

## DATES AT A GLANCE

Nov. 13	World Kindness Day
Nov. 14-18	<a href="#">Bully Awareness Week</a>
Nov. 17 @ 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	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
Dec. 06	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

### 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

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we remember our brave soldiers, the fallen and returned. Today we honour the sacrifices made in order to protect the freedom that we have in our country today.

### 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](#).



### 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.

### PARENT/CAREGIVER MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

#### SUPPORTING STUDENTS OF AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CANADIAN HERITAGE

The series, *Moving Forward Hand in Hand*, will provide a number of parent/caregiver in person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The first two sessions in the series are offered for any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black.

Parents and caregivers are invited to come together to hear encouraging words on positive mental health and wellness. Sessions are listed below. This will be a free event, where light refreshments will be provided to in-person attendees, space is limited, more information is available in the attached flyer.

- "Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health" at [Thornhill Community Center](#), November 23rd, 5-6:30 (in person, a pre-recorded version of the presentation will be made available on the YRDSB Resource YouTube channel)
- (Workshop is repeated) November 30th, at [Newmarket Community Center](#) 5-6:30 (in person, a pre-recorded version of the presentation will be made available on the YRDSB Resource YouTube channel)

This is an opportunity for parents to hear and learn about ways to promote and sustain positive mental wellness for their children in light of the ongoing pandemic challenges and the impacts of systemic racism. There will be opportunities for families to connect with staff from the agencies noted above, and to gather more information about their specific supports. Please join us for an evening talk about healing strategies and engage in a chance to ask general questions ([registration link](#)).



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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](#)

## SEAS-NETWORKING-EVENT

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners are also a focus of our work.

We are happy to be hosting our first, in-person event since the pandemic began. Please join us on November 16th for an opportunity to meet, greet, and network with our team and each other. Please see attached flyer for more information.

## MATH CONTEST

Are you a female or non-binary student that enjoys math? Check out INTEGIRLS Toronto's Fall Math Competition on Saturday, November 26th! There will be guest speakers, games, and prizes! Sign up link here: <https://bit.ly/integirlsTOfall>

## 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](http://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.





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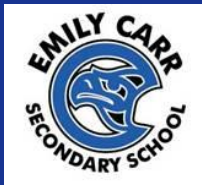
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# PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

## POST-SECONDARY FAIR



Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 6:00-8:00pm

HOSTED AT EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

4901 Rutherford Rd. Woodbridge

ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME



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HUMBER



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Fleming College



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\*ABOVE ARE SOME OF OUR CONFIRMED REPRESENTATIVES\*

## JUMP START YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANNING



# A SEAS Networking Event

**Welcome Back!** We are happy to be hosting our first, in-person event since the pandemic began. Please join us for an opportunity to meet, greet, and network with our team and each other. During our time together, we will connect and reflect on the past few years and look forward to our journey ahead.

**When: Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Where: Ten Ren's Tea House**  
**111 Times Ave #101, Thornhill, ON L3T 0A2**

**Time: 4:45-5:45p.m.**

Please register with this Google [Form](#) by Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 so we know how many seats to reserve.

For additional inquiries, please contact: [bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca](mailto:bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca) or [joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca](mailto:joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca)

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committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners are also a focus of our work.





## Introduction to Mental Health 認識心理健康/ 认识心理健康

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will help you gain an understanding of mental health, mental health issues, associated stigma and coping strategies and community resources.

這講座將讓大家了解什麼是心理健康、心理健康問題、相關的謬誤、應對策略和社區資源

这讲座将帮助大家认识与心理健康相关的一些常识和误区以及应对策略和社区资源

To register for a Mandarin session: [点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan the QR code



To register for a Cantonese session: [點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan QR code



## Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

Time: **7-8:30pm**

Location: Google Meet link will be provided upon registration.

### Presenters:

**Charmaine Tong** (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board  
School Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

**Hannah Xu** (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association  
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This free information session is brought to you in  
partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association,  
Community Care Team and Inclusive School and  
Community Services of York Region District School  
Board



The York Region District School Board, in collaboration with  
Taibu Community Health Centre  
Black Health Alliance: Pathways to Care Project &  
Support and Growth, invites you to

## **Moving Forward Hand in Hand**

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean  
Canadian Heritage

**Free 4-part workshop series for the 2022-2023 school year**

*Workshop 1 of 4*

**Understanding the impacts of anti-Black racism on children and  
youth mental health**

**November 23rd, 5:00– 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: [Thornhill Community Center](#)

**November 30th, 5:00– 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: [Newmarket Community Center](#)

Locations are accessible to persons using mobility devices

Join us for an evening of community, conversation, light  
refreshments and knowledge exchange.

**Please [Register here](#) by November 20th**

For more information, please contact the YRDSB Community Care Team School

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# FALL VIRUTAL COMPETITION

**November 26th, 2022**  
**via Zoom**

- Participants: **Girls & Non-binary individuals in groups 1-4!**
- Sign up at [bit.ly/integirlsTOfall](https://bit.ly/integirlsTOfall) or scan the code below



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