



## DATES AT A GLANCE

Jan. 19-20	Gr. 9 Math EQAO
Jan. 26-Feb. 01	Exams & Culminating
Feb. 01	OCAS Applications
Feb. 02	Mark Review Day (modified schedule)
Feb. 02	Semi-Formal
Feb. 03	P.A. Day
Feb. 06	Sem. 2 Start
Feb. 15	Course Selection Fair
Feb. 16	Grade Photo Retake Day & New Students
Feb. 20	FAMILY DAY
Feb. 21	School Council Meeting

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

#### Meeting Dates:

Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023  
Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023  
@ 7:00 p.m. - Library

ATTENDANCE email:

## MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a good holiday and had time to relax and enjoy some festivities. It is so nice to see everyone back at school again. As we gear up to Semester 01 culminating activities and final exams, we would like to encourage a healthy lifestyle, especially lots of physical exercise and time for some fun.

### ECSS SEMI-FORMAL

After three long years, Semi-Formal is back in action. On Thursday February 2nd, Emily Carr will be hosting its Semi-Formal Celebration at the Venetian Hall from 6:00pm -10:00pm. This is a great way to celebrate the end of the semester with dinner, dancing, photos and games! Tickets are \$85.00 and available for purchase on School Cash Online.

### YRDSB STUDENT TRUSTEE APPLICATIONS

The deadline to apply for the position of student trustee for the 2023-2024 school year has been extended to end of day Monday, January 16. If you will be in grade 11 or 12 next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB. Information about the role of student trustee and how to apply are available at [www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees).

### SEVERE WEATHER

In order to prepare ourselves for the upcoming snowy season please be aware of the following:

On days in which weather reports are indicating that York Region will be receiving some snow, you can obtain information in the morning about bus and/or school cancellations, such as, but not limited to the following:

- Student Transportation Services website: [schoolbuscity.com](http://schoolbuscity.com)
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [@YRDSB](https://twitter.com/YRDSB) Twitter account
- Board website ([www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)) and school websites
- Radio and TV media outlets

Please continue to monitor local media for up to date weather forecasts and take safety precautions advised by local authorities.

### CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2023

Attached, you will find important community information regarding events and opportunities. We invite you to explore our new online presence at [www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence) to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.



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## HELPFUL LINKS:

[ECSS Calendar](#)

[ECSS Website](#)

[YRDSB Website](#)

[ECSS Twitter](#)

[ECSS Instagram](#)

[York Region Public Health](#)

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

[Mental Health Supports](#)

[School Mental Health](#)

[Ontario](#)

## ADVOCACY AND ALLYSHIP

Inclusive School and Community Services is hosting a guardian/parent engagement event Advocacy and Allyship: YRDSB is hosting a 3 part Information series that looks at how to engage and help build shared solutions. Families will build on knowledge about discrimination, racism, bias, stereotypes and how to advocate and become an ally. Please see attachment for more information.

## ARTS CAMP COUNSELLOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 10-12

The following is information regarding the application and selection process for students wishing to apply for a COUNSELLOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) position at YRDSB Arts Camp 2023.

Arts Camp 2023 is held from May 27th to June 3rd, 2023 in Haliburton, Ontario. There are a limited number of CIT positions at camp. Those students not selected for this leadership position are encouraged to apply for a camper position.

### Application Process:

- Only students in Grades 10-12 may apply for a Counsellor-in-Training (CIT) position. Consideration will first be given to students in Grades 10 and 11.
- The role of CIT is a position of responsibility and requires students to have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate leadership in their schools and/or communities.
- Applicants must complete the online form [CITApplication](#) in its entirety.
- In order to prepare answers for the required questions within the application, applicants may view the application in its entirety before responding through their @gapps.yrdsb.ca account.
- Access to this document is only through @gapps.yrdsb.ca account. [CITApplicationPreview](#).
- Students require parental/guardian consent and support of a referring teacher and school administrator to apply for a CIT position at Arts Camp.
- A **mandatory CIT Information Session** will be held in person on **Tuesday, January 17th, 2023**. The **deadline** for CIT applications is **Friday, January, 27th, 2023**.

## EQAO MATH

On January 19 and January 20, 2023, our Grade 9 students learning in person will be taking part in the Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO's) online Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics. The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate student learning of the knowledge and skills in the Grade 9 mathematics curriculum. Additional information will be sent directly to families with students currently taking grade 9 mathematics.



