

## DATES AT A GLANCE

Dec. 20 - Jan 2.	Winter Break - No School
Dec 25 - Jan 1	<a href="#">Christmas Kwanzaa</a>
Jan 12	Grade 8 Open House
Jan 13	Non YRDSB Reg Pkgs Available
Jan 13	OUAC Application Deadline
Jan 19-20	Math EQAO (Math Grade 9)
Jan 31 - Feb 11	Graduation Portraits
Feb 1	<a href="#">Lunar New Year</a>
Feb 1	OCAS Applications Due
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 3	Feedback Day

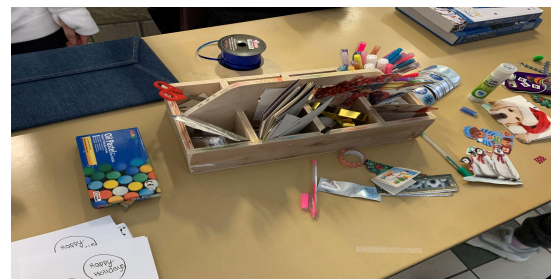
## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families,

For those celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa, or simply celebrating time together with loved ones, we wish you all the very best of the holiday season, and a happy, joyful celebration.

While the Ministry of Education has not announced an extension to the winter break and we expect all students to return on January 3, 2021, we are preparing for the possibility of transitioning to remote learning. Staff and students have been asked to bring tech devices and learning materials home with them in the case of school closure. As soon as we have more information we will share it with our families.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS





	(Virtual - a.m.)	<b>SCREENING REQUIREMENT UPON RETURN TO SCHOOL</b> The Ministry of Education is requiring that students provide confirmation of COVID-19 screening when families return from the winter break. Similar to the start of the year, students and families will be required to complete the confirmation of screening before coming to school each morning. The forms can be found on the Board website at <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening">www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening</a> .
Feb 4	PA Day - No Classes	
Feb 7	Semester 2 Starts	<b>MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION</b> In addition, please read this <a href="#">Message from the Minister of Education</a>
Feb 11	Photo Retake Day	<b>MESSAGES FROM YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH</b> Please read the following messages and updates from York Region Public Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Letter to Families</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Backpack Health Chat Newsletter</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Information about the Beary Beachy COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic</a> December 18-19</li></ul>
Feb 14	Semester 1 Report Cards Issued	<b>INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY PROCEDURES</b> For the 2021-2022 school year, in the event school bus transportation is canceled, the following Inclement Weather Days Procedures will be in effect for the <b>first</b> Inclement Weather day of the school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Secondary Schools will be <b>closed</b> to students.</li><li>• All student learning will be remote and asynchronous (student work will be placed on Google Classroom)</li></ul> Updates regarding inclement weather will be posted on the board website.
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day	<b>SEMESTER TWO COURSE CHANGES</b> Course change options for semester two are very limited. Students wishing to make a change are asked to schedule a Guidance Appointment or come by the Guidance Pop-Up Shop prior to <b>Friday, January 21, 2022</b> to review options.  <b>OCAS and OUAC APPLICATIONS</b> Students are reminded to complete applications as soon as possible to meet the application deadline. Please note that OCAS and OUAC may have holiday hours so students should refer to their website for updated hours. We also encourage students to reach out to the Guidance Office prior to the Winter Break should students require support.  <b>SPORTS - ATTESTATION</b> We are pleased to announce that some extra curricular sports are now being offered once again at Emily Carr. Please note, participating students and student timekeepers will be required to attest that they have been fully-vaccinated utilizing the current YRDSB Attestation portal under the drop down heading of 'Secondary Students for Inter-School Sports' ( <a href="https://visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/">https://visitorattestation.yrdsb.ca/</a> ). Participating students will need to register as a new user. Access is available immediately. Students who have not completed the attestation will not be eligible to participate.



## 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](#)

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

## SPC CARD - SAVE BIG WHILE YOU RAISE FUNDS FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students and Families can purchase SPC cards online. Part of the sales will go towards raising funds for our school activities. The card can be purchased online by using the following steps:

- Step 1: Download the App  
Step 2: Purchase the card for \$10.  
Step 3: Insert the school code : 37894

## ECSS SCHOOL SUPPORT FUND

Are you looking to make a positive difference locally? Consider donating to the **ECSS School Support Fund**, which will directly assist students, extra-curricular activities and initiatives at ECSS. Monetary donations can be made through School Cash Online (refer to steps below). Donated funds will be used for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to:

- assistance funds (such as to support participation on a team for a student who requires financial assistance);
- ceremonies, awards, plaques, trophies or prizes for students;
- scholarships and bursaries;
- extra-curricular activities and events;

### STEP 1: Once logged in, click on "Make A Donation".

The screenshot shows the 'SchoolCash Online' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'MY ACCOUNT', 'ITEMS', and 'PAID'. Below this, the 'York Region District School Board' logo is visible. A search bar labeled 'Items' is present, followed by a 'Search' button. To the right of the search bar are two buttons: 'Make A Donation' and 'Add Student'.

### STEP 2: Go to "Gift Information" and select "Emily Carr S.S. - W314". Please note that tax receipts will automatically be created in the name of the School Cash Online account holder.

The screenshot shows the 'Gift Information' form. It has a section for 'I would like to make a donation of' with radio buttons for \$20, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$1000. There is also a text input field for 'Other Amount:'. Below this is a dropdown menu for 'Fund Destination' with 'EMILY CARR S.S.-W314' selected.

Should you have any questions please contact [emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca). Thank you in advance for your support as your generosity and your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

## REMOTE STUDENTS - YEARBOOK

Remote learners who were unable to take their portrait at school, can send in an updated school portrait for the 2021-2022 yearbook using this form:

<https://forms.gle/NefCtqT4nmEPpRoGA>

## YEARBOOK:

Superheroes Unite!

Our 2021-2022 Yearbook Theme is Comics! The book is available now to buy on SchoolCashOnline.