

DATES AT A GLANCE	
Feb. 7	Semester 2 Begins
Feb. 7 - Feb. 11	Graduation Portraits
Feb 11	Photo Retake Day
Feb. 14	Semester 1 Report Cards Issued
Feb. 16	Course Selections can be LOCKED IN
Feb. 21	Family Day (No School)
Feb. 22	School Council Mtg
Feb. 23	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 25	Course Selections are DUE
Mar. 14 - Mar. 18	March Break
Mar. 17	<a href="#">Purim</a>
Mar. 18	<a href="#">Holi</a>
Mar. 25	Grad Awards Posted
Mar. 26	Earth Hour
Apr. 2 - May. 2	<a href="#">Ramadan</a>
Apr. 15 - 18	<a href="#">Easter</a> & <a href="#">Passover</a>
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day

### MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin the Second Semester on Monday, February 7 we would like to wish all students a great start in their new courses. Your timetable is available to you on TeachAssist.

In TeachAssist, classes are listed by blocks, please follow the highlighted block sequence/times below:

TIMES	PERIOD	BLOCK
8:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Period 1	Block 1
9:15 - 9:20 a.m.	Homeroom	Homeroom
9:25 - 10:40 a.m.	Period 2	Block 3
10:40 - 11:30 a.m.	LUNCH	
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Period 3	Block 2
12:50 - 2:05 p.m.	Period 4	Block 4

### SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We continue to ask for your continued support during the coming weeks in ensuring that our school community remains as safe as possible. Below you find new Health & Safety protocols for in person learning:

- A) **NEW SCREENING:** On a daily basis, students will need to complete an [online self-assessment](#) prior to entering the school. Upon completion of the self-assessment, students must complete the [Screening Confirmation](#) tool to display to ECSS staff. Students will be asked to confirm the completion of self-screening before entering class by way of: On phone – email or picture of email from their computer OR hard copy print off of the confirmation email. If neither option is available, they can provide verbal response confirming completion.
- B) **MASKING: Families are to ensure that their child is wearing an appropriate mask (ie. clean and well fitted) in order to enter the building.** Also,
  - Remind your child that they must ensure that their mask covers their mouth and nose at all times in classrooms, washrooms, and hallways. The one exception is when they are eating on their lunch break.
  - Students who violate masking rules will be provided with remote learning options.
- C) **ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES:**
  - Use provided hand sanitizers entering/leaving classrooms and ECSS
  - Maintain physical distancing requirements
  - Follow the maximum capacity signage and floor decals at washrooms



**HELPFUL LINKS:**

- [ECSS Website](#)
- [YRDSB Website](#)
- [ECSS Twitter](#)
- [ECSS Calendar](#)
- [ECSS Instagram](#)

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

[emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca)

[York Region Public Health](#)

[Tips For Speaking With Your Child - COVID-19](#)

[Mental Health Supports](#)

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)

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**RAT TEST DISTRIBUTION**

Please note, beginning on Monday, February 7, in-person students will have the option of receiving two RAT tests. Students will receive a handout with instructions on how to utilize the tests.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Parents, guardians and families are encouraged to listen to the news and monitor the YRDSB social media feeds for information regarding Inclement Weather Days (IWD). This is how the York Region District School Board will communicate IWDs to families.

This year, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, our Inclement Weather Day Procedure will be adjusted based on direction from York Region Public Health.

For the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, in the event school bus transportation is cancelled, the following Inclement Weather Days Interim Procedures for Elementary and Secondary Schools during the pandemic will be in effect.

- All elementary and secondary schools will be closed to all students and staff.
- All student learning (elementary and secondary) will be remote and asynchronous.
- Office staff will mark all students using the attendance code of BC (Bad Weather / Bus Cancellation).
- Before and After (B&A) Care programs will not run.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL INFORMATION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARENT FOCUS GROUPS**

School council members will be conducting a series of parent focus groups to gather information on students' needs, goals and potential partnerships from a parent or guardians' perspective. Please email our School Council [emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca).

