



DATES AT A GLANCE

Nov. 06	Daylight Savings
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 13	World Kindness Day
Nov. 14-18	Bully Awareness Week
Nov. 17 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Pathways to Opportunity Event
Nov. 18	Mid-terms are eDistributed PA Day - No School
Nov. 21	School Council Meeting
Nov. 28 - Dec. 09	Graduation Portraits
Nov. 29	Full Disclosure

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Earlier this week, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) provided notice that their members will conduct a province-wide political protest affecting YRDSB schools on **Friday, November 4, 2022**. Over the weekend, we encourage families to continue to monitor the Board website: www.yrdsb.ca/bargaining or Twitter account [@yrdsb](https://twitter.com/@yrdsb) for immediate updates. The Board will also continue to update families with important information should circumstances change. We recognize this situation is disappointing for all involved. This was not an easy decision to make; your child's safety continues to be our first priority.

GRADE 08 OPEN HOUSE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2022

We kindly ask our families to spread the news about our Grade 08 Open House evening (Wednesday, December 07, 2022) and all the wonderful things happening at ECSS.

EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL
GRADE 08 OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2022

FUTURE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN PERSON!
Wednesday, December 07, 2022
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

LEARN ABOUT:

- Advanced Placement (AP) - 2025
- High-Performance Athlete Program
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- Student Support Services
- Extra-Curricular Clubs/Leadership
- Athletic Teams/Arts

Build your future here!
Come and join us to find out about all the wonderful things happening at **E.C.S.S.**

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Meeting Dates:

- Monday, Nov. 21, 2022
- Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023
- Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023

MORNING STUDENT DROP OFF SAFETY

If you drive your child to school, you know that it can be quite busy. You can avoid the morning rush and avoid late arrivals by dropping your child off before 7:45 a.m., carpooling, or encouraging your child to walk or make use of public transit. As of the first day of school in September, we have been implementing new mandated safe arrival procedures. Should you wish to review the procedures, please access the following hyperlink: [Student Start-up Package](#).

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HELPFUL LINKS:

[ECSS Calendar](#)

[ECSS Website](#)

[YRDSB Website](#)

[ECSS Twitter](#)

[ECSS Instagram](#)

[York Region Public Health](#)

[Tips For Speaking With Your](#)

[Child - COVID-19](#)

[Mental Health Supports](#)

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)

2023 GRADUATION PORTRAITS:

Edge Imaging will be at ECSS to take grad photos beginning Monday November 28, 2022. Remember to book an appointment using the following link: www.bookmygrad.ca and school code: **YEC**. Also, see attachment (reminder notice) for more information and tips for graduation portraits. Sign up early to get the time that works best for you and please arrive on time for your appointment in order to prevent a backlog. The photographer will be in the presentation room in the Library. Congratulations class of 2023; we look forward to seeing you for your graduation photos.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FEE

The Student Engagement Fee serves to engage students in the broader school community by providing a wide range of opportunities that occur before school, at lunch, and after school. Monies collected cover or subsidize costs of events and activities that build school spirit and enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom and the designated subject curriculum. Sports teams, clubs, and groups benefit from the school activity fee as they receive an allocation of funds based on the overall student population. This subsidy allows for a reduction of costs which in many instances contributes to the overall viability of the event or activity.



This year we have included the [SPC discount card](#) with our engagement fee. This card entitles students to discounts at local businesses and malls.

Your support of the School Engagement Fee is needed in order for us to continue to be able to provide a vast array of opportunities that respond to the diverse interests of our school community. At Emily Carr S.S., the School Engagement Fee will fund or subsidize the following:

- Spirit events
- Assemblies, guest speakers
- Club activities
- Celebrations
- Leadership activities
- Wellness Days



We hope to continue our commitment to many varied opportunities for our students. We appreciate the value of co-curricular activities in building school spirit, fostering a sense of community, and fostering a sense of fulfillment and well-being. The \$40.00 Engagement Fee (includes **SPC discount card**) may be purchased through [SchoolCash Online](#).

GOOD NEIGHBOUR RELATIONSHIPS

The students of E.C.S.S. have a shared responsibility with our community partners to ensure an inviting and clean environment for our neighbours and our community. Although the Al Palladini Community Center, the Pierre Berton Resource Library and the Business establishments at the Plaza are public facilities, they are to be treated as private property by our students.



