students of strong character, who care deeply about their communities and furthering their own learning.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible students must be:

- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- In good standing academically and non-academically with your high school
- Attending college, university or an apprenticeship program within Ontario in 2023
- Graduating from a secondary school within one of the eligible school boards or school authority

Eligible School Boards or Authority:

- Bloorview School Authority
- Campbell Children's School
- Durham District School Board
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- The Protestant Separate School Board of the Town of Penetanguishene
- Simcoe County District School Board
- Toronto District School Board
- Trillium Lakelands District School Board
- York Region District School Board

Who are we looking for?

Selection Criteria will consider, but is not limited to:

- Community involvement such as volunteering, athletics, and extra-curricular activities
- Initiative to solve problems around you with the involvement and support of others
- Social identity, socio-economic status or other factors unique to each student's achievements and the opportunities available to them
- Receipt of other major awards or scholarships

Application Process

Applicants are asked to explain in a **maximum** of 300 words their suitability for the Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship based on the established criteria.

All applications must be accompanied by **two letters of reference**, one of which must be from the current principal on school letterhead. Letters of reference *shall not exceed two pages in length*.

To ensure a fair selection process, any additional materials/letters and/or submissions beyond the word limit will **not be taken into consideration**.

If you are unable to complete this application due to:

- accessibility requirements,
- issues accessing any of the text or documents we have made available, or
- have specific alternative format requests,

then please contact Jaine Klassen Jeninga at the email address below.

Please send your completed package in a single PDF file format, with your name included in the file name and on the cover page, **by May 19, 2023** to:

Jaine Klassen Jeninga
Regional Chair, Central East Region
jaine_klassenjeninga@kprdsb.ca

Key Dates

May 19, 2023 – Deadline for applications to be sent to Regional Chair Arlene Morell

June 16, 2023 – School of scholarship recipient to be notified by OPSBA through Principal

Weeks of June 19 and 26, 2023 – Scholarship to be awarded at a commencement ceremony, where possible, or via mail by June 30, 2023.

By August 4, 2023 – Cheque to be mailed to recipient, following confirmation of acceptance at a post-secondary program within Ontario for September 2023.



NACCA SCHOLARSHIP

- SINCE 2019 -

Through our scholarship program, we recognize and celebrate students who are involved in building their community through volunteerism and leadership, and have demonstrated excellence in their academic pursuits.



31 STUDENTS
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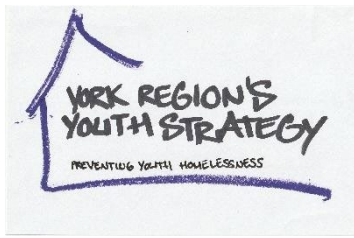
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What's your Strategy? Call to Action Project Proposal Re: Preventing Youth Homelessness

What: Call to Action for purposeful and much-needed change

- It is an invitation to use your voice and create a strategy with an action plan that addresses and/or prevents risk factors that can lead to youth homelessness.
- It is an excellent opportunity to work with other young people and the Youth Council for the York Region Strategy to End Youth Homelessness
- An opportunity to contribute to addressing the increasing issue of youth homelessness.
- Two proposals will be selected for implementation

You will:

- Receive mentorship from the Youth Council
- Work with staff in the community sector serving youth
- May receive community service hours for your time
- Gain significant experience that will contribute to your resume and help inform potential career exploration
- Have the opportunity to receive a reference letter for your time and contribution

Who

- Students age 14-19 living in York Region

When

- Mid-February 2023: Call to Action announced mid-February 2023
- May 31, 2023: Final date for submissions of ideas/proposals
- June 5, 2023: Youth will be contacted
- September 2023: Start collaboration

**For more information about this opportunity, please reach out to
Project Coordinator: Susan Lam at Susan.Lam@360kids.ca**

SEAS Networking Event

We look forward to welcoming you to our 3rd Networking Session of 2022-2023.

With a focus on resource sharing, this session will highlight the community partnerships and human resources available to support East Asian students and families. Hope to see you there!

When: Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Where: Prestotea, 175 Main St. Unionville, Unionville

Time: 4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Please [register online](#) by Monday, March 27, 2023.