## CULMINATING TASK/EXAM DAYS

During the Culminating Task/Exam days, January 26 - February 01, 2023 students may be participating in Culminating Tasks and/or Exams. Culminating activities may include, but are not limited to presentations, performances, demonstrations, portfolios, conversations and conferencing, etc. Each class is unique and teachers will create schedules, based on the dates noted, that best support student achievement. This may or may not include specific activities during the exam period. Teachers will communicate expectations for culminating/exam days directly with students and families. **Attached, you will find more details regarding culminating task/exam days and hard copies of the attachment will be available in the main office.**

*Please note and review dates & times below:*

- Students participating in culminating activities and/or credit salvaging may be asked to meet with their teacher during the school day, even outside of their regular class time.
- Students in Community Classes attend classes, attend as usual.

Culminating Task/Exam Days	
Period 01	Thursday, January 26, 2023
Period 02	Friday, January 27, 2022
Period 04	Monday, January 30, 2023
Period 05	Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Mark Review Day *revised schedule	Thursday, February 02, 2023
Severe Weather Days (in needed)	Wednesday, February 01, 2023 Thursday, February 02, 2023

## Mark Review Day

Mark Review Day, February 02, is an opportunity for staff and students to discuss their culminating tasks and review final marks. The schedule for the day is:

Period 01 & Announcements	8:00 - 8:40 a.m.
Announcements	8:35 - 8:40 a.m.
Period 02	8:45 - 9:20 a.m.
Period 04	9:25 - 10:00 a.m.
Period 05	10:05 - 10:40 a.m.
LUNCH	10:40 - 11:30 a.m.



The afternoon will be used for teachers to make appointments for individual consultation with students/parents as needed regarding credit salvaging where deemed acceptable, course selection consultation and/or support for the next level of study.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS (CIH)**

Potential Graduates have been reminded to submit any outstanding CIH forms to the Guidance Office or by email to Ms Sosa, Guidance Secretary, at [daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca](mailto:daniela.sosa@yrdsb.ca). As a reminder, students are required to complete 40 CIHs to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

### **COLLEGE MONDAYS**

[College Mondays](#) are weekly online sessions designed to connect learners and parents/guardians directly with representatives from each Ontario college. Please refer to the website for more details.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR WINTER 2023**

Continuing Education Services is pleased to offer credit programs outside of the school day to support our secondary school students. Please refer to the attachment for more details.

### **REACH AHEAD TO KINESIOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

March Break Program for Black Youth is running March 13 to 17, 2023. Students can experience student life at the University of Toronto and explore the field of kinesiology. Please refer to the [website](#) for more information and registration details.

### **AQUATIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

YRDSB runs an Aquatic Leadership Program in partnership with the Town of Aurora, The City of Markham and the City of Vaughan. In the second semester, Part 2 of the course will be offered at the Aurora and Markham sites and Part 1 at the Vaughan site. Refer to the attachment for more details. Please note that students do not need to live in the municipality in order to take the course.

### **SEMESTER TWO COURSE CHANGES**

Course change options for semester two are very limited. Students wishing to make a change are asked to schedule a Guidance Appointment prior to **Friday, January 20, 2023** to review options as course changes will not be completed once semester 2 begins.

### **OCAS APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 1st**

Students are reminded to complete applications as soon as possible to meet the application deadline. We also encourage students to reach out to the Guidance Office should they require support.





### GOOD NEIGHBOUR RELATIONSHIPS

The students of E.C.S.S. have a shared responsibility with our community partners to ensure an inviting and clean environment for our neighbours and our community. Although the Al Palladini Community Center, the Pierre Berton Resource Library and the Business establishments at the Plaza are public facilities, they are to be treated as private property by our students.

We would like to remind our students that they are discouraged from “hanging out” in these different areas between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During lunch students are welcome at both centers as long as they adhere to the City of Vaughan’s ‘Safe Community Centres Policy Code of Conduct’. We expect our students to be positive representatives of ECSS at school and in our community, being polite, staying out of unsupervised areas and courteous in behaviour or speech at all times.

### PARKING LOTS

With icy conditions and darkness making it difficult to see, we kindly ask that staff, students and parents please slow down when driving through the parking lot.

