



DATES AT A GLANCE

Mar. 20	Naw Ruz (Persian new Year's Day) SFD
Mar. 21	World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS)
Mar. 22 Mar. 23 Mar. 24	Cohort A Cohort B Feedback Day - AM Online Synchronous Learning
Mar. 25 - Apr. 7	Rotation #4 Begins
Mar. 25 Mar. 26	Cohort A Cohort B
Mar. 25	Career Fair - Virtual - Gr. 10 & 11
Mar. 29 and 30	Distribution of "Student Life Expo in a Box"
Mar. 31	Virtual Interview Night
Apr. 1	Holy Thursday (SFD)
Apr. 2	World Autism Awareness Day Good Friday (SFD) - No School
Apr. 5	Easter Monday (SFD) - No School
Apr.12 - 16	Spring Break - No School
*SFD	Significant Faith Day

MESSAGE FROM ECSS ADMINISTRATION

Interview' Night for Second Semester will take place on **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at Emily Carr as we normally would; however our staff look forward to meeting with you virtually.

INTERVIEW NIGHT - GOOGLE MEET - TEACHASSIST (please see attached letter)

We will be using TeachAssist again this semester to schedule meeting times. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

We will be using Google Meet to conduct Interview Night and parents/families will be receiving the link from the classroom teacher. Please reach out to specific teachers for any questions or assistance.

INTERVIEW NIGHT 2021 - IMPORTANT TIMELINES	
March 22	TeachAssist Interview Night scheduler opens to families:
March 22 -26	Families make Interview Night appointments on TeachAssist
March 26	Confirmation emails sent to families to teachers with Google Meet links for the interview.
March 31	Interview Night, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SECONDARY EXAMS

In order to prioritize classroom instruction time, and to align with Semester 1 assessment practices, exams will not be conducted this semester.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

POTENTIAL GRADUATES 2021: It has come to our attention that the school will NOW be giving students the opportunity to take their graduation portrait at the school. **The DATE has NOT been announced yet.**

Please note that the MAY 7 deadline for graduation portraits has **been extended**. We will still keep the GRADUATE GOOGLE FORM open for those who still want to submit their portrait from home or send in a grad quote. The link can be found [here](#).

GRADE 9s, 10s and 11s: We are encouraging you to submit your own portrait from home. Here is the form: <https://forms.gle/wzuKjEnLevb1685w9>

Yearbooks are still on sale! Get yours before the MARCH 26 PURCHASE DEADLINE. (Available on [SchoolCashOnline](#))



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

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Attachments:

- Interview Night - Letter
- Career Virtual Fair - Letter

ECSS E-NEWSPAPER: *THE CARR SCOOP*

The March edition of *The Carr Scoop*, our very own ECSS e-newspaper is available for viewing. To access the e-newspaper, visit <https://www.sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/thescoop>. Please be aware that students must be logged into their GAPPS account in order to view the site.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK: Emily Carr at Dawn (Ms. Finelli)



P.A.L.S. - PEER ASSISTED LEARNING SUPPORT (VIRTUAL)

We are pleased that our ECSS Virtual Peer Assisted Learning Support Program will once again be available for semester 2. PALS provides students with a virtual ECSS peer tutor that will provide academic support in a specific subject area(s). Support may include reviewing and/or clarifying notes, assisting with test preparation, providing and working through practice questions, or clarifying assignments. P.A.L.S. is available on Mondays 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. [P.A.L.S. Information](#)

YRDSB EDUCATION CAREER VIRTUAL FAIR - Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Education Career Fair (ECF) event is a national initiative that provides grade 10 and 11 students with the opportunity to engage in pathway planning for one day with exhibitors from Ontario, national post-secondary institutions, career training institutions, industry associations, local employers and volunteer/non-profit organizations.

The ECF event will support students to begin planning their future career path by participating in seminars, engaging in one-on-one discussions with school recruiters and industry experts, and reflecting on their experience and learning in their myPathway Planner.

Students must **register in advance** to participate in the virtual fair taking place Thursday, March 25, 2021. The day will provide new, dynamic and engaging experiences delivered virtually by the ECF in partnership with the YRDSB Pathways Team, Curriculum and

Instructional Services. Please refer to the attached letter for event details and registration information.

In addition, students are also eligible to pick up a “**STUDENT LIFE EXPO IN A BOX**” for



FREE. This box includes viewbooks, brochures, promotional items, swag, and some giveaways. Every student will receive a unique code to get Microsoft 365, and be able to participate in a contest for a \$2,000 tuition prize, and a chance to win 1 of 3 surface laptops. Interested students can log into their GAPPS account and complete the [Student Life Expo in a Box Form](#). There is a LIMITED SUPPLY OF BOXES which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. These boxes will be distributed in the cafeteria between 10:30 am - 11:00 am on Monday, March 29th (Cohort A) and Tuesday, March 30th (Cohort B). Please note that the form will close on Friday, March 26th, or sooner if all requests have been fulfilled.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSES & TOURS

Attending a virtual college and university open house or tour is a great way to find out more about the campus, the programs, and the environment. Each post-secondary institution offers a variety of events throughout the year for secondary school students, but especially during the months of March and April. We encourage families to visit each institution's website to find out more details.

ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS/LINKS:

BLACK FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS (BFCN)

Workshop #5 is called Foundations of Financial Literacy and will be presented by Mutiat Bello from MBRE. Participants will learn how to introduce, support and engage their child in the area of financial literacy , a new strand to the Ontario math curriculum. Inviting all Black parents to join BFCN on April 9 from 7 PM - 9 PM.

ADDRESSING ANTI-EAST ASIAN RACISM

Join SEAS and NEKS for a three-part series on Addressing Anti-East Asian Racism through conversations and learning. See attached flyer for further information

REFLECTING ON RACISM - POSTER (VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY)

A lecture series taking place Thursday, March 25th

ONABSE RECRUITMENT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - POSTER

For more information contact [JOTFORM](#)

UARR RECRUITMENT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - POSTER

The coalition for Racial Equity in Education (CREE) is recruiting parents/guardians and highschool students. Apply by march 28th.

MAYOR'S BLACK YOUTH LIAISON COMMITTEE

Combat anti-Black racism and have your voice heard. markham.ca/LetsTalkAboutRacism