

Dates at a Glance

Nov. 19 **Bullying Awareness Week**

Nov. 20 **Mid-Semester Reports Issued**

Nov. 22 **Ways to Wellness Day - Grade 11**

Nov. 23 **PA Day - no school**

Nov. 28 **Full Disclosure**

Nov. 27 - Dec. 07 **Graduation Portraits**

Dec. 03 **Hanukkah - Start**

Dec. 05 **Winter Concert**

Dec. 06 **National Day of Remembrance & Actions on Violence Against Women**

Dec. 10 **Hanukkah - End Human Rights Day**

School Council Meeting Dates:
Time/Location: 7:00pm, Library

Wed. Nov. 21, 2018
Wed. Feb. 06, 2019
Wed. Apr. 17, 2019
Mon. June 03, 2019

LEADERS IN EQUITY AND DIVERSITY (LEAD)

As part of our equity and inclusion journey at ECSS we are excited and proud to announce that we will have the Pride Flag displayed within our school. The flag is a symbol of acceptance that works in many languages. Also, each color in the flag has a universal meaning: red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, blue for harmony and purple for spirit. We are committed to ensuring an equitable and inclusive learning and working environments that uphold and reflect the Seven Guiding Principles of Ontario’s Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy.



We recognize the diversity within our 2SLGBTQ+ communities and acknowledge the presence of indigenous, racialized, disabled and other diverse identities. Unfortunately, we see examples of bullying, hate propaganda, cyber bullying, homophobia, transphobia, racism and other expressions of discrimination in our society which can sometimes spill over into our schools. As indicated in the Equity Strategy, such behaviours “can lead to students feeling rejected, excluded and isolated at school, which may result in behavioural problems in the classroom, decreased interest in school, lower levels of achievement and higher dropout rates.”

Displaying the Pride Flag demonstrates our commitment to eliminating harmful biases and prejudice that lead to discrimination and exclusion. It signals our commitment to upholding the principles outlined in the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which reflect the values held by Canadians and Ontarians. In addition, the Pride Flag is in alignment with the Board’s Improvement Plan for Student Achievement which identifies Indigenous Education and Equity as one of the four focus areas.

We acknowledge that everyone – government, staff, students, parents and members of the wider community – has an important role to play in creating learning and working environments which are respectful, safer and inclusive.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

The launch of the Human Rights Commissioner's Office website - HRCO

WAYS TO WELLNESS DAY - GRADE 11’s

On **Thursday, November 22, 2018** our grade 11 students will be participating in a **Ways to Wellness** morning. The day will begin with a presentation about mental health awareness and building resiliency, followed by workshops designed to promote stress management and constructive coping strategies. *During these sessions, Grade 11 students will collect evidence of their learning and record it in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP). Students are required to review their IPP at least twice per year. The IPP is part of the ministry document, Creating Pathways to Success, which is designed to help students achieve their personal goals and become competent, successful, and contributing members of society.*

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Helpful Links:

[ECSS Website](#)

[ECSS Guidance EBulletin](#)

[ECSS Twitter](#)

[ECSS Student/Guardian Calendar](#)

[YRDSB Website](#)

[2018-2019 Guide to the School Year](#)

[360 Kids: Home](#)

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Bulletin Attachments:

- School Bus Cancellation Notice
- Parent Flyer Upcoming School Events 2018
- HRCO Newsletter Insert

Lost and Found Student Items:

- These items are located in the main office.

Please note: Grades 9, 10, & 12 classes will follow their regular schedule.

Period	Grade 11 Students - Thursday, November 22, 2018
1	Grade 11's will attend a Mental Health and Building Resiliency presentation by jack.org
2	Grade 11's participate in their choice of wellness activity
3	Lunch
4	Regular Classes
5	Regular Classes

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

In order to prepare ourselves for the upcoming snowy season please be aware of the following:

On days in which weather reports are indicating that York Region will be receiving some snow, you can obtain information in the morning about bus and/or school cancellations, such as, but not limited to, local media outlets, the Board's website and Twitter account, the Student Transportation Services website, and on the Board and school voicemail recordings.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY

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. Students are asked to respect the property and privacy of our neighbours. Although the Al Palladini Community Centre, 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. Students are not to loiter in, or near, these establishments.

To be inside Al Palladini Community Centre, students must have a Community Centre membership. To use the Pierre Berton Resource Library during lunch hours, students must adhere to Library rules related to food (no eating inside the Library), appropriate behaviour and Library resources and/or activity centres. By word and deed, our students will show courtesy and respect to all our neighbours.

DATE CHANGE: GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE & SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT

- The Grade 8 Open House and Senior Information Night date has been changed from Wednesday, January 23rd to Wednesday, January 16th.

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