

February 24, 2015



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Is your son or daughter writing The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on March 26, 2015? You can find tips to better prepare your child, as well as, examples of test questions on our school website. Please use the following link to access these resources:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/info?Pages/OSSLT-Information-and-Resources.aspx>

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you will be able to join us this evening at 7PM at ECSS for the second in our speaker series. Tonight's presentation is an open Q and A session with a parenting expert, a mental health expert and our York Regional Police, school resource officer. We are looking forward to an interesting and informative evening for all.

Paolo Burzese  
Principal



## Dates at a Glance

Feb 24	Expert Guest Speakers 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
March 13	PT Day
March 16-20	March Break
March 26	Interim Report Issued

## GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The **Guidance and Career Education E-Bulletin** can now be found under the Guidance link of the ECSS website.

### ECSS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of February has officially been recognized as Black History Month. During the month, Canadians take the time to celebrate the lives of African/Caribbean Canadians, both past and present, by recognizing their contributions to Canadian society. Please join us for an assembly:

**When:** Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:10 PM (Period 4)

**Location:** Cafetorium

To learn more about the achievements and contributions of black Canadians, visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/black/index.asp>

## ECSS Extracurricular Activities

Name of Activity	Teacher	Day	Time	Location
Art Council	Ms. B. Kim, Ms. Farrugia, Ms. Hess	Tuesday & Thursday	2:30-4:00pm	207
Character Matters	Ms. Farrugia, Ms. Korn, Ms. Memme, Ms. Romano & Ms. Marinelli	Tuesday	11:15-11:45am	221
ESP (Empowering Student Partnerships)	Ms. Grigoropoulos & Ms. Smith	Monday	11:00-11:30am	248
Gaming Club	Ms. Ng	Friday	2:30-4:00pm	115
Varsity Boys Basketball	Mr. Martins & Mr. Hope	Monday-Friday	2:45-4:00pm	Big Gym
Gr. 9 Repertoire (Band)	Mr. Eriksen	Tuesday	2:35-4:30pm	172
Junior Girls Volleyball	Ms. Potosky & Mr. Ho	Practices: Tuesday and Wednesday Games: Monday & Wednesday	2:40-4:15pm	Big & Small Gym
Peer Tutoring	Ms. Ventrice & Ms. Patrick	Various days organized by peer Tutor and Tutee	2:25-3:00pm	Library-130
Senior Girls Volleyball	Ms. Ogilvie	Tuesday & Thursday Games: Monday & Wednesday	2:35-4:00pm	Small Gym
Sidewinder Jazz Band	Mr. Eriksen	Wednesday	2:35-4:30pm	170
String Band	Mr. Eriksen	Friday	2:35-3:20pm	172
Student Council	Mr. Patterson	Wednesday	2:35-4:00pm	106
The Brew Jazz Combo	Mr. Eriksen	Monday	2:35-4:30pm	170
The Christian Fellowship	Ms. Marsh	TBD	TBD	118
Weight Room	Mr. Rybak, Ms. Patrick, Ms. Valente, Ms. Tse, Mr. Paolino, Mr. Paiuk, Ms. Moledina, Mr. Punia & Mr. Oh	Monday-Friday	2:45-4:15pm	Weight Room-121
Eco-Action	Mr. Stam, Ms. Gord & Ms. Gault	Wednesday	10:50-11:50	Rm. 148
Djembe Drumming Circle	Mr. Appiah	Wednesday	2:35-3:15	Drama Rm



Community and Health Services Department  
Public Health Branch

February 23, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

**Re: How to Protect Your Child Against Measles**

In recent weeks a number of confirmed measles cases have been reported in Ontario. One of these cases is an adult who lives in York Region.

Though the risk to the general public related to this case is considered to be low, measles is a highly infectious disease and 95 per cent of the community needs to have immunity to prevent its spread. This applies to schools and is why York Region Public Health urges you to review your child's immunization record and to get them vaccinated if two doses of the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine have not been received.

**What is Measles?**

Measles is a very contagious infection that is easily spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after someone with measles has left the room.

The symptoms of measles develop approximately one to three weeks after exposure and include fever, cough, red watery eyes, and a red blotchy rash. Complications of measles can include ear infections, pneumonia, inflammation of the brain and death.