REVISED (Jan. 10, 2023) - ECSS EXAM TIMETABLE - 2022-2023 - SEMESTER 01															
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023				FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023				MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023				TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023			
8:30 a.m.				8:30 a.m.				8:30 a.m.				8:30 a.m.			
PERIOD 01 EXAMS				PERIOD 02 EXAMS				PERIOD 04 EXAMS				PERIOD 05 EXAMS			
Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room	Teacher Name	Course	Length	Room	Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room	Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room
ALKABEER	SNC2P1-01	1.5 HOURS	227	COLELLA	HFA4U1-02	1.5 HOURS	250	ALKABEER	SCH4U1-01	2 HOURS	227	ALKABEER	SCH4U1-02	2 HOURS	227
ANTONIOTTI	CLU3M1-01	1.5 HOURS	220	GIRALICO	MCF3M1-01	2 HOURS	144	CARMICHAEL	HSP3U1-01	1 HOUR	157	COLELLA	HHG4M1-01	1.5 HOURS	250
ESLAMI	ICS2O1-01	1.5 HOURS	159	GRIGOROPOULOS	HSP3U1-02	1 HOUR	248	COLELLA	CGC1D1-03	1 HOUR	250	ESLAMI	MDM4U1-01	2 HOURS	151
FITZGERALD	CGR4M1-01	1.5 HOURS	251	IOANNOU	CIA4U1-01	2 HOURS	223	COZZUPOLI	TPJ3M1-01	1.5 HOURS	167	GIRALICO	MHF4U1-04	2 HOURS	144
GIRALICO	MHF4U1-01	2 HOURS	144	KAHLON	SNC2D1-02	1.5 HOURS	148	HABER	HFA4U1-04	1.5 HOURS	204	GRIGOROPOULOS	CHC2D1-02	1 HOUR	248
HABER	HFA4U1-03	1.5 HOURS	204	KANESALINGAM	MPM2D1-0	1.5 HOURS	152	HULME	SBI3U1-02	2 HOURS	226	HULME	SBI3U1-01	2 HOURS	226
HASSELL	HHG4M1-03	1.5 HOURS	210	KORN	SCH3U1-01	2 HOURS	246	KAHLON	SNC2D1-04	1.5 HOURS	148	KAUR	MPM2D1-02	1.5 HOURS	146
KAHLON	SNC2D1-03	1.5 HOURS	148	LO RE	FSF1D1-01	1.5 HOURS	225	KANESALINGA	MCR3U1-02	2 HOURS	152	LAI	MHF4U1-07	2 HOURS	152
KANESALINGA	MCR3U1-01	2 HOURS	152	MORADI	MHF4U1-03	2 HOURS	151	KORN	SCH3U1-02	2 HOURS	246	LAMONT	ICS3U1-01	2 HOURS	106
KAUR	MPM2D1-09	1.5 HOURS	146	OH	SPH3U1-02	2 HOURS	247	LAMONT	TEJ4M1-01	2 HOURS	106	MEHTA	CLN4U1-01	2 HOURS	223
KORN	SCH3U1-05	2 HOURS	246	POON	SNC2D1-01	1.5 HOURS	122	MOLEDINA	MCV4U1-01	2 HOURS	150	OGILVIE	SNC2D1-05	1.5 HOURS	148
LO RE	ESLA/B/CO1-01	1.5 HOURS	225	SANSOM	CHC2D1-03	1 HOUR	249	MORADI	MPM2D1-04	1.5 HOURS	151	RYBAK	CGC1D1-02	1 HOUR	251
MARINELLI	HSB4U1-01	1.5 HOURS	221	SERIO	BBB4M1-05	1.5 HOURS	119	OH	SPH3U1-01	2 HOURS	247	SERIO	BAT4M1-05	1.5 HOURS	119
MORADI	MPM2D1-01	1.5 HOURS	151	SINGH	SBI4U1-01	2 HOURS	226	OH	SPH4C1-01	2 HOURS	247	SKIDMORE	FSF1D1-07	1.5 HOURS	224
OH	SPH4U1-01	2 HOURS	247	TRIUMBARI	CGC1D1-01	1 HOUR	251	RICHARDSON	CHC2D1-07	1 HOUR	243	SKIDMORE	FSF2D1-02	1.5 HOURS	224
SCHMIDT	TDJ3/4M1-01	1.5 HOURS	158					SERIO	BAF3M1-03	1.5 HOURS	119	TSE	SNC1W1-01	1.5 HOURS	122
SINGH	SBI4U1-02	2 HOURS	226					SKIDMORE	FSF1D1-02	1.5 HOURS	224				
SKIDMORE	FSF1D1-03	1.5 HOURS	224					TSE	SNC1W1-07	1.5 HOURS	122				
TRIUMBARI	CHC2D1-01	1 HOUR	243												
TSE	SNC1W1-02	1.5 HOURS	122												
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2023				THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2023				FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2023				MONDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2023			
8:30 a.m.				REVISED SCHEDULE				P.A. DAY				SEMESTER 2 BEGINS			
RESCHEDULED EXAMS & CREDIT RECOVERY				MARK REVIEW DAY				NO CLASSES				CHECK TEACHASSIST FOR SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE			
Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room	Period	Timeframe			OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:				OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:			
				Period 01	8:00 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.			Describe a funny moment from Semester 1:				List 2 goals for Semester 2:			
				Announcements	8:35 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.							1)			
				Period 02	8:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.							2)			
				Period 04	9:25 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.							List 3 ways in which you can achieve your goals:			
				Period 05	10:05 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.							1)			
				Lunch	10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.							2)			
				Afternoon	11:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.							3)			
				In the afternoon, teachers are available, by appointment, for individual consultation with students/guardians.				List 2 things you are most proud of from Sem. 1:				Who can help you achieve your goals?			
								1)							
								2)							

