



DATES AT A GLANCE

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
June 26	Graduation
June 30	P.A. Day No Classes

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

School council is excited to announce Sara Westbrook is coming to speak to us on May 23rd from 6:45pm-8:0pm about Nurturing Your Teen's Emotional Wellbeing. Please register for this event [here](#). Students will be receiving a different presentation in the afternoon.

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.

FEARLESSLY BLACK: RACIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Learn how to manage racial incidents and encounters without fear!

The Centre for Black Student Excellence (CBSE) invites Black YRDSB students accompanied by their parents/guardians to attend a Black Excellence Program Master Class with a special guest, Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, Professor of Africana Studies and Director of the Racial Empowerment Collaborative at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Stevenson's racial literacy work offers Black

families effective strategies to address anti-Black racism when it occurs. His approach to resolving racial stress offers healthy and viable ways to support the mental health and well-being of those impacted by anti-Black racism, while increasing their awareness and agency. ***Student registrants MUST attend this workshop with a parent, guardian or caring adult.***

This event is **FREE** and includes a light meal (assorted sandwich wraps, salads, and dessert)

Date: May 8, 2023

Time: 5:00 - 8:30 p.m./ (The Racial Literacy Workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m.)

Location: The Venue Event Space (2800 Hwy 7, Woodbridge)

Registration: [Google Form](#) (Spaces are limited)

VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

- [The Marvel Movie Marathon](#) - Friday, May 5 @ Dufferin Clark Branch - in preparation for *Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3*, screen all of the *Guardians of the Galaxy* movies from 1-5:00 p.m.
- A [Henna Design Workshop](#) @ Civic Center Branch - Saturday, May 6 from 2-3:30pm. Register on Eventbrite.

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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](#)

- [Learn How to be a Video Game Designer](#) - Sunday, May 7 @ Civic Center Branch from 1-4:00 p.m. Register on Eventbrite
- [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 27th. 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	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
**revised schedule below*

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

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	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
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	Graduation Award Nominations DUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca OR drop off to the Guidance Office
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	Yearbook Grad Quote DEADLINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google Form Consider something inspirational
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
Thursday, May 18	Grade 12 Graduation Assembly - Period 02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal Graduation Invitation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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

Emily Carr SS presents SARA WESTBROOK



A teen's emotional state affects their performance at school, their relationships and their physical and mental well-being. Emotions can be hard to identify, to move through and hardest of all...to talk about.

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

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



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!



WHO ARE *the Jews?*

TRAVELING EXHIBITION

COMING WESTMOUNT C.I.

MAY 11, 2023

What is it?

This interactive travelling experience leads participants through different exhibits, designed to educate Canadians about the Jewish people, who they are, what they believe, their traditions and the historical & modern forms of persecution they've faced (antisemitism). Participants have the opportunity to touch and explore Jewish artifacts, texts, and traditional objects, and to ask questions of Jewish facilitators.

Guided Tours

La'ad staff and volunteers will be at Westmount C.I. on Thursday May 11th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We would like to invite all members of the community to join a guided tour and ask questions. Tours will start at 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

About La'ad

La'ad Canada is a Canadian Jewish advocacy organization founded in 2017 with the mission to combat antisemitism, educate Canadians about Jews and Judaism, explore the history and contemporary place of Jews as an indigenous people, and to empower Jews to live a rich and meaningful Jewish life.



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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)

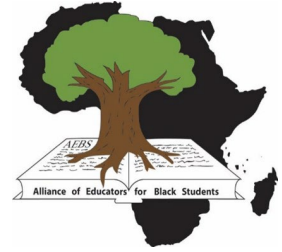
Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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



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

Jaymyi Lesmond: jaymyi.lesmond@yrdsb.ca

Charlotte Reid: charlottereid60@gmail.com or (416) 540-1005

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

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

BLACK
EXCELLENCE

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.**

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:

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