



Dates at a Glance

Oct. 22	PA DAY - no school
Oct. 23-24	Ontario College Fair (Enercare Ctr) SpeakOUT Conference
Oct. 24	Interview Night 6:30 - 8:30pm
Nov. 14	Take Our Kids to Work & Take Our Kids to High School
Nov. 15	Pathways to Opportunity Night 6:30-8:30pm
Nov. 20	Mid-Term Report Cards Issued
Nov. 23	PA Day - no school

CANNABIS: WHAT PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals 19 and older to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.

It is illegal for anyone regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children’s playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren’t present*

**Please note that these are the provincial regulations and by-laws could be different at a municipal level*

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student’s Health Care Plan. If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful. You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)
[Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school’s administration.

WE CHARITY FOOD DRIVE: “WE SCARE HUNGER”

Please help support the E.C.S.S. We Charity club by participating in “We Scare Hunger”! You can help by sending in any non-perishable food item with your child between October 23rd and October 30th to bring to his/her homeroom class. You can also bring in food to interview night as We Charity will have a table set up in front of the cafeteria where you can drop off your non-perishable food items. We have partnered with the Vaughan Food Bank to help give a meal to people who need it the most. Please help out those within our community, by participating in “We Scare Hunger!”

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

- Wed. Sept. 26, 2018
- Wed. Nov. 14, 2018
- Wed. Feb. 06, 2019
- Wed. Apr. 17, 2019
- Mon. June 03, 2019

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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](#)

Bulletin Attachments:

- **Pathways to Medicine Seminar Registration**

Attendance:

To inform the school of student absences and/or verify absences by emailing: emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca

INTERVIEW NIGHT - BOOKING INFORMATION - EDSBY

Interview Night is on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. ECSS is happy to announce that we will be using an online process to manage our Interview Night scheduling. To create a parent account, please use the following link:

<https://edsby.com/help/creating-your-parent-account/>

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

INTERVIEW NIGHT 2018 - IMPORTANT TIMELINES	
Tuesday, October 23	Interview Scheduler closes at 11:00 pm
Wednesday, October 24	Interview Night

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 IS *Take Our Kids to Work™* DAY!

Mark your calendars and plan to make this a memorable day of learning! *Take Our Kids to Work™* invites students in Grade 9 to spend a day at work with a parent, relative or volunteer host to help them connect school, the world of work and their futures. *Take Our Kids to Work™* is a national career education event sponsored by the Learning Partnership and supported by the Ministry of Education and the York Region District School Board.

It is important to remember that this day is devoted to students observing others in a workplace setting. Please note that students under the age of 16 are restricted from being on a construction site, even for observation purposes.

On Wednesday, October 24, all Grade 9 students will be provided with program details and a Family Guide. Carefully read the guide and note that the 'Consent Form' and 'Elements of Risk' sections need to be detached, completed and returned to your child's period two teacher on Tuesday, November 6. *Take Our Kids to Work™* - step into your future for a day!

GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION

Save the date: The PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY evening is taking place on Thursday, November 15th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This is an event where students and their parents/guardians have an opportunity to meet with representatives from various universities and colleges, as well as numerous other post-secondary institutions, in order to learn more about the different programs they offer.

PATHWAYS

Register for the pathways seminar related to Medicine - <http://bit.ly/MDConsultantsRegistration>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

[Yoga and Women's Support Group](#) - Free Yoga and Women's Support Group in Tamil, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi. Runs every Tuesday starting October 23rd.

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