



## Dates at a Glance

Nov. 04	Daylight Saving Time  Treaty Recognition Week
Nov. 06	Diwali - Start
Nov. 09	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 14	Take Our Kids to Work & Take Our Kids to High School  Coffee House Talent Night
Nov. 15	Pathways Night 6:30-8:30pm
Nov. 20	Mid-Term Report Cards Issued
Nov. 23	PA Day - no school

**School Council Meeting Date Change:** Wednesday, November 21, 2018 (new). All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Please refer to the side left panel for future dates.

### NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: Grades 7 - 12

The York Region District School Board will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform myBlueprint will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through high school, including:

**Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)

**High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways

**Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada

**Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans

**Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs

**Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters

**Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy

**Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest

**Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.

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

- Wed. Sept. 26, 2018
- Wed. Nov. 21, 2018 (new)
- Wed. Feb. 06, 2019
- Wed. Apr. 17, 2019
- Mon. June 03, 2019

### 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.

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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:**

- Pathways to Medicine Seminar Registration
- Pathways to Law Seminar Registration
- Mathematics Poster 2018
- Youth Job Link Flyer

**Lost and Found Student Items:**

- These items are located in the main office.

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 & CAREER WORKSHOPS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS**

Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada with ISCS presents Guidance and Career Workshops at Middlefield Collegiate Institute on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

**GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION**

The 40 hours of Community Involvement is a Ministry of Education diploma requirement without which an Ontario Secondary School Diploma cannot be issued. Students are reminded to submit notification forms for pre-approval to Mrs. Genova in the Guidance and Career Education Office prior to completing an activity. There are a number of potential graduates that currently have hours outstanding. Students are encouraged to come by the Guidance and Career Education Office to explore these opportunities.

Save the date: **The PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY** evening is taking place on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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. This year there will be a UK Law School and Pathway to Medicine information session. Registration is required. Please see attachments for the link.

**HIGH SCHOOL TO POST-SECONDARY TRANSITION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Throughout the year York University's Student Accessibility Services provides workshops to help ease the transition from high school to post-secondary for students who access disability related accommodations and supports. All these workshops take place at the Keele Campus.

**Transition Workshop for Parents: Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm.**

To register: <https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca/events/transitions-workshop-for-parents>

**ASD Transition Day: Thursday, February 21, 2019, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.**

To register: <https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca/asd-transition-info-day>

**Service Providers Workshop: Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

To register: <https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca/workshop-for-service-providers>

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