

## DATES AT A GLANCE

Dec. 13	School Council Meeting
Dec 15.	Locker Clean Up
Dec. 20 - Jan 2.	Winter Break - No School
Dec 25 - Jan 1	<a href="#">Christmas</a> <a href="#">Kwanzaa</a>
Jan 12	Grade 8 Open House
Jan 13	Non YRDSB Reg Pkgs Available
Jan 13	OUAC Deadline
Jan 19-20	Math EQAO (Math Grade 9)
Jan 31 - Feb 11	Graduation Portraits
Feb 1	<a href="#">Lunar New Year</a>
Feb 1	OCAS Applications Deadline
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 2 - Feb 3	Feedback Day (a.m.)
Feb 4	PA Day - No Classes
Feb 7	Semester 2 starts
Feb 11	Photo Retake Day

## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families,

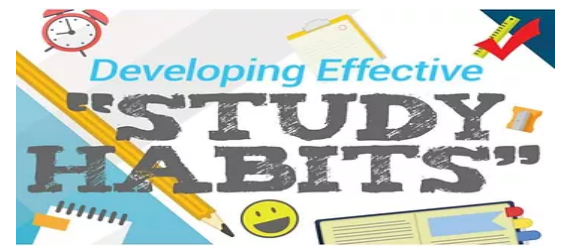
On Monday December 13 and Tuesday December 14th, Emily Carr will be distributing rapid antigen screening kits to students. The rapid antigen screening kits are intended for use by any child who attends a publicly funded school, regardless of their vaccination status. The testing option will not be available to students who have been learning remotely since September 2021. Please follow up with your child on Monday or Tuesday to ensure they have received a kit. Along with testing kits we kindly ask all families to remind students of the important health and safety items below:

- daily screening – before entering ECSS, please assess for symptoms of COVID-19
- do not enter a washroom if three students are already using the facilities
- do not loiter in the washroom
- Masks are mandatory to enter ECSS and must be worn at all times (Please provide your child with an adequate supply)
- use provided hand sanitizers entering/leaving classrooms and ECSS
- maintain physical distancing requirements of 2 metres
- follow directional floor decals in the halls and stairways
- follow the maximum capacity signage and floor decals at washrooms

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



*Our Students Working All Together (SWAT) team, supported by Guidance Counsellors, will be visiting Block 1 Grade 9 & 10 classes early next week to provide a Study Tip Goody package to students.*



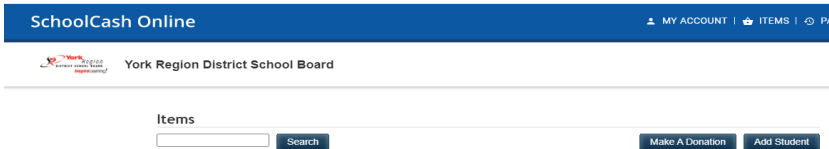
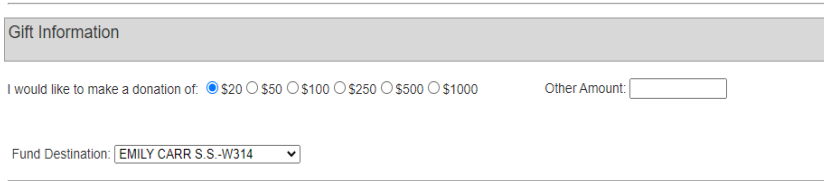
## INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY PROCEDURES

For the 2021-2022 school year, in the event school bus transportation is canceled, the following Inclement Weather Days Procedures will be in effect for the **first** Inclement Weather day of the school year:

- All Secondary Schools will be **closed** to students.
- All student learning will be remote and asynchronous (student work will be placed on Google Classroom)

Updates regarding inclement weather will be posted on the board website.



Feb 14	Semester 1 Report Cards Issued	<b>ECSS SCHOOL SUPPORT FUND</b> Are you looking to make a positive difference locally? Consider donating to the <b>ECSS School Support Fund</b> , which will directly assist students, extra-curricular activities and initiatives at ECSS. Monetary donations can be made through School Cash Online (refer to steps below). Donated funds will be used for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assistance funds (such as to support participation on a team for a student who requires financial assistance);</li> <li>• ceremonies, awards, plaques, trophies or prizes for students;</li> <li>• scholarships and bursaries;</li> <li>• extra-curricular activities and events;</li> </ul>
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day	
<b>HELPFUL LINKS:</b> <a href="#">ECSS Website</a> <a href="#">YRDSB Website</a> <a href="#">ECSS Twitter</a> <a href="#">ECSS Calendar</a> <a href="#">ECSS Instagram</a>		<b>STEP 1: Once logged in, click on “Make A Donation”.</b> 
<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b> <a href="mailto:emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca">emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca</a>		<b>STEP 2: Go to “Gift Information” and select “Emily Carr S.S. - W314”.</b> Please note that tax receipts will automatically be created in the name of the School Cash Online account holder. 
<a href="#">York Region Public Health</a>  <a href="#">Tips For Speaking With Your Child - COVID-19</a>  <a href="#">Mental Health Supports</a>  <a href="#">School Mental Health Ontario</a>		Should you have any questions please contact <a href="mailto:emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca">emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca</a> . Thank you in advance for your support as your generosity and your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.
<b>ATTENDANCE email:</b> <a href="mailto:emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca">emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca</a>  <b>SCHOOL email:</b> <a href="mailto:emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca">emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca</a>		<b>STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP</b> Student safety is paramount and we remind parents to drop their children off in designated areas. Do not stop on Rutherford Road or in designated bus areas. In addition, for everyone's safety, parents are reminded to follow lane markings and drive the entire roundabout when dropping off children.
		<b>REMOTE STUDENTS - YEARBOOK</b> Remote learners who were unable to take their portrait at school, can send in an updated school portrait for the 2021-2022 yearbook using this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/NefCtqT4nmEPpRoGA">https://forms.gle/NefCtqT4nmEPpRoGA</a>
		<b>SEMESTER TWO COURSE CHANGES</b> Course change options for semester two are very limited. Students wishing to make a change are asked to schedule a Guidance Appointment or come by the Guidance Pop-Up Shop prior to <b>Friday, January 21, 2022</b> to review options.



### **OCAS and OUAC APPLICATIONS**

Students are reminded to complete applications as soon as possible to meet the application deadline. Please note that OCAS and OUAC may have holiday hours so students should refer to their website for updated hours. We also encourage students to reach out to the Guidance Office prior to the Winter Break should students require support.

### **SPORTS - ATTESTATION**

We are pleased to announce that some extra curricular sports are now being offered once again at Emily Carr. Please note, participating students and student timekeepers will be required to attest that they have been fully-vaccinated utilizing the current YRDSB Attestation portal under the drop down heading of 'Secondary Students for Inter-School Sports' (<https://visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/>). Participating students will need to register as a new user. Access is available immediately. Students who have not completed the attestation will not be eligible to participate.

### **SCREENING**

York Region Public Health has asked us to remind all staff and students that screening must be completed every day using the [Ontario School Screening Tool](#) for any signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The tool indicates when individuals should be isolating at home and when they should be getting tested.

### **WINTER BREAK**

Families choosing to travel over the winter break are reminded to consult federal and provincial government requirements for testing, quarantine and other appropriate protocols required upon arrival and prior to returning to school. We gratefully appreciate everyone's cooperation with these regulations to ensure the safe return from the winter break on January 3.

### **YEARBOOK:**

Superheroes Unite! Our 2021-2022 Yearbook Theme is Comics! The book is available now to buy on SchoolCashOnline.