

DATES AT A GLANCE

Oct. 31	Costume Day
Nov. 01	All Saints' Day (Western) (FD) Treaty Recognition Week
Nov. 02	Take Our Kids to Work Day
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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to our Student Wellness Team for organizing our first ever Senior Sunrise event. Looking forward to our Spring Senior Sunrise!



This week, we also celebrated our students during our Academic Awards Celebrations:



TAKE OUR KIDS TO KIDS TO WORK DAY (TOKW) - FINAL REMINDER

Attention Grade 9 Parents:

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to **OBSERVE** a work environment for one day.

On **Wednesday, November 2, 2022**, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend. Please note, grade 9 classes will not be running on November 2nd at Emily Carr. Students who do not participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day will be supervised in a central location as we will be hosting Grade 8 students from our feeder schools. To be able to participate, you must complete the permission form (hyperlinked below) no later than [TOKW Google Form](#)



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 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](#)

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’. We expect our students to be positive representatives of ECSS at school and in our community, being polite and courteous in behaviour or speech at all times.

HALLOWEEN

Hallowe’en may bring memories of dress-up parades, costume competitions, and classroom parties for some members of our community and carries a very different meaning for others. It is important for us to recognize that not all families celebrate and participate in Hallowe’en. The reasons for not participating may include cultural beliefs, faith, socioeconomic status, and personal reasons.

The expectation is that costumes follow our board and school’s dress code and are to be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person’s race, culture, ethnicity, or religious beliefs, should not be worn as another person’s costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping.

Reviewing our practices through a critically conscious lens doesn’t devalue our personal beliefs or past traditions. Interrogating how things “have always been done” is one of the ways we work to continue our commitment to inclusion.

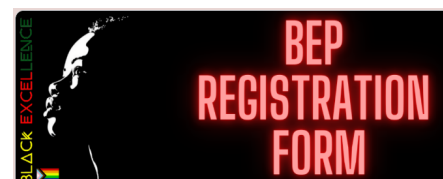
Should your child wish to wear a costume to school, please discuss the following guideline:

- adhere to school and boards dress codes
- no Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up)
- no replica weapons of any kind
- limit personal items being brought to school, costumes should be of simple design.

Also, if your child would like to participate, but not wear a costume; wearing orange and black or autumn colours is an option.

2022-2023 BLACK EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The vision of the Black Excellence Program, (BEP), is to advance the achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging of Black students in YRDSB schools through responsive programming that affirms their identity, builds on their strengths, and enhances their access to academic opportunities after high school. Students will have opportunities to learn from each other, experts from diverse fields, and mentors who will uplift, inspire and encourage them.



The Centre for Black Student Excellence is pleased to announce that in the 2022-2023 school year, the program will be extended to 100 students from YRDSB secondary schools who self-identify as Black or African descended. This year's programming includes:

- 3 Full-day Master Classes in November, February and May
- 5 After school "We are Wednesdays" workshops in December, January, March, April and June
- The sharing of Black-affirming books, resources, and networks

If your child is interested in participating, please sign-up using the hyperlinked registration form: [BEP Registration Form](#).

ANTI-ASIAN RACISM STUDENT SURVEY INVITATION (hyperlinked)

YRDSB is collecting information on experiences of Asian students (East Asian, South Asian, South East Asian). If you are an Asian identifying G7-12 student, you are invited to complete an anonymous survey. This survey has also been sent to student YRDSB gapps accounts. Survey closes: October 31, 2022.

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.

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 to contact the school.

NOVEMBER TRIPLE P PARENTING SESSIONS (hyperlinked)

Parents, guardians, caregivers and community members are invited to attend these virtual sessions during the month of November.

