

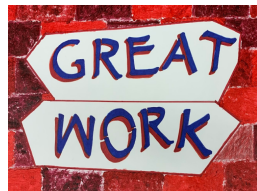
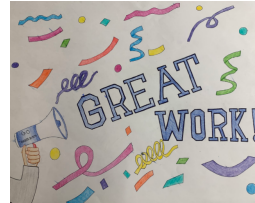
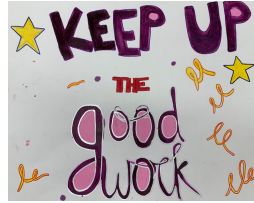
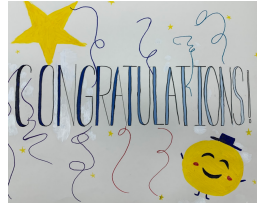
DATES AT A GLANCE

Oct. 25 - 29	Day/Week 01 Schedule
Oct. 26 Virtual Fair 5-7:00 pm	Ontario Universities' Fair
Oct. 27	Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1 - 4	Day/Week 02 Schedule
Nov. 3	Interview Night 'Take Our Kids to Work' Day
Nov. 4 - Nov. 8	Diwali
Nov. 8 - Nov. 12	Day/Week 1 Schedule
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 15 - 19	Day/Week 2 Schedule
Nov. 16	Photo Day
Nov. 19	P.A. Day - No Classes
Nov. 22 - 26	Day/Week 1 Schedule
Nov. 25	Mid Semester Report Cards

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear families,

This week we celebrated our 2020-2021 Academic Awards. We were pleased to honour the hard work and dedication of our award winners. We want to thank our Emerging Artists who made the wonderful congratulatory signs, the SWAT team who cheered on the award winners and the staff who helped organize a memorable event for our students.



INTERVIEW NIGHT - BOOKING INFORMATION - TEACHASSIST

Interview Night is on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021**. ECSS will be using teachassist to manage our Interview Night scheduling. Families will be able to make appointments beginning on **October 25 at 8:00 a.m.**

INTERVIEW NIGHT 2021 - IMPORTANT TIMELINES

Monday, October 25

TeachAssist Interview Night scheduler opens to families



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		<p>PHOTO DAY, GRADUATION PORTRAITS & GOWNS:</p> <p>We are happy to let you know that photo day has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Our photographer will be following COVID-19 Protocol and classes will be called by cohort.</p> <p>We are planning to schedule Graduation Portraits either in January or February. When the date is confirmed, we will inform parents in the e-bulletin and potential graduates through their gapps account. In the meantime, we are currently finalizing pricing for graduation gowns, stolls and cap with the gown company. By the end of next week, potential graduates will be emailed a Google form for Graduation gown/stole/cap order, should they wish to purchase one.</p> <p><u>NACCA: NAVIGATING SECONDARY SCHOOL:</u></p> <p>Parents/caregivers of Black students in grades 7-11 and Black students are invited to NACCA's two-part workshop on navigating secondary school. Please see the link above for more information.</p> <p><u>SANFOKA MENTORING PROGRAM - UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT</u></p> <p>The York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC) invites students, parents and friends to a virtual University and College information night. Please see the above link for more information.</p> <p>LAST YEAR’S YEARBOOK AND GRAD COMPOSITE - 2020-2021</p> <p>If you are parents of a 2021 ECSS Graduate, photo composite and yearbook pick up will be available from 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. on Nov 19. We will provide additional details, including other dates and pick-up options, in a future Talon.</p> <p>MATH CONTESTS:</p> <p>Students in grades 9 – 12 are invited to write the University of Waterloo’s Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contests, written in person at ECSS on November 17th. Please have your child join the google classroom (code 33lenal) for more information and resources to prepare for the contest.</p> <p>Interested students must register through school cash online by Sunday October 24th. Note: There will be more contests in the spring! If you have any questions please contact alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca</p> <p>HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE/REMINDERS:</p> <p>Effective Monday, October 18, 2021, York Region Public Health now requires students and staff members to use the provincial COVID-19 school and child care screening tool. Students, parents and guardians will still be able to access the link to the tool through the York Region Staying Safe at School webpage.</p>						
<p>HELPFUL LINKS:</p> <p>ECSS Website</p> <p>YRDSB Website</p> <p>ECSS Twitter</p> <p>ECSS Calendar</p> <p>ECSS Instagram</p>								
<p>SCHOOL COUNCIL</p> <p>emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca</p>								
<p>York Region Public Health</p> <p>Tips For Speaking With Your Child - COVID-19</p> <p>Mental Health Supports</p> <p>School Mental Health Ontario</p> <p>ATTENDANCE email:</p> <p>emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca</p> <p>SCHOOL email:</p> <p>emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca</p>								



MASKS:

Recently some students have developed the habit of not bringing a mask to school with them. We are able to provide a mask to a student whose mask is damaged or forgotten on occasion but not as a daily practice as our supply of masks is limited. Please ensure your child arrives at school with multiple masks as some may break or become damaged. Masks must be worn daily and in a way that covers a student's mouth and nose at all times inside the building.

OSSLT:

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test which will be taking place twice this year. Grade 12s who are graduating are exempt from the test this year. All grade 11s and non-graduating grade 12s will be writing the test this Fall (date to be finalized). All eligible grade 10s will write the test in the Spring. We will share additional information as it becomes available. If you would like to review additional information and resources, including a practice test, you may access the following link: [Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test](#).

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY (TOKW):

["Take Our Kids to Work"](#) (TOKW), a national initiative providing grade 9 students with the opportunity to observe a work environment or engage in pathways planning for one day. This year, TOKW Day is on November 3, 2021. On this date, grade 9 students can participate in either a virtual/in-person job shadow opportunity or virtual activities planned by the YRDSB Pathways Team, Curriculum and Instructional Services and The Learning Partnership. Parents of grade 9 students have received an email with additional information regarding this event.

GUIDANCE UPDATES:

Potential Graduates can now apply to the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS).

Students can reference the *College Application Guide* found under the topic "How to Apply to Ontario College Programs" found in their 2021/2022 ECSS Potential Graduate Google Classroom. Details on in-person (October 22nd) and remote drop-in (October 26th) sessions have also been shared. Students can schedule a guidance appointment for individual support.

Potential Graduates applying to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) will receive their Personalized Identification Number (PIN) on Friday, October 22nd to their GAPPS account.

Students are encouraged to reference the *University Application Guide* found under the topic "How to Apply to an Ontario University" found in their 2021/2022 ECSS Potential Graduate Google Classroom. Details on in-person (October 25th) and remote drop-in (October 27th) sessions have also been shared. Students can also schedule a guidance appointment for individual support.

All potential graduates received their **Personal Identification Numbers (PINS)** and **Ontario Education Numbers (OEN)** through their GAPPs accounts on October 22nd to support them with their OUAC and/or OCAS application.

Ontario Colleges are hosting *College Mondays* where students can sign up for panel presentations from various colleges. Check out this [hyperlink](#) to view details and register. Universities are holding individual in-person and tours. Check out this [hyperlink](#) to view details and register.



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