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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Focus on punctuality.

We have made punctuality a focus for our students this semester. We are pleased with the increase in students arriving on time to class in the mornings. I want to thank the parents who are arriving a little bit earlier, which has helped both with the congestion as well as ensured their children are in class and on time. We know if students are in class they will be successful.

Thank You,

Paolo Burzese
 Principal



Dates at a Glance

April 7	Student Verification forms are due in period 1 homeroom classes
April 9	Interview Night
April 15	ECSS Award Nominations Due
April 23	Mid- Semester Report Cards 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.

2015/2016 COURSE VERIFICATIONS have been provided to students this week. Students and their families are asked to follow the instructions provided on the form for course changes and return the form to homeroom teachers by Tuesday, April 7th (or to the Guidance and Career Education Office if the student has a study hall during period one).

SUMMER SCHOOL opportunities will be posted on Career Cruising the week of April 7th. A step-by-step instruction guide will be available for pick up in the Guidance and Career Education Office and outlined on the Parent/Guardian e-bulletin. Students must follow the instructions to verify their application and also complete a course substitution form if necessary. All Summer School Course Substitution Forms must be returned by Thursday, April 16th so that changes can be reflected in the student's timetable for 2015/2016 school year.



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March 27, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

RE: INTERVIEW NIGHT – Thursday, April 9, 2015

Interviews are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at 5 minute intervals. This semester, you will be able to schedule your interviews **online**. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please:

1. Go to the Emily Carr Interview Scheduling website at <https://ecss.parentinterview.com>
 2. Enter **your child's 9-digit YRDSB student number** and click "Login"
 3. Fill in your contact information and click "**Continue to Make Appointments**"
 4. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
 5. Click on "**Available**" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher
 6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see (max. 6)
 7. Click on "**My Schedule**" (top left of the page)
 8. Print out (or copy down) your schedule and bring it with you
- *Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule. If you decide to delete an appointment, that time slot will become available for other parents/guardians. There are no guarantees that you will be able to reschedule that appointment.
- *If you misplace your schedule, you may use your child's student number to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may contact your child's teacher(s) by calling the school and the teacher(s) will schedule an appointment with you.

Student secretaries will be stationed outside teachers' rooms on Interview Night. Interviews can also be scheduled at this time if there are openings. Secretaries will let teachers know when the interview time is over, in order that all parents/guardians with appointments can be accommodated.

If your interview times are not compatible, or you are unable to obtain an appointment with a particular teacher, you may leave your name and phone number with the student secretary and the teacher will contact you in the next few days.

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
Debate Team	Ms. Bhat & Ms. Odorico	Friday	10:50-11:50	203
ESP (Empowering Student Partnerships)	Ms. Grigoropoulos & Ms. Smith	Monday	11:00-11:30am	248
Gaming Club	Ms. Ng	Friday	2:30-4:00pm	115
Gr. 9 Repertoire (Band)	Mr. Eriksen	Tuesday	2:35-4:30pm	172
Peer Tutoring	Ms. Ventrice & Ms. Patrick	Various days organized by peer Tutor and Tutee	2:25-3:00pm	Library-130
Co-Ed Pick-Up Volleyball	Mr. Ho	Friday	2:30-4:00	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

MINDFUL PARENTING



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EXPERT GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

PRESENTATION AND Q & A SESSION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Reserve your spot online by April 22 at <http://emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.ca/>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Gayle Saifert D.C.S. RSW

Director and Therapist at Compass for Life



Mindful Parenting

Mindful Parenting is intended to enhance parental presence, increase attunement, and reduce parental stress and reactivity. Mindful Parenting aims to improve emotional stability in parents/guardians, thereby providing them with a choice about how to navigate the unique challenges of raising a child with social and emotional difficulties. This evening is an opportunity to introduce parents/guardians to the principles and practices of Mindful Parenting with an emphasis on the unique challenges of raising a child or teen who is struggling to manage mood or behaviour. Parents /Guardians of all children or teens will benefit from this workshop.

