

## DATES AT A GLANCE

Oct. 17	Sukkot
Oct. 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
Oct. 17 (week of)	Potential Graduates to receive their PIN/OEN letter
Oct. 18	TeachAssist Interview Scheduler opens
Oct. 19-20	Interim Reports e-Distributed
Oct. 19 & 20	<a href="#">Ontario College Information Fair</a> ECSS Field Trip on Oct 20th
Oct. 21	PA Day - No classes
Oct. 24	Diwali
Oct. 25 @ Lunch	SHSM Information Session
Oct. 26	Academic Awards Celebration
Oct. 27	Interview Night @ 6:00-8:00 p.m. SHSM Info Booth

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Grade 09s participated in our Thundercamp event this week and had a great time creating memories. Here are some pictures...



## TAKE OUR KIDS TO KIDS TO WORK DAY(TOKW)

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is a national initiative that provides grade 9 students with the opportunity to observe a work environment or engage in pathways planning for one day. This year, TOKW Day is on **November 2, 2022**. On this date, grade 9 students can participate in an in-person job shadow opportunity. There is a [Family Guide Resource](#) available to support families with planning. Please be advised that permission forms to participate in Take our Kids to Work Day will be sent to your child's GAPPs account today. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions. Parents/Guardians can also choose to have their child participate independently in career exploration activities at home or at school. Please indicate this choice on the permission form so that schools can plan appropriately. We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

## OSSLT/AFTER-SCHOOL LITERACY COURSE

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 this fall 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. We will share additional information as it becomes available. 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](#). Similarly, in preparation we have sent grade 10 families information regarding signing up for the after-school literacy course. Families who have not received the information are

## INTERVIEW NIGHT - BOOKING INFORMATION - TEACHASSIST

We are pleased to announce that Interview Night will be taking place at Emily Carr on **October 27, 2022**. ECSS will be using teachassist to manage our Interview Night scheduling. Families will be able to make appointments beginning on October 18, 2022.

INTERVIEW NIGHT 2022 - IMPORTANT TIMELINES	
October 18, 2022	TeachAssist Interview Night scheduler opens to families:
October 18 - 26	Families make Interview Night appointments on TeachAssist
October 27	Interview Night, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## INTERIM MARK & INTERVIEW NIGHT:

In semester one, families will receive three reports including the Interim Report, Mid-Semester Report and Semester End Report. Our reports provide you information about your child's achievement throughout the first semester. These reports will be distributed via student GAPPs accounts.

Interim reports are part of the ongoing communication from our school to support student achievement and well-being. We hope that this report will provide valuable feedback for your child while supporting conversations about learning at home. Distribution of your child's interim report card for the first semester will begin on October 19, 2022.

## MATH CONTESTS

Are you interested in writing any Math contests this year? The Canadian Senior And Intermediate Math Contests are taking place on November 16, 2022. Please join the ECSS Math Contests Google Classroom if you'd like more information about the contests and registration. The class code is: 33lenal (33LENAL)

## UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

This is a friendly reminder to families that if any contact information has changed, please contact the school to update information on any of the following:

- telephone number
- home address
- email address
- emergency contact information
- medical information, if applicable

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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### Meeting Dates:

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

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## 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](#)



## **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE FOR SCHOOL STAFF/PARENTS AND YOUTH**

Human trafficking/sex trafficking is happening in neighbourhoods across York Region, whereby, youth as young as 12 years of age are being targeted. This free conference, a collaboration between YRDSB and our community partners that respond to and provide services regarding Human Trafficking, is intended to bring education and awareness to human/sex trafficking. For more information, please see attachment.

## **APPLICATION DETAILS FOR THE ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATION SERVICE (OCAS)/ONTARIO UNIVERSITY APPLICATION CENTER (OUAC)**

For the 2022-2023 school year, students applying to post-secondary school through OCAS and/or OUAC will be provided their OEN, MIDENT (BSID) and OUAC PIN (if applicable) through a secure centrally facilitated process during the week of October 17th.

**ONTARIO COLLEGE FAIR** will be taking place on October 19th & 20th at the Enercare Centre - Exhibition Place. For more information visit: [www.ocif.ca](http://www.ocif.ca). Please note that ECSS is taking students to the fair on October 20th. Students are asked to come by the Students Success Room (Room 102) or the Guidance Office for more details. Please note that there is no cost for the students at the fair.

## **POST-SECONDARY FAIR: PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY NIGHT**

SAVE THE DATE! Pathways to Opportunity is taking place in our cafetorium on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULES FOR FALL 2022**

Please refer to the two attachments for the Ontario College and Ontario University Open Houses. It is very important to note that *these documents are not to be copied, distributed, or posted online without permission.*

## **ONTARIO YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (Accelerated OYAP) INFORMATION SESSION**

If your son/daughter is interested in pursuing a career in the Skilled Trades, we invite you to have a look at the [Accelerated OYAP Information website \(www.bit.ly/YRDSBOYAP\)](http://www.bit.ly/YRDSBOYAP) our [YRDSB OYAP Video](#) and the [YRDSB OYAP Webpage](#) to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB and our College and Training Center partners. The Skilled Trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state of the art facilities and higher than average career satisfaction. Please refer to the attachment for more information. We are holding our **Virtual Open House on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.** please [REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#) at <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse> to find out more about the Skilled Trades.



## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)

The Specialist High Skills Major ( SHSM ) is a specialized program that allows students to gain credits toward their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and focus their learning on a specific economic sector at the same time. The SHSM is a Ministry of Education approved program. At ECSS we have the following designations for SHSM: Health & Wellness and Business.

*Students receive the SHSM seal on their diploma when they:*

- complete a specific bundle of 8-10 courses in the student's selected field
- earn industry certifications like first aid and CPR qualifications
- gain important skills on the job through cooperative education placements

*Benefits of a Specialist High Skills Major - Pursuing an SHSM can help students:*

- customize their high school education to suit their interests and talents
- develop specialized knowledge and skills
- earn credits that postsecondary educational institutions and employers recognize
- gain sector-recognized certification and career-relevant training
- engage in STEM-related activities that develop innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship
- identify, explore and refine career goals and make informed decisions about their future
- transition after graduation to apprenticeship training, college, university or the workplace
- remain flexible, with the option to shift between pathways

*Graduating with an SHSM - Students who successfully complete an SHSM receive:*

- an Ontario Secondary School Diploma with an embossed SHSM seal
- an SHSM record documenting their achievement
- formal recognition on their Ontario Student Transcript

*More information?*

- [YRDSB SHSM website](#)
- **DATE CHANGE:**

Tuesday, October 25 @  
lunch & Thursday,  
October 27 @ Interview  
Night







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