# ECSS CULMINATING TASK/EXAM INFORMATION – JANUARY 2023

During the Culminating Task/Exam days, January 26 - February 01, 2023 students may be participating in Culminating Tasks and/or Exams. Culminating activities may include, but are not limited to presentations, performances, demonstrations, portfolios, conversations and conferencing, etc. Each class is unique and teachers will create schedules, based on the dates noted, that best support student achievement. This may or may not include specific activities during the exam period. Teachers will communicate expectations for culminating/exam days directly with students and families. Also, attached, you will find a schedule for specific course exams. *Please note:*

- Students participating in culminating activities and/or credit salvaging may be asked to meet with their teacher at any point during the school day, even if it is outside of their regular class time.
- Students in Community Classes attend classes, as usual, during the culminating/exam period.

## YOUR SCHEDULE

Complete the following table with your personal Culminating Task and/or Exam schedule:

Period/Grade	Course	Section	Date	Time	Room
Pr. 1 – All grades			Thursday, January 26	8:30 a.m.	
Pr. 2 – All grades			Friday, January 27	8:30 a.m.	
Pr. 4 – All grades			Monday, January 30	8:30 a.m.	
Pr. 5 – All grades			Tuesday, January 31	8:30 a.m.	
All grades	For rescheduled exams, exams by appointment, or credit recovery		Wednesday, February 01 and/or Thursday, February 02	8:30 a.m.	

## EXAM REVIEW DAY – Thursday, February 02, 2023

Period	Timeframe
Period 1	8:00 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.
Announcements	8:35 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Period 2	8:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Period 4	9:25 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Period 5	10:05 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Lunch	10:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon	11:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. Teachers are available, by appointment, for individual consultation with students/parents/guardians

## SEVERE WEATHER

Information regarding bus cancellations, inclement weather, and school closures will be posted on the York Region District School Board website. If an Inclement Weather Day occurs during the scheduled exam period of January 26 to January 31, forcing the cancellation of all exams on a given day, the day for rescheduling those exams will be Wednesday, February 01 and/or Thursday, February 02. Exams will begin at 8:30 a.m.

## ABSENCE

Illness and court appearance are the only two valid absences during exams. If you are unable to be present for an exam, you must present a medical certificate or a court order. Failure to do so will result in a mark of zero for the exam and may jeopardize your credit. A court order must be presented prior to the writing of an exam so that alternate arrangements can be made. The medical certificate must be presented to the Vice-Principal as soon as possible, or at the latest, prior to the end of the exam week, so that exams may be rescheduled.

## LATE ARRIVAL

If you arrive up to 30 minutes late, you should go directly to your exam room. You will only be given the remaining time for the exam. If you arrive more than 30 minutes late, you should go to the Main Office to speak to a Vice-Principal.

## EXAM WEEK

During exam week, you are required to be at school only when you are scheduled to write an exam or culminating activities. To see your teacher for extra help, you must book an appointment in advance. Students may study quietly in the library, or in small groups in the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to be in the halls, or to go to their locker when exams are being written. The cafeteria servery will be closed during exams.

## EXTRA HELP

Students seeking extra help must book an appointment with their teacher(s) in advance. As students are not permitted to be in the halls during exam times, appointments should be scheduled outside of exam hours.

## DURING AN EXAM

- Textbooks to be returned should be placed on your desk.
- Other books, pencil cases, jackets, bags, notebooks, etc. are not allowed in the exam room.
- Electronic dictionaries, cell phones and other electronic devices (i.e. watches that connect to phones) are not to be used during an exam. Cell phones must be shut off and out of sight during exams.
- Students may not communicate or share resources with any other students once an exam has begun.
- Students must remain in the exam room for the entire duration of the exam.

