



**DATES AT A GLANCE**

Feb 1-28	<a href="#">Black History Month</a>
Feb. 11-16	Semester One Report Cards sent home
Feb. 12	<a href="#">Lunar New year (SFD)</a>
Feb. 15	Family Day - No School
Feb. 16	Begin to <b>LOCK IN</b> Course Selections in My Pathway Planner as of 9:00 a.m.
Feb. 17	<a href="#">Ash Wednesday (Western) SFD</a>
Feb. 24	Course Selections <b>ARE DUE</b> no later than 4:00 p.m.

**MESSAGE FROM ECSS ADMINISTRATION**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week in person learning will commence beginning on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021**. We look forward to once again welcoming students back to Emily Carr. Please note there are additional COVID Screening Measures and Protocols outlined below:

- Step 1: Secondary students to complete on-line self-assessment [COVID-19 School and ChildCare Screening Tool](#) prior to entering the school on a daily basis.
- Step 2: Upon completion of the self-assessment, complete response to the question: "Have you completed the self-screening test?" in the Confirmation [Form](#).
  - Student receives an email response when they respond "Yes".
  - **Upon entering ECSS at assigned entrances (see below), student must provide confirmation of completion of the self-screening (email response) by way of:**
    - **On phone – email or picture of email from their computer**
    - **Hard copy print off of email.**
    - **If neither option is available, they can provide verbal response confirming completion**
  - Supervising staff member checks with students upon entry.
  - Students who indicate they "did not" complete the self-assessment are to be directed to the posted COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening tool to review the questions and provide verbal response to staff member
    - if "no" to all, direct to class, or
    - if "yes" to any, direct to the designated isolation room for pickup and will be advised to attend an assessment center.
  - Students who do not complete the self-assessment will not be able to enter ECSS.
- Students are discouraged from congregating before and after school.
- York Region Public Health is recommending that students wear three-layer masks. Two layer masks are permitted if they are clean and fit appropriately.
- Masks are now required outdoors, in addition to in-the school.

**HELPFUL LINKS:**

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

**MARCH BREAK**

In addition, you have also received communication from YRDSB in regards to the timing of March Break. The Minister of Education has announced that March Break, originally scheduled for March 15 to 19, 2021 will be taking place from April 12 to 16, 2021.

**TEXTBOOKS**

Beginning on Tuesday, February 16 to 17, 2021, students will be able to drop off textbooks from Semester One onto a designated table in the cafeteria.

**ASSIGNED ENTRANCES**

For each rotation, changes are made to assigned entrances to support our COVID-19 health and safety protocols. There are 4 entrances specifically assigned for student arrivals/ departures. Entrances are assigned to students based on their morning classroom number to support our COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

The classroom number can be found on your child's timetable next to the course code. If the classroom listed is in the 100s it is on the first floor, and if it is in the 200s it is on the



[Tips For Speaking With Your Child - COVID-19 Mental Health Supports](#)

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)

[YRDSB Covid-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families](#)

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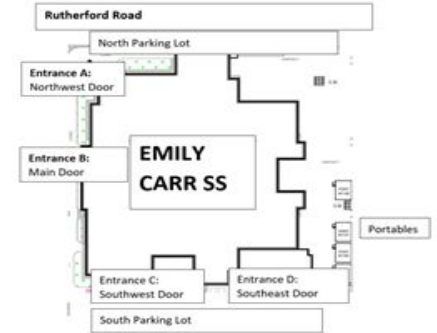
**Attachments:**  
· Liz's - Winter/Spring Webinars (George Brown College)

second floor.

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

### WELCOME THUNDERBIRDS - ROTATION 1 (February 16 - February 25, 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	102	138A	158
105	117	144	243
108	118	146	245
110	120	148	246
200	122	150	247
203	216	151	248
205	218	164	249
206	224	166	250
210	226	173	Portables
213	227	174	
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We kindly ask that if you drive your child to school, please drop your child off close to his/her assigned entrance. If your child arrives by bus, please identify the assigned entrance on the above map and explain to your child where to enter/leave ECSS.

### REMINDERS

We ask that parents/guardians regularly review the following reminders with your child(ren):

- Effective immediately, all students are required to complete a [York Region Public Health school and child-care screening tool](#) before entering ECSS. Daily confirmation of screening will be required. Information above.
- Wear masks at all times. Masks are now required outdoors, as well as common areas, in addition to in-class. York Region Public Health is recommending that students wear three-layer masks. Two layer masks are permitted if they are clean and fit appropriately.
- Students are discouraged from congregating before and after school.
- Families dropping off and picking up their children at school are reminded to wear masks and not congregate while on school property.
- Use provided hand sanitizers entering/leaving classrooms and ECSS.
- Maintain physical distancing requirements of 2 meters.
- Follow directional floor decals in the halls and stairwells.
- Follow the maximum capacity signage and floor decals at washrooms.
- Please continue to reinforce hand hygiene practices.

We look forward to seeing the students in their first face-to-face rotation of Semester 2.

### SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS

<b>February 11-16</b>	<b>Semester One Report Cards sent home</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semester 1 Report Cards will be sent home via students' GAPPS accounts.</li> <li>• Instructions on how to access the Mid-Semester Report Card are outlined below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Login to student YRDSB Google account</li> <li>○ Click on gmail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- Click on the link “electronic version of your Semester 1 Report Card”
- You will be asked for a password. The password is the birthdate of the student in the following format: YYYYMMDD where YYYY is the birth year, MM is the birth month and DD is the birth date. Please note if the birth month or date are single digits, please include a 0. For example, if a student has a birthdate of March 1, 2010, you would enter 20100301.

**SENIOR INFORMATION PRESENTATION VIDEO**

This video presentation is for all grade 10 and 11 students and their families. The focus of this presentation is on pathway planning. The invitation button to connect to the video is on the homepage of the [ECSS website](#) under the title “Announcements”. A slide deck of this presentation is also available on the ECSS Guidance link under the title “[ECSS Presentations](#)”.

**COURSE SELECTION PROCESS**

The Course Selections process for the 2021/2022 school year has begun.

- Students have been provided a step-by-step instruction guide on how to complete their selections in **My Pathway Planner** under the title “Resources”. This instruction sheet is also available to students and families on the [Guidance link](#).
- To assist with this process, the Guidance Team has created course selection instruction videos for each grade. The instruction guide, videos, and slide deck of the presentations are easily accessible on the Guidance link of the ECSS website under the title “[Course Selection Information](#)”.
- Students may begin **locking in their selections as of 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 16th, and they are due no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 24th.**

**UPDATE FROM YEARBOOK**

Attention ECSS Grads! You have more time to submit a graduation photo. Please note that the new deadline for your picture and your grad quote has been changed to Friday, May 7th. Please send your photo and complete the questionnaire using this link:

<https://forms.gle/5CPS7bZLXuJ8zYKz5>

Attention Grade 9s, 10s & 11s, we have also extended the deadline for photos to Friday, May 7th. For more information on how to send in your photo, follow us @ecssyearbook2021

**[VIRTUAL TOWN HALL](#)**

The Board invites students, staff, families & community members to a Virtual Town Hall scheduled for Wednesday February 17, 2021 to discuss the Renaming of Vaughan Secondary School.

**[BFCN BLACK HISTORY MONTH WORKSHOP & CELEBRATION](#)**

The Black Foundation of Community Networks invites our community to special guests for a Black History Month workshop.

**[JEAN LUMB AWARDS 2021](#)**

This opportunity is available for high school students of Chinese Heritage.