**Check Your Child's Immunization Record**

Vaccination with MMR vaccine is the best protection against measles. Every student in a York Region school should have received two doses of MMR vaccine after their first birthday, separated by at least 28 days

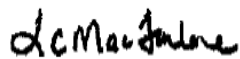
If your child does not have two doses of MMR vaccine, make an appointment with your family doctor for the shot. The vaccine is available **free-of-charge**. Take the opportunity to also ensure all of your child's vaccinations are up-to-date.

The Regional Municipality of York, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1  
Tel: (905) 895-1231, 1-877-464-YORK (1-877-464-9675), Fax: (905) 898-5213  
Internet: [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)

**For More Information about Measles**

A measles fact sheet is attached. If you have further questions on measles, immunizations or any public health related issue, please visit [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) or contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY: 1-866-252-9933. Regular business hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Leanne MacFarlane, RN, BScN  
Acting Manager, Control of Infectious Diseases



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Manager, Control of Infectious Diseases

## Measles Fact Sheet

### What is measles?

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease and is sometimes called "hard measles" or "red measles" because of the presence of a red rash.

Most people recover completely from measles but the infection can cause complications such as ear infections, lung infections (pneumonia), inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and death. If a pregnant woman gets measles, she may be at higher risk of having a miscarriage or premature delivery.

### How is measles spread?

Measles is one of the most contagious infectious diseases. Measles spreads easily from person to person through droplets from the mouth, nose and throat of an infected person. These airborne droplets spread through talking, coughing or sneezing.

Although less common, the virus can also spread through contact with items (such as tissues) that have been freshly soiled with nose and throat discharges.

A person with measles can spread the virus from four days before until four days after the rash has appeared.

### How long does it take to become ill after exposure to the measles virus?

Symptoms usually appear seven to 21 days after exposure to a person contagious with measles.

### What are the symptoms of measles?

Most infected people get a cough, runny nose, fever, red watery eyes, sensitivity to light and Koplik spots (small spots with a white center inside the mouth). A red, blotchy rash appears on the third to the seventh day, beginning at the hairline and spreading down the body to the arms and legs.

The rash disappears in the same order of appearance (head to foot) in about four to seven days. The illness lasts for about 10 days on average.

Disease is more severe in pregnant women, in the very young and among people with weakened immune systems.



1-800-361-5653  
TTY: 1-888-252-0993

York Region Health Connection

**Community and Health Services**  
Public Health

[www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)



# Apply for a summer job with the Ontario government!




**Gain valuable skills, earn money and have fun.**

Different job ads are posted in each of the following timeframes:

- February 13 – March 1, 2015
- March 20 – April 5, 2015

## Learn more

 Check out “**Summer employment opportunities with the Ontario government**”

 **#ONgovSummerJobs**

## Apply online

[Ontario.ca/Careers](http://Ontario.ca/Careers)

Select **Youth and New Professionals**

Go to **Summer Employment Opportunities**

[ontario.ca/careers](http://ontario.ca/careers)

Ready.**Set.Work.**





**FREE!**

# Youth Training Program (ages 16-24)

**GET THE SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR**



**Cover letter, Resume & Interviews**

Tuesday, February 24th & March 3rd, 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Get the skills to create a cover letter, resume, answer interview questions and more!

**WHIMS Training**

Tuesday, March 10th 2015 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Be ready for your next job with your Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Certificate that employers are looking for!

**First AID/CPR Training**

Friday March 13th & Saturday March 14th, 2015 : 8:30am-4:30pm both days  
Receive your First Aid/CPR Certificate by attending these 2 day workshops!

**Proton Food Handler's Training**

Monday, March 16th, 2015 : 9:00am-4:00pm  
Learn how to safely prepare, store and serve food and receive your Food Handlers Certification!

**AODA Training**

Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Receive the Accessibility Customer Service Training in accordance with Ontarians Disabilities Act (AODA). This training is a requirement if you provide services to the public.

**Cash Register Training**

Tuesday, March 31st 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm  
Learn how to operate a cash register and gain new skills and customer service abilities.

**Smart Serve Ontario Training**

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm. Participants must be 19 to 24 years of age  
Learn how to balance responsible service of alcohol with customers, understand and obey the laws of public safety when ever you serve alcohol and obtain your Smart Serve Certificate!

**Free YRT bus tickets are provided to participants**

<p><b>Registration:</b> To register, call Stacey at 905-303-8490 Ext. 151 <b>Location:</b> 9401 Jane Street, Suite 106, Vaughan ON L6A 4H7</p>	<p><b>Eligibility to Participate in Training/Workshops:</b>  Participants must have a low-moderate household income</p>
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*Please let us know if you require any specific accommodations*



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