## EXTRA TIME

Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Multi Language Learners (MLL) who have the accommodation of extra time, may continue their exams with their teacher or be escorted to the provisions room (room 116). Arrangements must be made in advance with the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) for any student with an IEP who wishes to begin their exam in the provisions room.

**York Region District School Board and The Town of Aurora, The City of Markham and the City of Vaughan**  
**Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 1 and Part 2 Program Information and Dates – Winter 2023**

	<b>Town of Aurora Part 2 – PLF4M1</b>	<b>City of Markham Part 2 – PLF4M1</b>	<b>City of Vaughan Part 1 – PAQ2O1</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex</b> 1400 Wellington St. East Aurora, ON L4G 7B6 905-726-4770	<b>Milliken Mills Community Centre</b> 7600 Kennedy Rd Markham, ON L3R 9S5 905-477-6410	<b>Dufferin Clark Community Centre</b> 1441 Clark Ave. W, Thornhill ON, L4J 7R4 905-832-8554
<b>Course</b>	<b>Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1)</b> <i>The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	<b>Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1)</b> <i>The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	<b>Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1)</b> <i>The Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Mondays and Wednesdays</b> February 6, 2023 – June 19, 2023 <b>Saturday March 25, 2023</b>	<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b> February 9, 2023 – June 13, 2023 <b>Saturday March 25, 2023</b>	<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b> February 21, 2023 – June 6, 2023 <b>Saturday May 13, 2023</b>
<b>Time</b>	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
<b>Pool and Classroom Dates</b>	February 6, 13, 15, 22, 27 March 1, 6, 20, 22, 27, 29 April 3, 5, 12, 17, 19, 24 May 1, 3, 8, 10, 17, 24, 29 June 5, 7, 12, 14	February 9, 16, 21, 23, 28 March 2, 7, 21, 23, 28, 30 April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27 May 2, 4, 9, 16, 18, 23, 30 June 1, 6, 8	February 21, 23, 28 March 7, 9, 21, 23, 30 April 4, 11, 18, 20, 27 May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 23, 25, 30 June 1
<b>Remote Learning Only Dates</b>	February 8                      May 15, 31 March 8, 25                      June 19 April 26	February 14                      May 11, 25 March 9, 25                      June 13 April 25	March 2, 28                      May 13, 18 April 6, 13, 25                      June 6
<b>Eligibility</b>	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hold current Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid</li> <li>• be 15 years of age by test dates</li> <li>• currently attend a Secondary School</li> </ul>	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hold current Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid</li> <li>• be 15 years of age by test dates</li> <li>• currently attend a Secondary School</li> </ul>	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be 13 years of age</li> <li>• currently attend a Secondary School</li> <li>• be able to swim 400 metres</li> </ul>
<b>Cost</b>	\$300	\$300	\$200
<b>Registration</b>	<a href="https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/aquatic-leadership-program">https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/aquatic-leadership-program</a>		

## REGISTRATION FOR NIGHT SCHOOL AND ONLINE LEARNING NIGHT SCHOOL

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Continuing Education Services is pleased to offer credit programs outside of the school day to support our secondary school students.

### Night School

A remote learning model will replace in-person learning for Night School.

- Registration **is now open** in myPathwayPlanner (myBlueprint)
- Classes will occur online using a synchronous model
- Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
- Classes will run from February 16, 2023 to June 8, 2023
- Contact [continuing.education@yrdsb.ca](mailto:continuing.education@yrdsb.ca) for more information
- Please visit the hyperlink for [Night School Offerings](#).

### Online Learning Night School *(formerly eLearning)*

Night School Online Learning courses are initially offered to adult learners but there are some program offerings available to current YRDSB secondary school students.

- Registration is **will open** in myPathwayPlanner on January 31, 2023 (myBlueprint)
- These courses are specifically designed to be delivered in a fully online format. Classes will be delivered online using an asynchronous model. Weekly synchronous opportunities with teachers are available.
- Classes will run from February 21, 2023 to June 5, 2023
- Contact [online.learning@yrdsb.ca](mailto:online.learning@yrdsb.ca) for more information
- Please visit the hyperlink for [Online Learning Night School Offerings](#).

### HOW TO REGISTER FOR EITHER PROGRAM:

YRDSB Students will register for both programs using MyPathwayPlanner (myBlueprint).

