

June 1, 2015



### Weekly Focus

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As yet another school year begins to draw to a close; we understand that this is both a busy and exciting time for our senior students. We know our seniors are working hard to prepare for the next phase of their lives.

#### Dates at a Glance

June 9	School Council Meeting – 7 p.m.
June 9	EQAO – Math Gr. 9
June 10	EQAO – Math Gr. 9
June 17-23	Exams
June 24	Exam Review Day
June 25	Graduation
June 25	PA Day
June 26	PA Day

Over the past few years a small number of students, who mistakenly believe that they represent the entire graduating class, carry out what they refer to as a “grad prank.” Students do not realize the impact of their actions and often what is seen as small and harmless can have serious unexpected consequences. In the past these pranks have involved vandalism, assault, and animal cruelty. The outcome of these illegal activities has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in property damage, injury, arrests, suspensions and criminal charges.

To ensure a safe end of the year for everyone we have a strict no prank policy in place. Students engaging in any prank will face possible suspension from school, police involvement, and exclusion from participating in the graduation ceremony. Last year I am proud to say that most of our students responded very positively to our no prank policy and we had no serious incidents. Two years ago unfortunately one student did decide to pull the fire alarm as a “prank.” The result was that he was charged criminally and unable to attend graduation. It was disheartening to see what should be a celebration end in such a negative light.

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We are asking that you, the families of our senior students, spend a few important minutes discussing the lasting positive legacy that our graduates will leave behind. We are also asking for your support to ensure that the last weeks of school showcase the great talents, leadership and citizenship that ECSS students regularly demonstrate and of which they should be proud.

Go Thunderbirds

Paolo Burzese

## **GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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

### **Electronic Cigarettes**

With the increase in popularity of electronic cigarettes, we would like to remind students and their families that the use of these e-cigarettes (or vapers) is not permitted on school property. It is worth mentioning that the Canadian Medical Journal has warned that e-cigarettes may be a 'slippery slope to tobacco addiction'.



## Raising Confident, Competent Children

Wednesday, June 16, 2015  
9:30 - 11:30 pm

The values, skills and behaviour to encourage in children are the choice of every individual parent. However, some core skills are important for everyone. Children are more likely to be confident, succeed at school and get on well with others when they develop certain life skills. These life skills include being respectful and considerate, communicating well with others, thinking positively and having healthy self-esteem, being a good problem solver, and becoming independent and able to do things for themselves. This tip sheet gives some ideas on how to help children learn these important life skills and become confident and competent individuals.

### **Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program**

Location: **Vaughan Community Health Centre**  
**9401 Jane Street,**  
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Triple P offers adults parenting skills that encourage positive behaviour in children.  
Everyone can help, whether you are a parent, coach, neighbour or family member by  
using the same positive messages with children.