



DATES AT A GLANCE

Dec. 15	Rotation #7 Begins
Dec. 15 Dec. 16 Dec. 17 Dec. 18	Cohort A Cohort B Cohort A Cohort B
Dec. 16	Full Disclosure
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break No School
Dec. 25	Christmas Day*
Dec. 26 - Jan. 01	Kwanzaa (SFD)
Jan. 4	School Starts - Rotation #7 Resumes
Jan. 5	Birthday of Guru Govind Singh Jayanti*
Jan. 07	Orthodox Christmas Day*
Jan. 13	Grade 8 Open House - Virtual

*SFD: Significant Faith Day

MESSAGE FROM ECSS ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the final week of classes before the winter break, we wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful, relaxing and rewarding break, and a New Year with peace, hope and prosperity. We know the past months have not been easy for many of our families. We thank you for your continued resilience and cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students and staff and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

2019-2020 ACADEMIC AWARDS VIRTUAL CELEBRATION UPDATE

We know that many of you were looking forward to Wednesday December 09's pre-recorded ceremony celebrating our students' accomplishments and we apologize for the disappointment. Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to share the 2019-2020 Academic Awards Virtual Celebration link at the time.

We are in the process of finding a solution and as soon as we do, we will email students' yrdsb gapps accounts with a follow-up. Our hope is that we will have a solution that we will share with our students during the week of December 14. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

REVISED ASSIGNED ENTRANCES/EXITS - ROTATION 7 - TUESDAY, DEC. 15 - WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13, 2021

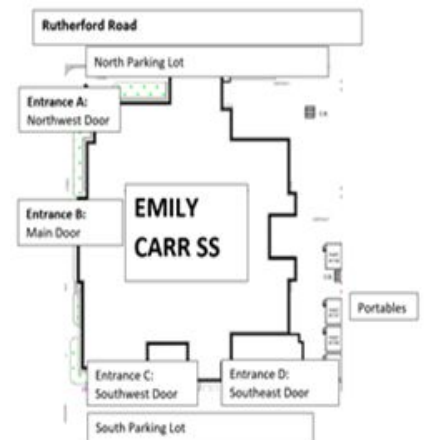
For each rotation, changes are made to assigned entrances to support our COVID-19 health and safety protocols. There are 4 entrances available for student arrivals/departures. Students are asked to use the same entrance/exit throughout rotation 7.

The chart below indicates which entrance your child is to use according to classroom number and the map identifies where the entrance is located. This chart is posted at entrances.



WELCOME THUNDERBIRDS - ROTATION 7 (December 15, 2020 - January 13, 2021)

Entrance A - Northwest Door	Entrance B - Main Door	Entrance C - Southwest Door	Entrance D - Southeast Door
Stairwell No. 1	Stairwell No. 8	Stairwell No. n/a	Stairwell No. 5
Classrooms:	Classrooms:	Classrooms:	Classrooms:
104	216	138A	116
105	218	138B	118
106	225	157	119
108	226	158	120
110	243	159	122
203	246	164	146
205	247	167	147
206	248	172	148
207	249	174	149
210	250		150
213	251		151
			Portables: 301, 302, 303



If your child arrives by bus, please identify the assigned entrance on the above map and ask your child to enter and leave from the assigned entrance/exit.

SOME REMINDERS:

We ask that parent regularly review the following reminders with your child(ren):

- daily screening – before entering ECSS, please assess for symptoms of COVID-19

HELPFUL LINKS:

[ECSS Website](#), [YRDSB Website](#)
[ECSS Twitter](#), [ECSS Calendar](#)
[ECSS Instagram](#)
[York Region Public Health](#)

ATTENDANCE email:
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. SEPYR - Holiday Get Together - Russian & Hebrew Flyer
2. University Information Night (YRDSB Monday) Flyer

- wear masks at all times
- 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

We look forward to seeing our students in their seventh face-to-face (F2F) rotation.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK: GRADE 10 VISUAL ARTS (MAGNIFIED ACRYLIC PAINTINGS INSPIRED BY CANDY WRAPPERS AND POP CANS)



GRADE 12 GRADUATION PORTRAITS

Grade 12s, due to COVID-19 health protocols, we are in the process of looking into the best way we move forward with Graduation Portraits. As soon as we have more information centrally from the board, we will update you.

2020-2021 YEARBOOK: HISTORY IN THE MAKING

The 2020-2021 Yearbook is now on sale. Purchase your Yearbook before January 21st, 2021 at [SchoolCashOnline!](#)

Attention Grade 9s, 10s, & 11s (F2F & SVS): This year we are giving you the opportunity to take your own school portrait for the 2020-2021 Yearbook. Here are the photo requirements:

- Must wear ECSS colours (blue, black, grey)
- The photo MUST be taken in portrait image orientation not landscape, and from the shoulders up
- Do not use any filters on your photo
- No hat or logos
- No hand signs/gestures
- MUST be taken in front of a blank wall (preferably a white wall)

Send your new school portrait to this link: <https://images.jostens.com/415763947>. Please include your full name, grade, and school email when submitting your photo. Please follow us @ecssyearbook2021 for an example and updates.



BFCN- KWANZAA & CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS BFCN - DECEMBER 18

Join BFCN for an end-of-year celebration to learn about Kwanzaa and the importance of cultural traditions on Friday, December 18 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The online workshop is free but there is limited space available so please register via Eventbrite ASAP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bfcn-community-kwanzaa-cultural-celebration-tickets-131326680637>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP - JANUARY 22

All of our Black students and their families are invited to join us for another online edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday, January 22, 2021 from 7 PM - 9 PM. The workshop is offered free of charge as the goal is to share our collective knowledge so that Black students and their families can make informed decisions about post-secondary education. The online workshop is free but there is limited space available so please register via Eventbrite ASAP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bfcn-scholarship-application-workshop-tickets-131425612545>

SECONDARY GSA GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Secondary school students who identify as 2SLGBTQI+ and their allies are invited to join a virtual GSA secondary classroom. The classroom will be moderated by our caring and dedicated GSA advisors, who will make sure the space is following ground rules, safe space guidelines and confidentiality. The classroom is now open and accepting student registrations. Students must [register](#) using their YRDSB GAPPS account.

[PUTTING YOUR FAMILY'S MENTAL WELLNESS FIRST](#) - 7 tips to get ready for the holidays.