- Once signed in, click on the Continuing Education tab to select courses and to move forward with your registration
- **Students are reminded to print and sign the sign-off sheet and have a parent/guardian sign it as well, and then submit the form to the Guidance Office**
- For students who require support, they are asked to come by the Guidance Pop-Up Shop or schedule a Guidance appointment.

### Fees & Fee Exemption for International Visa Students

There is a cost for International fee-paying students. International students may be eligible to be exempt from fees to attend Night School and/or Online Learning. Students are asked to reach out to the Guidance Office for more information.





CYC PRESENTS



# SPRING 2023 PROGRAM

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## STEM: HUGH LIU

- Professor of Aerospace Studies, University of Toronto
- Director of Centre for Aerial Robotics Research and Education
- Obtained a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Toronto



## PUBLIC SECTOR: HON. JOHN MCCALLUM

- Former Minister of Defence, Revenue, Immigration and Veteran Affairs
- Former Professor and Dean of McGill University, Chief Economist of RBC.
- Obtained a BA from Cambridge University and PhD from McGill University



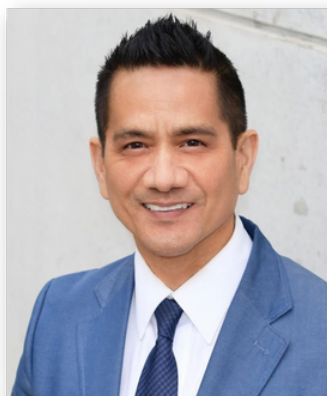
## COMMUNITY SERVICE: TIM KWAN

- Chairman of Mon Sheong Foundation
- Former Chairman of the Building Committee
- Obtained an Engineering Degree from Western University



## BUSINESS: LINDA ZHANG

- Co-chair of Canadian Youth Champions
- Angel investor and businesses consultant
- Former VP of Publicly Traded Company
- Obtained an M.B.A from Ivey Business School, Western University



## MARKETING: JUSTIN POY

- President of Justin Poy Agency: 15 years of Autoshow International.
- Board Member of Digital Governorce Advisory Board, Cambridge University
- Obtained BAA, Television and Radio from Ryerson University



## INNOVATION & INVESTMENT: ANGELO DEL DUCA

- Chairman of York Angel Investors
- Former Ontario Director of the NRC Industrial Research Assistance Program
- Former Industrial Technology Advisor at the National Research Council of Canada
- Obtained an Engineering degree from University of Toronto



## ANTI-RACISM: DARIUS SOOKRAM

- Chair of Race Relations Committee for the City of Markham
- Advisor, Inclusivity and Anti-Racism, Government of Ontario
- Obtained Masters of Public Administration form Ryerson University





**Our 2022 Competition and Signature Event was held at Bayview Golf Club. Students showcased their projects in a professional business environment. There was over 300 attendees, including the Minister of Canada, different levels of government officials, students, parents, investors, professors and school principals.**

# CYC Program - Spring 2023

SATURDAY 9-11AM

Feb.

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Session #1

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# SPRING 2023 PROGRAM

February 4th - June 10th  
Saturday 9-11am



the cyc.org

## Leadership Opportunities

Participate in leadership panels with private sector, and non-profit leaders

## Volunteer Opportunities

A variety of diverse opportunity

## Personal Growth

Personal reflection journey, strength finding exercises, and mentorship

## APPLY NOW

Scan the QR code or  
click link below to apply



Email: [volunteer@thecyc.org](mailto:volunteer@thecyc.org)

<https://www.thecyc.org/our-program>

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Gain 40+ Volunteer Hours

Pre-IB/IB Students obtain  
CAS hours & experience

Mentored by Industry  
Professionals

Obtain Reference Letter for  
University Applications

PAID Summer Jobs



Win the CYC Award!  
2 weeks fully paid scholarship to  
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# PILLARS & THEMES



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## Caring for the Environment and Green Transportation



## Anti-Racism, Inclusivity and Multiculturalism



## Caring for Seniors and Positive Mentorship



## Public Service and Media



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In collaboration with  
York Region District School Board

SAAAC Autism Centre Presents

## Caregiver Orientation: New Autism Diagnosis

To be delivered in Tamil and English

**Join us virtually to chat about:**

- Next steps after diagnosis
- Types of funding available
- Services and programs available in the community
- SAAAC Cares Program
- YRDSB Autism Supports
- Cultural perspectives on children with disabilities
- Your experiences as a caregiver of a child with Autism

**February 1, 2023 | 6:30-8:00 pm**

Register here on our [Google Form](#)

**Registration deadline: January 26, 2023**

Link to join will be provided via email  
after registration

For questions or accommodation requests please  
email: [nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca)

# **Inclusive School and Community Services is hosting A Guardian/Parent Engagement Event**

## **Advocacy and Allyship**

YRDSB is hosting a 3 part Information series that looks at how to engage and help build shared solutions. Families will build on knowledge about discrimination, racism, bias, stereotypes and how to advocate and become an ally.

