



DATES AT A GLANCE

Feb. 01	P.A. Day - No Classes Black History Month OCAS Application Deadline
Feb. 02	Credit Conferencing and Rescue Day
Feb. 03	Semester 2 Starts
Feb. 04-10	Current School Closure - All Classes Online
Feb. 08	Semester 1 - Report Cards Issued
Feb. 11-16	Semester One Report Cards sent home
Feb. 12	Lunar New year (SFD)
Feb. 15	Family Day - No School
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday (Western) SFD
*SFD - Significant Faith Day	

HELPFUL LINKS:

[ECSS Website](#), [YRDSB Website](#),
[ECSS Twitter](#), [ECSS Calendar](#)
[ECSS Instagram](#)

MESSAGE FROM ECSS ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We wish to provide updated information regarding the transition from Semester 1 to Semester 2. We realize this addition of Talon contains a lot of information due to the start up of Second Semester due to the school closure.

YRDSB continues to follow the direction of York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education regarding COVID-19 safety. Unless otherwise instructed, school buildings will remain closed until February 10, 2021.

We are currently preparing the final stages of transitioning into Semester 2. In order to accommodate student requests to attend Secondary Virtual School (SVS), there was a need to reschedule the school due to a reduction of 60 sections. As such, we would like to update you on some key dates and information:

January 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester Two student timetables - students can log into their teachassist (ta.yrdsb.ca) account to view their timetable for the second semester. Students who will be participating in Credit Conferencing and Rescue Day (February 02) will be contacted by their teacher(s). Course change requests can be submitted as of Friday, January 29 until Tuesday, February 02 - more details below 				
February 01	P.A. Day - No Classes Learning Material Return <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more details below 				
February 02	Credit Conferencing and Rescue Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some students will be involved in activities to support completion of Semester 1 courses. Students are expected to attend only as directed/contacted by their teacher. Semester 2 Class Invitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will receive an invitation to each of their course's digital classroom in their GAPPs email account before their first period class on February 03. Learning Material Return <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more details below 				
February 03	Online morning classes only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the morning, all students will attend classes online according to the following schedule: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">FEBRUARY 03, 2021</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Period 01</td><td>8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	FEBRUARY 03, 2021		Period 01	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m
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[Tips For Speaking With Your Child - COVID-19 Mental Health Supports](#)

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Attachments:

- Skills Ontario Pathways - Careers Event Flyer
- PCMH Support Group Poster
- 211 Ontario Toolkit for Schools
- Trustee Greetings for February 2021

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February 04-10	<p>Current School Closure - All Classes Online</p> <p>NEW: For the duration of the school closure, Adaptive (face-to-face) schools will follow a revised school schedule.</p> <table> <tr> <th colspan="2">Semester 2 Daily Schedule During Closure</th></tr> <tr> <td>Period 01</td><td>8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Period 02</td><td>9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lunch</td><td>10:35 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Period 03</td><td>11:55 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Period 04</td><td>1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</td></tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once schools reopen, the schedule will return to an adaptive model as used in the fall. Details will be provided at that time. 	Semester 2 Daily Schedule During Closure		Period 01	8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Period 02	9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Lunch	10:35 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.	Period 03	11:55 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Period 04	1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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February 11-16	<p>Semester One Report Cards sent home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester 1 Report Cards will be sent home via students' GAPPs accounts. • More information will be provided at a later date 												

We remain deeply committed to supporting our students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 on education. If our school can support your family, we encourage you to connect with us.

LEARNING MATERIAL RETURN PROCESS

Students and families may now arrange by booking an appointment through teachassist to safely return items that belong to Emily Carr (including textbooks, musical instruments, etc.) **on February 1 and 2, 2021.** Please click on Retrieval of School Items. Families who were unable to book on January 27, 2021 are now able to do so. Please note that arrangements for the distribution of textbooks and other learning materials for Semester 2 courses, will be shared at a future time.

COURSE CHANGE REQUEST FOR SEMESTER 2

Please note, due to the unique circumstances of this school year, timetable movement is very limited. The Semester 2 timetable was recently rebuilt. In some cases, one or both alternate choices were used. Course change requests can be submitted as of Friday, January 29 until



Tuesday, February 2. The [Course Change Request Google Form](#) will close at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2. We cannot accept any requests beyond this deadline, so that timetables may be finalized for Semester 2. Students must be logged into their GAPPs account to access the form. Guidance Counsellors will inform students via their GAPPs account if the request could or could not be fulfilled. Once again, it is important to reiterate that very few changes can be made based on course availability and cohorting.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on **February 3, 2021**. To join our meeting at 7:00 p.m. please click [here](#). All ECSS families are welcome to join us. An agenda will be made available on the school website on **Monday, February 1, 2021**.

2020-2021 YEARBOOK UPDATE:

We are happy to announce that the deadline to purchase your yearbook has been extended to **Friday, March 26**.

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 7**. Please send your photo and complete the questionnaire using this link:

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

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

There are some really useful resources for students on the School Mental Health Ontario website: <https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/students/>

If you have concerns about how your child may be affected by the current circumstances, including any concerns related to mental health, help is available. Resources and supports related to student mental health can be accessed through [YRDSB COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families](#). If you ever have an immediate safety concern for your child, including risk of suicide, please contact your local hospital or emergency services by calling 911 immediately.

THE STUDY AND GO ABROAD WINTER VIRTUAL FAIR

The fair offers students an opportunity to meet online with representatives from post-secondary institutions from home and around the world. It is taking place on Thursday, February 11 from 3 pm to 9 pm. The website to sign up for the fair is <https://saga.easyvirtualfair.com/> and the site for more information is <https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/virtual-education-fair/>.