

Newsletter September 8, 2014

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Sept 16**
Grade 9
Thundercamp
- ◆ **Sept 18**
Photo Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year at ECSS. As we look to this year we are excited about the promise this school year holds. This week I have already had a number of students and staff come forward to discuss new clubs and teams that will be starting at ECSS.

One of our academic goals as a staff last year was to develop the critical thinking skills of our students. We know that no matter what path our students choose to follow the ability to problem solve and think critically will be a key skill in their future success. We will be continuing that focus this year in our professional development and course planning.

This year we are also excited by the addition of our SWAT (Students Working All Together) team. This team of student leaders have already begun to demonstrate their leadership as they mentor our new Grade 9 students through the initial days of high school. Our SWAT team will be visible throughout the year, leading school events and working with our junior students.

Our School Council and Guidance and Career Education Department are thrilled to be working together to bring you a Speaker Series entitled 'Toonie Talks', highlighting several parenting experts throughout the year who will share insights on Raising Resilient Children. We look forward to this evening speaker series. Information about ticket purchases will be available in our weekly Parent/Guardian Bulletin.

New Course Added

Even with the opening of Tommy Douglas SS, we are experiencing a higher than anticipated enrollment. To help create some space and give our students some more options we have opened a new course today, a grade 11 open course, Travel and Tourism during period two. If your child would like to change their period two class to Travel and Tourism please have them come to the Main Office before the end of the day on Tuesday to let us know they are interested.

Registration Day

I need to offer an apology to those of you who came in on Registration Day and had a long wait. We had a perfect storm of a large crowds, printer problems and misprinted photo cards. We have taken notes and will be revising our plans for next year. Thank you for your patience.

A reminder that mornings in our parking lot continues to be very busy. Please use caution when driving around the school. As a large school, traffic continues to be busy at the beginning and end of the school day. You can avoid the morning rush by dropping your child off before 7:50 am.

Paolo Burzese



Dates at a Glance!

Sept 16	Grade 9 Thundercamp
Sept 18	Photo Day
Sept 22	PT Day (No Classes)
Sept 24	Terry Fox Walk/Run (Period 2)

Extended Absence – Family Vacation

Students have the responsibility to attend school and to ensure the continuity of their learning. Emily Carr Secondary School students who are withdrawn from school for a family vacation during the school year do so with the full understanding that they are responsible for the course work covered during their absence. Absence from school has a direct effect upon students' learning and subsequent evaluation. In some cases it may not be possible to 'make up' missed learning, and teachers may not be able to accommodate students who have been withdrawn from class.

Families who are planning to withdraw students from school for a family vacation are asked to pick up an Extended Absence Form from the main office. This includes vacations where the student will be missing school at the beginning of the school year. This form is completed by teachers, signed by parents, and returned to the main office prior to the extended absence.

Please note that if a student is withdrawn from school for a family vacation without notifying the Principal, or, if the duration of absence is more than 15 school days, the student may need to re-register for admission to ECSS or may be required to attend school at an alternate location if space is not available at ECSS.

Safe, Caring and Supportive Schools:

Our Student Code of Conduct (page 6 of the ECSS "School Start-Up Package") and under the Caring and Supportive Schools (pages 56 to 61 of the Board's "Guide to the 2014-2015 School Year"). Please read and review both with your child. Once completed, let your child know that both parents/guardians and students are required to sign a form showing that they have read and understand the policies. Students will take the form home and should have their parent/guardian sign it and return it to their homeroom teacher by **Wednesday, September 10th**. Every student is required to return a signed form.

Photograph/Video Images of Students

Students and parents are asked to be aware that at various times during the school year student images may be captured and shared for educational purposes. Examples include (not a complete list):

- yearbook photos
- student projects (ie. videos created by students for presentations)
- team/club photos and videos
- photos/videos taken by students in photography/communication technology classes
- student celebrations (ie. academic awards)

If you have any concerns regarding the capturing of student images at ECSS please call us and we would be happy to discuss.

Guidance

UPCOMING POST-SECONDARY EVENTS:

The ONTARIO UNIVERSITY FAIR will be taking place on September 19th – 21st at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For more information visit: www.ouf.ca.