### **1. Understanding and Challenging our Bias**

Learn how to understand and challenge our biases. Challenge our Comfort Zones in order to change and grow in a positive direction. Connect with other parents and caregivers and share our ideas and experiences.

**Presented by:** Shafiq Aziz from Harmony Movement

**When:** January 31st 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### **2. Recognizing and Responding to Hate**

Learn how to recognize and respond to hate and discrimination, through looking at data, talking through examples and further understanding bias.

**Presented by:** Shafiq Aziz from Harmony Movement

**When:** February 22nd 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### **3. Becoming an Ally**

Learn how to become an ally through engaging and listening to lived experiences of discrimination and hate.

**Presented by:** Soha Mohammad from Working Women

**When:** March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Registration at <http://bit.ly/3VZpttx>**

Registration closes: January 27th, 2023

Please reach out to Harpinder Kaur or Kenzie Wass if you have any questions

[Harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca), [Kenzie.Wass@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Kenzie.Wass@yrdsb.ca)

# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter | January 2023**

**Happy New Year!**

## **Centre for Black Student Excellence**

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We invite you to explore our new online presence at [www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence) to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

## **YRDSB Programs**

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### **Black Excellence Program**

The vision of the Black Excellence Program, (BEP), is to advance the achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging of Black students in YRDSB schools through responsive programming that affirms their identity, builds on their strengths, and enhances their access to academic opportunities after high school. Students will have opportunities to learn from each other, experts from diverse fields, and mentors who will uplift, inspire and encourage them.

The Center for Black Student Excellence is pleased to announce that in the 2022-2023 school year, the program will be extended to 100 students from YRDSB secondary schools who self-identify as Black or African descended.

Please share information about the Black Excellence Program with your school community and encourage your students to sign-up for this Black-affirming experience using the [BEP Registration Form](#).



# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

## Ascending Sisters Pilot Project

In alignment with the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, Ascending Sisters serves as a mentorship program that connects Black girls and non-binary students with self-identified Black YRDSB staff (e.g., teachers, educational assistants, Child and Youth workers, support professionals, administrators). Cisgender girls, transgender girls and non binary students from **grades 7-10 in selected pilot schools** are all welcome to participate.

Through targeted wellness, health and mentorship opportunities, students will be provided with the opportunity to develop a stronger sense of self, promote healing, increase ability to advocate, communicate effectively and further enhance their leadership skills.

Please contact the Black Excellence Planning Team at [ascendingsisters@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ascendingsisters@yrdsb.ca) if you have further questions.

## Rise Brothers

Rise Brothers is committed to supporting Black males—**elementary & secondary students**—from grades 7 to 12. Through school contacts, participating schools will be asked to recommend Black male students who fit the following new criteria:

- Black male-identified
- Presently achieving level 2 or below (elementary) or credit deficient (secondary)
- Have experienced attendance challenges
- Have a problematic school discipline history

Please take a look at our promotional [video](#), which outlines the program's vision and goals.

Please contact the Black Excellence Planning Team at [Blackexcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Blackexcellence@yrdsb.ca) if you have further questions.

# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

## Partners

**The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)** is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/ Caribbean heritage. You can follow them on Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](https://twitter.com/AEBSyrdsb)

**Learn more about Black community agencies that provide supports in your area:**

[Aurora Black Community \(ABC\)](#)

[ANCHOR \(Formerly Vaughan African Canadian Association \(VACA\)\)](#)

[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association \(MACCA\)](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association \(NACCA\)](#)

[Parents of Black Children](#)

[The Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\)](#)

[York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities \(YRAACC\)](#)

## Upcoming Community Events

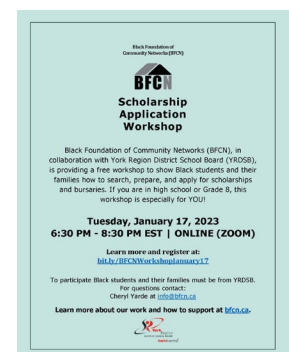
### January, 2023 - [YRAACC/Sankofa Tutoring Program](#)

We are committed to seeing our Black students succeed. Sessions will take place weekly online for 90 minutes once per week. Note: dates and availability are subject to change in January 2023. Register using the [google form](#)



### January 17, 2023 - [BFCN/Scholarship Application Workshop](#)

Black students of York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and their families are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Tuesday January 17, 2023, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST. The workshop is offered free of charge and the goal is to share our collective knowledge so that Black students and their families can make informed decisions about post-secondary education and funding options. Note that the BFCN Scholarship Program Coordinator will also be present to answer any questions. Registration via Eventbrite is mandatory in order to participate, and a Zoom link with further details will be sent to all those who register.



