



DATES AT A GLANCE

Nov. 21	School Council Meeting
Nov. 28 - Dec. 09	Graduation Portraits
Nov. 29	Full Disclosure
Dec. 06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
Dec. 07 6-8:00 p.m.	Grade 08 Open House
Dec. 18-26	Hanukkah
Dec. 25	Christmas (Western)
Dec. 26-31	Kwanza
Dec. 26 - Jan. 06	Winter Break

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Meeting Dates:

Monday, Nov. 21, 2022
Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023
Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023
@ 7:00 p.m. - Library

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) has provided notice that they will be participating in a full withdrawal of services to begin on Monday, November 21, 2022, if a provincial settlement is not reached. At York Region District School Board, CUPE represents over 4,000 staff who provide critical services to our school board, including Caretakers, Maintenance staff, Educational Assistants (EAs), Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECEs), Child Youth Workers (CYWs), Clerical staff, Information Technology (IT) and other support staff members.

Should the strike proceed, schools will be closed to students on Monday, November 21, 2022. Classes will be conducted virtually and will be synchronous (live learning). Students are to attend virtually following their timetable schedule and times.

We anticipate receiving additional information over the coming days and will provide updates to families as they become available. Please visit the Board website www.yrdsb.ca/bargaining or Twitter account @yrdsb for immediate updates.

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. Families are a valued partner in education and we thank you for your support and for everything you do each and every day to help students succeed. We value the relationships we have with our families and community partners. We can appreciate that this uncertainty will affect our students and families, and want you to know that we are doing everything we can to support our students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.

We invite all parents/guardians to attend our School Council Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Should there be a strike and schools are closed to students and after hours events, we will have a virtual meeting. You may access the virtual meeting by using the following link: <https://meet.google.com/ncv-frho-yxb>

MASKING & SEVERE WEATHER

With the announcement from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health regarding masking and winter weather approaching, we would like to provide families with an update on masking and the steps we take to keep students safe when severe weather occurs.

Masking in Schools

Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health strongly recommended that individuals wear masks in indoor settings. We continue to consult with York Region Public Health, who are [strongly recommending masking in indoor settings](#). York Region schools and workplaces continue to be mask friendly environments and masking is strongly encouraged in YRDSB schools and buildings, and on all forms of school transportation. All students, staff, families and visitors who choose to wear a mask, or who are advised or required to wear a mask will be supported in doing so. A limited number of masks are available; children who wish to wear a mask but do not have access to one, may contact their school.



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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](#)

School Transportation Cancellations

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.

Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

School Closures

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

Communication to Families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001
- [Board](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

ONTARIO SECONDARY LITERACY TEST

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be online and taking place at Emily Carr from **November 29 to December 2, 2022**. All eligible grade 10s will write as well as any grade 11 and non-graduating grade 12 students who did not participate in or were not successful in the 2021-2022 administration. If you would like to review additional information and resources, including a **practice test**, you may access the following link: [Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test](#).

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.

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](#).

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.