The STUDENT LIFE EXPO will be taking place on September 27th and 28th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (South Building – Halls G & E). For more information visit: www.studentlifeexpo.com.

VISITING A UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE is a great way to find out more about the campus, the people, and the environment. Each post-secondary institution offers campus tours and special events throughout the year for secondary school students. Many post-secondary institutions host experiential events/weekends. Visit each institution's website to find out the best time to visit and when they are hosting their Open House.

ECSS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

TWITTER: Follow the Guidance and Career Education Department at ECSS_Guidance for updates and reminders related to opportunities and events.

ECSS will be continuing the PEER TUTORING program this year. Interested students can come to the Guidance and Career Education Office for more information and to pick up an application form.

Potential Graduates are encouraged to add their name to our GRAD E-MAIL distribution list to receive graduate news and regular post-secondary updates. To be added to this list, send an e-mail to Mrs. Genova at barb.genova@yrdsb.edu.on.ca with the subject line "Grad Distribution List 2014".

There are a number of COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES available. Students are welcome to come by the Guidance and Career Education Office to explore these opportunities.

BOOKMARK THE GUIDANCE LINK ON THE ECSS WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST ON: Valuable Resources for Post-Secondary Planning, ECSS Course Offerings, SHSM Requirements and Application Form, International Volunteering Projects, Community Involvement Opportunities, Canadian Mental Health Association, National Eating Disorders Information Centre, Vaughan Community Health Care, Scholarship and Financial Planning, and Annual ECSS Grad Award Offerings. Visit: <http://emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.ca/> and click on the Guidance link.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES: Continuing Education opportunities are now available for Fall 2014. Students are encouraged to come by the Guidance and Career Education Office to pick up an Instruction Tip Sheet outlining the different registration procedures.

The INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES CREDIT COURSE REGISTRATION for YRDSB day school students is available online through Career Cruising. Access and instruction information regarding international credit course registration is available to students at www.yrdsb.ca. The course offerings and sites are available on the Career Cruising Student Portfolio login page.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

NEED A JOB? For information on opportunities and how to apply, visit: <http://www.ontario.ca/jobs-and-employment/employment-programs-people-under-30>.

Resources on ANXIETY AND MOOD DISORDERS IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH are available on our Board website. Please visit: <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/page.cfm?id=PRNT00004>.

HOMEWORK HELP FOR GRADES 7-10 MATH: The Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre offer this interactive resource for students and parents. For more information, visit: www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org.

PARENTING RESOURCES and WORKSHOPS: <http://practicalparenting.ca/parenttalk/>.

RESOURCES FROM THE SUMMIT ON TALENT AND SKILLS IN THE NEW ECONOMY

JOBS IN CANADA: Where, What and for Whom?

<http://www.td.com/document/PDF/economics/special/JobsInCanada.pdf>.

JOBS OF THE FUTURE: Options and Opportunities

http://www.minerandminer.ca/data/Jobs_of_the_Future_Final.pdf.

FROM BETTER SKILLS TO BETTER WORK

http://www.essentialskillsontario.ca/sites/www.essentialskillsontario.ca/files/From%20Better%20Skills%20%20Better%20Work_Final_0.pdf.

CREATING A HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE FOR THE NEW ECONOMY

http://www.collegesontario.org/outcomes/accountability/CO_WORKFORCE_Report_2013_WEB_Singles.pdf

UNIVERSITY WORKS: 2014 Employment Report <http://www.cou.on.ca/publications/reports/pdfs/cou-university-works-report---february-2014>.

THE 25 HOTTEST SKILLS THAT GOT PEOPLE HIRED IN 2013 <http://blog.linkedin.com/2013/12/18/the-25-hottest-skills-that-got-people-hired-in-2013>.

COMMUNITY PARTNER INFORMATION:

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN updates their site regularly for seasonal employment and volunteer opportunities. Visit: www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/employment/recreation_jobs/Pages/default.aspx.



THE AL PALLADINI COMMUNITY CENTRE offers a number of different programs, including: active living, creative, educational, and instructional for all ages and abilities. For more information, visit:

http://www.vaughan.ca/services/recreation/community_centres/al_palladini_cc/Pages/default.aspx.