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**February 1, 2023 @ 6:30 pm**

**[ABC/Pan African Flag Raising](#)**

Aurora Black Community hosting Pan African Flag raising at, 100 John West Way, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1, Canada

You can register at [RSVP](#)



**February 3, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

**[ABC/Black History Opening Ceremony](#)**

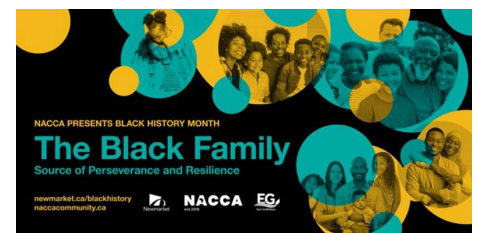
Enjoy a night of elegance with dinner, a silent auction, and entertainment. Thanks to our main sponsors, the Town of Aurora and TD Bank, the event is free to our everyone. Located at Corner Stone Church, 390 Industrial Pkwy S, Aurora, ON L4G 3V7

You can register at [RSVP](#)



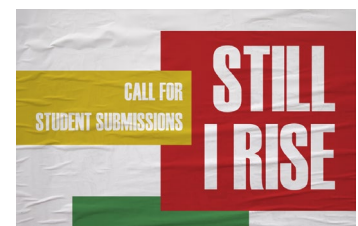
**February 4, 2023 @ 10:00 am - [NACCA/Black History Month 2023](#)**

We are very pleased to have planned an exciting roster of events throughout Black History Month, and are hosting a very special reception for Saturday, February 4, 2023. This year's theme is "The Black Family: Source of Perseverance and Resilience." The inspiration for this theme is from the writer and activist, Maya Angelou. Her phrase, "I sustain myself with the love of family" rings evermore true today. The reception will be hosted at the Old Town Hall in Newmarket, located at 460 Botsford Street with a wonderful day-long program beginning at 10 a.m. through to 4:00 p.m



**February 4, 2023 - [NACCA/Call for Art Exhibit](#)**

Theme of the art is: The Black Family: Source of Perseverance and Resilience. Art Exhibit will take place at Old Town Hall, 460 Botsford Street, Newmarket ON L3Y 1T1 on Saturday, February 4, 2024. Submit all forms of visual art including photography, painting, sculpture etc until January 15, 2023 via email to [blackhistory@naccacommunity.ca](mailto:blackhistory@naccacommunity.ca) or by USB to NACCA (449 Eagle Street, Newmarket ON, L3Y 1K7)





# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**February 18, 2023 @ 11:00am**

## [YRAACC/Black History Month Celebration](#)

6th Annual Black History Month Celebration at Bur Oak Secondary School!

Please see the [poster](#) for more information and use [this link register!](#)

Contact [info@yorkregionaacc.ca](mailto:info@yorkregionaacc.ca) for more information.



**March, 2023 - [MACCA/York Region Youth School Success Initiative](#)**

Now accepting Black students in grades 6-8 in the York Region Youth

School Success Initiative! Kick off the week of March 21st. [Register today!](#)



## SHINE Podcast

### **Listen to the [SHINE Podcast](#)**

SHINE is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge. Guests share their lived experiences, advice, industry expertise and more. SHINE is a production of Tune In YRDSB. [Tune In YRDSB](#) is the first podcast of its kind in Ontario, featuring a wide range of topics related to education. Tune In YRDSB is available on all major podcast platforms.



To request support from a member of the Centre for Black Student Excellence team  
please email [BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca)

Black Foundation of  
Community Networks (BFCN)



## Scholarship Application Workshop

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**  
**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

Learn more and register at:  
[bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary17](https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary17)

To participate Black students and their families must be from YRDSB.

For questions contact:

Cheryl Yarde at [info@bfcn.ca](mailto:info@bfcn.ca)

Learn more about our work and how to support at [bfcn.ca](https://bfcn.ca).





