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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cell Phones at School

Cell phones have become pervasive in our culture and in most cases can make our lives much easier. In schools cell phones can be a fountain of great information but also a distraction. Some of our teachers have begun to use them as a research tool incorporating them into their lesson plans.

We know however that students can also be easily distracted by their phones, text messages and twitter updates. Our staff works very hard to teach students the balance between cell phone as a tool and cell phone as a distraction. One of the challenges we seem to be facing is parent's texting and calling their children during class time.

This puts your child and the teacher in an awkward position and can be quite disrupting to other students. It also makes it much more difficult to teach students to put their screen devices down and focus on a lesson when "my dad just texted me and I have to respond."

We appreciate your support and would like to ask you to please not text/call your children during class time (8:10-11:50 and then from 11:50-2:25.)

In the unfortunate event it is an emergency please contact the front office. We can retrieve your child from class in such a case and have them call you.

Sincerely,

Paolo Burzese



Dates at a Glance!

Oct 15	Academic Awards Celebration (Period 4)
Oct 17	Lakehead Presentation
Oct 27	PA DAY
Nov 5	Take Our Kids To Work Day (Grade 9)

GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

Emily Carr Secondary School
in partnership with
Tommy Douglas S.S. and Woodbridge College
presents

Pathways to Opportunity

Thursday, November 13, 2014
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

4901 Rutherford Road, Woodbridge, Ontario L4H 3C2



Algoma University
Algonquin College
Allure Beauty College
Brock University
Canadian Forces and Royal Military Colleges
Canadore College
Carleton University
Centennial College
College Boreal
Conestoga College
COSTI
Electrical College Canada
Fleming College
George Brown College
Georgian College
Humber College
Huron University College
Ivey School of Business
King's University College
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
McMaster University
Metalworks Institute of Sound and Music Productions
Michener Institute
Mohawk College

The Toronto Academy of Acting for Film and Television
The University of Western Ontario
Toronto College of Dental Hygiene
Trent University
Tyndale University College and Seminary
University of Guelph
University of Guelph Humber
University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Niagara College
OCAD University
Queen's University
Recording Arts Canada
Redeemer University
Ryerson University
Seneca College
Sheridan College
Skilled Trades College
The University of Western Ontario
Toronto College of Dental Hygiene
Trent University
Tyndale University College and Seminary
University of Guelph
University of Guelph Humber
University of Ontario Institute of Technology
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

Currently Confirmed Attendees

This event is open to all students, parents/guardians and teachers from our community.

Accelerated OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)

The *Accelerated OYAP programs* provide Grade 12 students with the opportunity to earn high school Community Based Education credits, register as an apprentice, complete part or all of their Level One apprenticeship schooling in a specific trade, and earn hours/demonstrate competencies towards their apprenticeship. Students concurrently earn additional high school credit(s) through these dual credit opportunities.

Grade 12 students who are currently enrolled in OYAP for semester two of this school year, have expressed an interest in the Accelerated OYAP programs, AND who meet the criteria to apply **MUST** attend the relevant information session to initiate the application process. The **dates are fast approaching!** Please see the chart below for details.

Program	Open House Date	Time	Training Delivery Agent and Location
Automotive Service Technician Level 1 App: Automotive Service Technician 3105	Thursday, October 16, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Centennial College – Ashtonbee Campus 75 Ashtonbee Road Scarborough, ON M1L 4N4 Room: Ashtonbee Auditorium Parking gates open; free when you leave
Cook – Culinary Arts Level 1 App: Cook 415A	Tuesday, October 21, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Humber College – North Campus 205 Humber College Boulevard Toronto, ON M9W 5L7 Room: Seventh Semester (lower level beside cafeteria)
Child Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Program 620C (formerly known as Early Childhood Education)	Wednesday, October 8, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Seneca College – King Campus 13990 Dufferin Street King City, ON L7B 1B3 Room: Pod C (lower basement)
Electrical Level 1 App: Electrician: Construction & Maintenance 309A	Thursday, October 9, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology 110 Carrier Drive Toronto, ON M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
General Carpenter 403A and Floor Covering 448A Level 1 App:	Tuesday, October 7, 2014	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Carpenters' Local Union 27 Joint Apprenticeship & Training Centre 222 Rowntree Dairy Road, Suite 2 Woodbridge, ON L4L 9T2 Entrance: Members' Meeting Hall (downstairs)
Plumbing Level 1 App: Plumber 306A	Thursday, October 9, 2014	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology 110 Carrier Drive Toronto, ON M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic Level 1 App: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanics 313A	Wednesday, October 29, 2014	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	George Brown College – Casa Loma Campus 146 Kendal Avenue Toronto, ON M5T 2T9 Room: E321 (Building E, Room 321)

Students in Grades 10 and 11 would also benefit from attending the *Accelerated OYAP Open House Information* sessions with their parents/guardians to become aware of the program options available for their pathways planning and upcoming course selections in February 2015.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Corneman, Head of Community Based Education at jacqueline.corneman@vrdsb.ca.

Take Our Kids to Work

On **Wednesday, November 5, 2014**, Grade 9 students across Canada will spend the day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host. At ECSS, we encourage ALL Grade 9 students to make connections with the workplace by participating in ***Take Our Kids to Work™***.

Take Our Kids to Work™ is sponsored by the Learning Partnership, a non-profit organization of business people, educators and community leaders, and is supported by the York Region District School Board and Ministry of Education.

The program gives students a chance to:

- share a day with a significant adult and develop a closer relationship
- see a parent in a different role
- understand what people do to earn a living and support a family
- clarify goals for the future so they can choose the appropriate school courses

On October 14th, Grade 9 students will receive information packages about ***Take Our Kids to Work*** from one of their teachers. In the meantime, they can start looking for a suitable placement for the day!

For more information, visit <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW> .

COMMUNITY YOUTH GANG SEMINAR



When: Sunday, November 16, 2014
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Newmarket Theatre
505 Pickering Cr., Newmarket

We invite all community members to join us for a Community Youth Gang Seminar featuring presentations from psychotherapist Randy Ketterling and the York Regional Police Guns and Gangs Prevention Unit, Guns and Gangs Enforcement Unit and Drugs and Vice Unit.

Topics will include:

- Signs and identifiers of gang involvement
 - The prevalence of gangs
 - The operation of gangs
 - The community's role in gang prevention
 - Tips to help keep youth out of gangs
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For more information contact Constable Paul Strong at 1555@yrp.ca or 1-866-876-5423 ext. 2815.