The PIERRE BERTON LIBRARY offers a number of different programs and events. For more information, visit: www.vaughanpl.info.

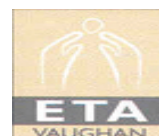


The YOUTH LINK PROGRAM of the **Vaughan Community Health Centre** offers a number of programs and services. For more information, visit:

<http://www.vaughanhealthcarehc.com/>.



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ACHIEVEMENT VAUGHAN (ETA Vaughan) offers support to women and children in our community, and specifically offers a number of different programs aimed towards youth in Vaughan. For more information, visit: <http://etavaughan.com/?q=youth-room>.



HOSPICE VAUGHAN offers Grief and Bereavement Support. Please visit the Hospice Vaughan website www.hospicevaughan.com for details.



THE READING CORNER:

An informative **GUIDE OF SERVICES FOR YOUTH IN YORK/SOUTH SIMCOE** can be found at:

http://www.wpboard.ca/docs/strive_2014.html.

APPLYING TO A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE | *STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS*

YRDSB Night School, YRDSB e-Learning Night School, YRDSB Day E-Learning and YCDSB Night School

YRDSB Night School Registration, Fall 2014

York Region day school students will use the Career Cruising Course Planner to register for courses offered at Night School. Night School will be offered at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning. To apply for courses, we strongly recommend that you take care of all steps in the process by **September 14th**.

1. Go to www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca and click on the Career Cruising logo.
2. Login in by entering your username (yorkXXXXXXXXX where XXXXXXXXXX is your 9-digit student number) and password (your birthday in this format - mmddyyyy). If you have already created a new password for yourself this year, use your new password. You will be prompted to create one if this is your first entry for this year.
3. To register for the Night School course you wish to take, click on *CHOOSE MY COURSES* from the list of options in the menu on the left hand side of the screen.
4. Click on "+ add course" in the *CON ED* box that appears in your Course Planner.
5. Choose the *CONTINUING EDUCATION TYPE* from the drop down menu: (*Night School - Fall*)
6. Using the drop down menu under *DISCIPLINE*, find the subject area that the course you wish to take is in and click on it. All of the courses in that subject area, which are being offered at the school, will appear in a list. Find the correct course and select the course by clicking in the bubble to the far left of the course.
7. Click on *UPDATE PLANNER*.
8. Click *PRINT* under the *CON ED* box. The print copy of your Continuing Education registration will appear. Click the "Print this Document" button in the top right corner to print.
9. Have your Parent or Guardian sign the printed copy. **Hand in the printed copy to Mrs. Genova in the Guidance and Career Education Office for verification.** This is a very important step without which we cannot electronically verify your application. The board has notified us that by **September 16th**, any non-verified applications will have to be considered cancelled.

10. Should the course you apply for be cancelled, you will be contacted by the Continuing Education staff on September 16th. Please ensure that the contact information you provide is correct.

11. Classes are on Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning on **September 18th** at 6:30 – 9:45 p.m.

YRDSB e-Learning Night School, Fall 2014

Registration for e-Learning night school will begin September 8th. Visit

<http://www.coned.elearning.yrdsb.ca/>

for further information and to apply. Students are required to meet with their guidance counsellor to verify all applications. The final step in the application process is for your counsellor to email the e-Learning School to confirm your qualifications for the course you select.

YRDSB Day e-Learning, Semester 1

ECSS students may take an e-Learning course as a 4th or 5th credit. Unlike e-Learning Night School courses, for a Day e-Learning course, attendance is taken daily. Hence, students are required to sign in each school day any time before midnight from any computer. Pick up a Day e-Learning Course Request Form from the Guidance office. Courses begin September 2. Submit your request as early as possible.

YCDSB Night School Registration, Fall 2014

The closest YCDSB site this year will be: **St. Jean de Brebeuf**. Online registration has begun. ECSS students should follow the steps below, print, complete, sign and submit the form to your guidance office. We will forward your application form for you if we receive it by 3:00pm on September 15th, 2014.

