



DATES AT A GLANCE

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| Jan. 14 - Jan. 29 | Rotation #8 (Block 1, Period 04)- Cohort A & B - Online) |
| Jan. 27 | International Holocaust Remembrance Day |
| Feb. 1 | Black History Month OCAS Application Deadline PA Day - No School |
| Feb. 2 | Semester 2 Starts Groundhog Day |
| Feb. 8 | Semester 1 - Report Cards Issued |

HELPFUL LINKS:

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

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

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MESSAGE FROM ECSS ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know we have received notice from the Ontario Ministry of Education that all secondary schools will continue virtual learning until **February 10, 2021**. Schools are expected to reopen to students for in-person learning at that time. We will continue to share information with our families as it becomes available.

We are continuing preparations for the start of second semester. Currently, we are in the process of rescheduling the school and creating student timetables that balance both face-to-face (F2F) learning and virtual school (SVS) needs.

At a later date (last week of January), we will communicate with families and students when timetables are ready for access. When accessing the timetable through teachassist, kindly note that you must use the following link: ta.yrdsb.ca. We have been informed that there is a third party app that is not affiliated with YRDSB (link does not contain yrdsb) that is providing incorrect information.

SUPPORT FOR LEARNERS PROGRAM: As you may be aware, the provincial government extended its Support for Learners program to include students in secondary. Each student enrolled in secondary is eligible to [apply for this one time funding here](#). Students who are over 18 can apply themselves. Only one application can be made per student, of course, and more information about eligibility and such can be found at the [Get Support for Learners](#) site. The deadline to apply is February 8, 2021.

GRADE 10 AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY:

ECSS will be running an after school literacy program to help grade 10 students with their literacy skills. If you have interest in enrolling your child in the program, please email themistocles.drekolias@yrdsb.ca for more informat

POTENTIAL GRADUATES have step-by-step instruction sheets, tutorials, and all necessary materials to apply to [OCAS \(Ontario College Application Service\)](#) in their **ECSS Potential Graduate Google Classroom**. The OCAS application deadline is February 1, 2021. Students are encouraged to schedule a guidance appointment if they require any support.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Registration for Winter Night School and Winter Night School e-Learning is open. Please refer to the attachment for instructions and details. Students will also find these instructions in their *My Pathway Planner* under 'Resources'.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY at the UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Blueprint is a free academic enrichment program designed for highly motivated Black students currently in Grades 10 and 11 interested in pursuing degrees and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with a strong interest in Engineering.



Attachments:

- **BFCN - Scholarship Application Workshop**
- **School of Transportation Drop-In Webinar Sessions**
- **Virtual Indigenous College Recruiter Information Panel**
- **Adult Classes - Ongoing Open Registration:**
 - **TAMIL**
 - **FARSI**
 - **RUSSIAN**
 - **SIMPLIFIED CHINESE**

The program includes four weeks of summer academic programming and continued community engagement including monthly webinars, workshops, and socials. Please attend the following Information Sessions for more details about this enrichment program:

Blueprint Program - Information Session One

Time: January 18th, 2021 at 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[**Register Here**](#)

Blueprint Program - Information Session Two

Time: January 27th, 2021 at 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[**Register Here**](#)

COLLEGE INFORMATION FOR BLACK STUDENTS

The YRDSB Black Student Graduation Coaches, in collaboration with various colleges, are hosting a College Information Week for Black Students. Register to learn about applications/admissions, programs, financial resources and supports for Black students on campus. Please click the above link for more information.

Date(s): Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and Thursday, January 21, 2021

Time: 4:00pm

Registration Link (students need to register in order to access the link for the event):

<https://tinyurl.com/yyosr7yc>

DUAL CREDIT VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR WINTER 2021

We are actively recruiting at this time for our Winter 2021 session. We have coordinated to offer virtual information sessions about dual credit programming scheduled by our Regional planning team for all GTA school boards and local colleges on [**Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 12:30pm-1:00pm**](#) and [**Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 3:30pm -4:00pm.**](#)

The links to access these meetings are hyperlinked above. Please refer to our google site for up to date information on course offerings, descriptions as well as live seat count for the courses. [Bit.ly/YRDSBdualcredits](https://bit.ly/YRDSBdualcredits)