For additional inquiries:

Please contact: bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca or alicewan-ling.chu@yrdsb.ca

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners is also a focus of our work.



Preserving Our Past

Sikh Heritage Month

Educators for Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH) celebrates **Sikh Heritage Month 2023** with a focus on **Preserving Our Past**. Sikh Heritage Month provides time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language, identity, and helps build unity.

ESSAH is looking for student and educator voices and support for a special event in celebration of Sikh Heritage Month. Please fill out the [registration form](#) by April 6, 2023 if you are interested in participating through:

- Artwork - for Display
- Poetry/Spoken Word - Performance
- Music - Performance
- Martial Arts - Gatka

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Woodbridge College (71 Bruce St. Woodbridge, ON L4L 1J3)

If you have any further questions, please reach out to Harpinder Kaur, ISCS Community and Partnership Developer - Harpinder.Kaur@yrdsb.ca or Amrit Dhaliwal, Vice-Principal - Amrit.Dhaliwal@yrdsb.ca.

Discover the Benefits of Studying in the UK

Thursday, April 27th at 6.30 pm ET

Register for this online webinar below

Topics to be discussed in this webinar:

- Benefits of studying in the UK
- Entry requirements and costs
- Application process and timeline
- How to set up your UCAS profile
- Required documents
- How SI-UK assists you

There will also be time for a Q&A at the end



Register
here

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Virtual Career Fair/ Networking and Information Session

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

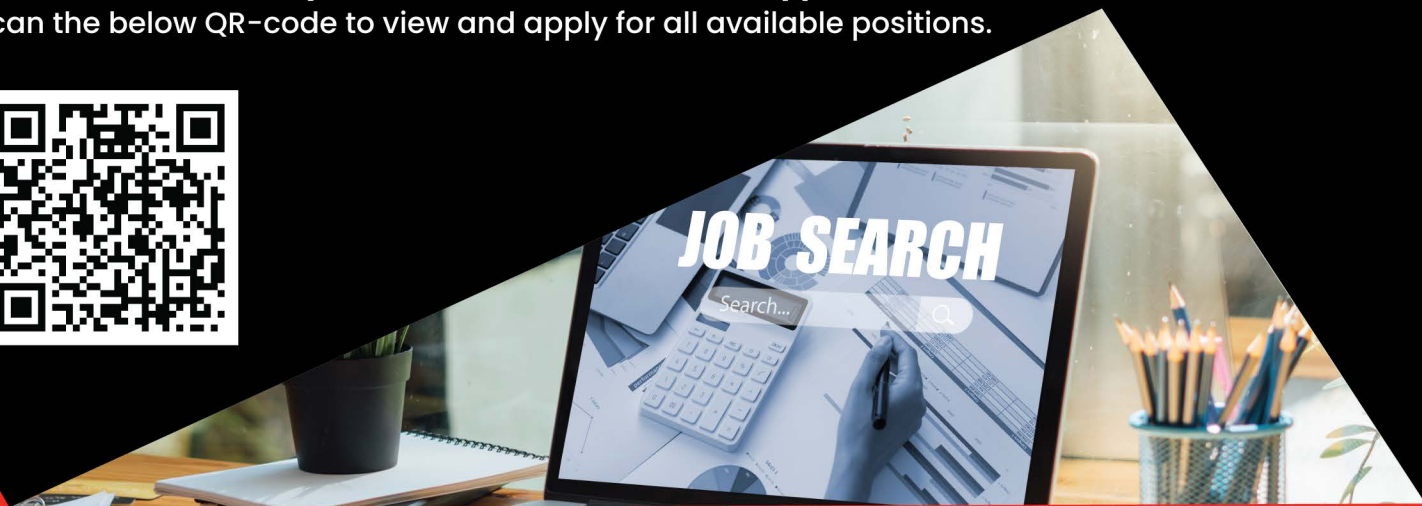
Please visit the Board's career page to register for the information session and view our current job postings. Should you have any questions, please contact the Recruitment Team at careers@yrdsb.ca or 905.727.0022 ext. 2878.



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If you would like to be considered for employment opportunities with the York Region District School Board, please apply online.

Visit our website at www.yrdsb.ca and click on **"Career Opportunities"** or Scan the below QR-code to view and apply for all available positions.



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