**GRADUATION PORTRAITS & PHOTO RETAKE DAY**

We are happy to let you know that Graduation Portraits and Photo Retake Day are going to happen and it's happening soon! Graduation Portraits will take place on our stage, which you will be able to access through the door next to the divider in the cafeteria, between February 07-February 11, 2022 and Photo Retake Day occurs on February 11, 2022.

In order to sign-up, please view the attachment "YEC Grad Reminder" and you will need the following:

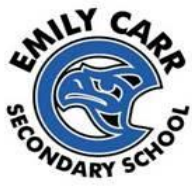
1. Access: [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca)
2. Login using your student number and the school code YEC - Beginning February 7

If you have ordered a graduation gown, it can be picked up in the main office either:

1. **before** your portrait appointment to take home to try it on, iron it, etc.
2. **on the day** of your appointment

If you have not ordered a graduation gown and would like to purchase one, it is available through School CashOnline.

**Reminder:** Wear a white collared shirt under your gown for your portrait.



### **AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAM**

The Ministry of Education has provided special funding for After School Literacy programs for students in Grades 7 to 12 to reinforce their reading and writing skills. The goal of this program is to build upon the reading and writing skills of students. Emily Carr Secondary School will be offering this program, with a focus on preparing for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), twice a week beginning February 15 and ending March 24. Please review the attached memo and return the completed and signed registration form to the ECSS main office or email address ([emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca)).

### **MATH CONTESTS**

Students in grades 9 - 11 are invited to write the University of Waterloo's Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat math contests, written in person or online on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Students who write math contests can discover and grow a love of mathematics, and apply knowledge in novel situations. Interested individuals should sign up on our google classroom (code 33lenal) or email our math department head at [alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca) by Monday January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **SEMESTER 2 COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS**

Students were sent an email to their GAPPS account today which shared the link to the "Course Change Request Form". Requests can be submitted as of **Friday, February 4th until Tuesday, February 8th**. This Google form will close at 11:59p.m. on Tuesday, February 8th. Students must follow their timetables until they receive official confirmation that the course change was processed. Course change requests will only be processed if the request meets one of the following criteria and only if spaces permits:

- compulsory course pathway change (i.e. academic/applied/college/university)
- unsuccessful in a prerequisite course or missing a prerequisite course
- missing compulsory course or graduation/post-secondary course requirement
- incomplete timetable (e.g. not enough courses)

Course changes will not be made based on teacher or period preference. It is not always possible to fulfill course change requests as space is **very limited**, so we appreciate your patience and understanding.

### **COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2022/2023**

Course Selection Video Presentations will be shared with **Grade 9, 10, and 11 students** during their period 1 class beginning the week of February 7th. Students may begin LOCKING in their course selections on **Wednesday, February 16th at 9:00a.m.** and they will **CLOSE on Friday, February 25th at 4:00p.m.** New for this year, parents/guardians will have to approve Course Selections by way of email approval. More information and instructions will be shared with students. Counsellors will be visiting classes the week of February 14th to answer any questions. Course Counsultations with Subject Specialists will also occur the week of February 14th. **Grade 12 potential graduates** will be receiving information about the EXIT SURVEY they must complete in their Potential Graduate Google Classroom. This must be submitted by **Friday, February 25th, at 4:00p.m.**



**SEMESTER 2 DUAL CREDIT**

Dual Credit is available for Semester 2. ECSS students can earn college and high school credits. Some of the most popular programs include: Professional Police Standards, Forensic Psychology, Sports Journalism, Intro to Mechanical Trades and so much more! Visit the [Dual Credit website](#) to see the complete list of Winter 2022 Courses. Classes begin in February. Students can connect with their Guidance Counsellor to find out more and apply!

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Please refer to the attachment for Semester 2 Continuing Education offerings.