A TOONIE DONATION AT THE DOOR FOR OUR ECSS TOTEM AWARD WOULD BE KINDLY ACCEPTED FOR THIS EVENT.

SHSM BUSINESS

SHSM HEALTH AND WELLNESS

HOW TO APPLY

- Students must be in grade 10 to apply.
- Pick-up an application form from the Guidance Office.
- Complete the application including parent signature and teacher references.
- Interviews will begin in late Spring.

EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

Post Secondary School Tours

Six Industry Recognized Certifications and/or Training

Industry Specific Co-op Experience

Authentic Learning Experiences in a Workplace Setting

Variety of Industry Expert Speakers

Career Exploration Activities

What is Specialist High Skills Major?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved program that encourages students to focus their education on a specific employment sector, in grade 11 & 12, to help students make a successful transition to a variety of post-secondary destinations. Students who successfully complete all components of the program earn a Specialist High Skills Major (Red Seal) designation on their diploma.



Components include:

1. A bundle of courses related to a major (refer to ECSS Course Calendar)
2. Co-op experience in an area of interest
3. Industry recognized certifications related to the employment sector (Eg. First Aid, CPR, AED, WHMIS, Customer Service, Infection Control, Leadership and many more!)

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Benefits of SHSM

Students will have a better idea of their direction and future career choice when graduating with a SHSM designation;

Students will hear and see firsthand what a career in Business or Health

and Wellness feels and looks like;

Students will be able to network with post-secondary institutions, local industries, and businesses;

Students will gain con-

fidence in their ability to succeed;

Students will complete industry recognized certifications and training;

Could open doors for summer jobs and future employment.



Youth Training Programs (Youth 16-24)

GET THE SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR



Financial Literacy

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm
Knowledge on becoming a smart consumer, understand basic banking systems, credit and debt, and know how to budget and save!

Practical Budgeting and Healthy Cooking

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm
Attend workshops that will enhance your knowledge of how to manage a budget to create affordable and healthy meals.

Conflict Resolution Management Training

Saturday, May 16, 2015 : 9:00am – 4:00pm
Understand and practice the necessary and fundamental communication skills that help to promote effective conflict resolution and management.

Diffusing Angry Customers Training

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm
Become aware what to do when serving challenging and demanding customers

Team Building Training

Tuesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 21, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm
Learn the skills that are involved in becoming a team player and supporting your team, as well as steps involved in building a team

First AID/CPR Training

Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13 2015 : 9:00am - 4:00pm both days
Receive your First Aid/CPR Certificate by attending these 2 day workshops!

Free YRT bus tickets are provided to participants

Registration:

To register, call Stacey at 905-303-8490
Ext. 151

Location:

9401 Jane Street, Suite 106, Vaughan
ON L6A 4H7

Eligibility to Participate in Training/Workshops:
Participants must have a low-moderate family income of \$70,000 or less

Please let us know if you require any specific accommodations



For more program information, visit our:

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admission.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

MARKHAM EVENT CENTRE

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2015

Showcasing the Media of our Global Community

MARKHAM - Join us on April 12, 2015, for a celebration of diversity like no other. The York Regional Police International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will feature live performances, tasty food, community displays and entertainment highlighting cultures from around the globe uniting right here in York Region.



Markham Event Centre

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

95 Duffield Drive, Markham
(West of Kennedy Road,
south of Highway 407)



The School Council at Stephen Lewis Secondary School Presents

A Free Parenting Seminar on **DE-STRESSING** *Family Life*

Join us for a free informative seminar to learn how to deal with stress in an effective and productive manner. Register today and improve your family life!

GUEST SPEAKER:

MICHELLE CASSIDY
(YRDSB MENTAL HEALTH LEAD)



THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2015 | 7:00-9:00PM

LOCATION:

STEPHEN LEWIS S.S.
555 AUTUMN HILL BLVD, THORNHILL, L4J 8X2
MAIN FLOOR - AUDITORIUM

Please RSVP by April 15th
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