We would like to remind our students that they are discouraged from “hanging out” in these different areas between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During lunch students are welcome at both centers as long as they adhere to the City of Vaughan’s ‘Safe Community Centres Policy Code of Conduct’.

NACCA PRESENTS

T.E.A.C.H- A SIX WEEK MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM FOR BLACK YOUTH

This six week mental health foundational program for Black youth offers a variety of topics centering Black youth, their experiences, identity, mental health and so much more. Nov. 9th-Dec. 14th. [T.E.A.C.H REGISTRATION FORM](#). Parental consent is required to register if you are under the age of 18.

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA) is delivering a six weeks mental health workshop series for Black youth ages 12-25 who reside in York Region. The program will be delivered in a hybrid (in-person and online) format. If you choose to participate in-person, transportation is not provided. Sessions will be held at NACCA's community centre at 449 Eagle Street, Newmarket. More information regarding the workshops will be sent once you have signed up. All sessions will be supported by a mental health clinician.

Completion of this form provides NACCA with the information needed to connect you to services that will best support your needs. All responses are bound by NACCA's confidentiality policy. Identifying information will only be shared with staff working with the program. Demographic information (ie. age, location) will be used for reporting purposes only.

Program Details

When: Wednesdays from Nov. 9, 2022 – Dec. 14, 2022
Where: In-person at 449 Eagle Street and virtual via zoom

Should you have any additional questions and/or concerns, please contact us:
Email: leronmhonsele@naccacommunity.ca
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POST-SECONDARY FAIR: PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! Pathways to Opportunity is taking place in our cafetorium on Thursday, November 17th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This is an event where students and their parents/guardians have an opportunity to meet with representatives from various post-secondary institutions in order to learn more about the different programs they offer. Please refer to the attached flyer to review some of our confirmed guests.



Ready for your future?

Ontario's Colleges are coming together virtually on Mondays in November to get you the information you need to be ready for your future

- Find out about Ontario's College system
- Hear highlights from each college
- Learn program & admission information
- Ask College reps your questions



To register, scan the QR code or go to ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-mondays

DD CLUB



Game on! Join in on the action and adventure as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons. No previous gaming experience required. For grades 6-12.

Scan to sign up!



Saturdays @ 2pm | Nov 5 • Dec 3 • Jan 28 • Feb 25

Pierre Berton Resource Library

Your Portrait Session

Carry on the Canadian tradition of marking your graduation accomplishments with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

**Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



More Options

Your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority when you are at the camera. We want all students to let your true colours shine. Your sitting options may include: more poses, casuals, and Vintage Hollywood poses. **View details on all your sitting options at bookmygrad.ca**

B.Y.O.P

Depending on the school, Edge may or may not provide props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. There's no limit to your creativity!

**Poses and backgrounds may vary.*



Graduating Class Composite

Just like the ones you stared at in your high school hallways, you'll receive your very own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.

****Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.***



Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to bookmygrad.ca and enter your school code and student number to get started.

SCHOOL CODE:

Senior Graduation



Book Your Portrait Session



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FIND OUT
HOW YOU
COULD

WIN A BURSARY

CHECK OUT edgeimaging.ca/win FOR DETAILS

Congratulations on Your Graduation

You've worked hard and it's time to celebrate.

Edge Imaging will be coming to your school to commemorate this milestone moment. Sign up soon so you can be sure to get the time slot that works best for you.

Questions? Check out the FAQs at
edgeimaging.ca/graduation

TEEN BOOK CLUB

WHAT ARE YOU
READING NOW?

Do you love Young Adult fiction? Have you read anything really fantastic lately? Join us to discuss why we love different authors, series, themes or genres! For grades 8-12.

Pierre Berton Resource Library

Thursday, October 6, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday, November 3, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday, December 1, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

- 📅 Register on Eventbrite
- 📺 Online on Zoom available

Attend
in person
or over
Zoom

Toastmasters for Teens



Ansley Grove Library

🔗 Register on Eventbrite

Thursdays, Oct 20th - Dec 8th 7-8:30 pm

Have you ever felt nervous about public speaking? Join Toastmasters for Teens and conquer those fears! Develop communication and leadership skills with the guidance of a facilitator.

For grades 8-12