To obtain an application form log onto: <http://ace.ycdsb.ca/>

1. Under the tab “**Secondary Credits**” click on “**Non YCDSB Students**”.
2. Follow the steps as outlined on the form.
3. Print the **Registration Form (External Student)**.
4. Have the registration form signed by your parent/guardian.
5. **Give the form to Mrs. Genova in the Guidance office as early as possible and absolutely no later than September 10.** *Even though the registration deadline is posted for a later date, external students such as you have to have this form forwarded by us and this takes time.*
6. Classes at YCDSB – St. Jean de Brebeuf begin on September 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

We will forward your form to YCDSB if we receive it by September 15th, 2014.

Night School Credit Courses - Fall

September 18, 2014 to January 27, 2015
Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1

Night School Credit Courses - Winter

February 12 to June 16, 2015
Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2014-2015

DURATION

September to June (A minimum of 32 students is required for a course to be offered.)

ELIGIBILITY

Open to students who are not native-speakers. *Students who have native-like fluency or have studied the language through the International Languages Program (SK-8).

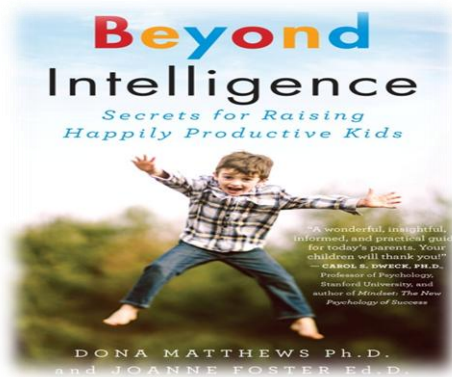
COURSE MATERIAL

Students will be responsible for purchasing the course textbook/course packs which will be sold in September.

PREREQUISITE

Students must have the required prerequisite.

Toonie Talks



TOONIE TALKS-EXPERT GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 25, 2014

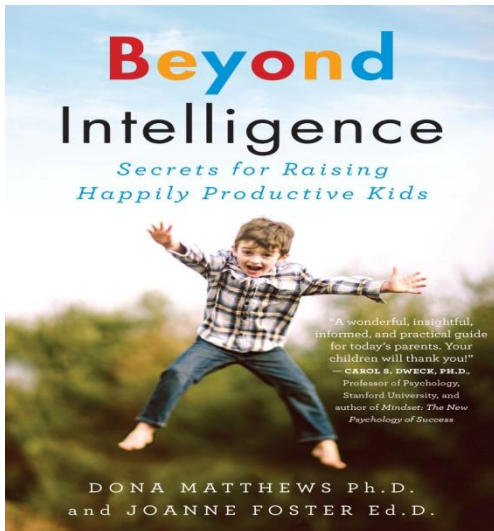
7:00 PM

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT SCHOOL EVENTS OR CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE

GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION OFFICE

MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Beyond Intelligence



Beyond Intelligence: Secrets for Raising Happily Productive Kids

by Dona Matthews and Joanne Foster
House of Anansi Press; July 2014

Revealing Seven Secrets for Your Child's Success

In this presentation, we reveal several key secrets for going beyond intelligence and raising happily productive children. We discuss being attuned to your child's personality and changing needs; nurturing her abilities, interests, and creativity; cultivating a growth mindset; staying focused on creating an educational match; fostering your child's social and emotional intelligences; collaborating with others; and responding to what's central to your child's well-being. We pay close attention to the implications for busy parents, and provide lots of practical take-home strategies.



Dona Matthews, PhD

Dona has worked with children, families, and schools since 1990. In addition to running a busy private practice, she was Executive Director, Millennium Dialogue on Child Development, University of Toronto, and founding Director, Hunter College Center for Gifted Studies and Education, City University of New York. She has published dozens of articles and book chapters, and is co-author of *Being Smart about Gifted Education*; *The Development of Giftedness and Talent across the Life Span*; and *The Routledge International Companion to Gifted Education*.



Joanne Foster, EdD

Joanne is co-author of the award-winning *Being Smart about Gifted Education*. She is a leading authority on high-level development with over 30 years experience. She teaches educational psychology, and is gifted education liaison at the University of Toronto. She consults to teachers, conducts parent forums, serves on advisory committees, and speaks at conferences across North America. She also writes ABCs of Being Smart, a series of feature columns in *Parenting for High Potential*. Her book *Not Now, Maybe Later: Helping Children Overcome Procrastination* is in press.