



DATES AT A GLANCE

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	Purim
Mar. 18	Holi
Mar. 25	Grad Awards Posted
Mar. 26	Earth Hour
April	Autism Awareness Month
Apr. 7	Interview Night
Apr. 2 - May. 2	Ramadan
Apr. 15 - Apr. 18	Easter & Passover
Apr. 19	School Council Mtg
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a great start to Semester Two. It has been wonderful to have so many students return to face-to-face learning. This week we completed our Caring and Safe Schools Virtual Assemblies. As a reminder, students have been provided a face mask and two rapid covid tests.

SEMESTER 2 - LEARNING MODEL CHANGES

Families that would like to make a learning model change for their child are asked to complete this brief '[Emily Carr Secondary School - Semester 2 Request for Learning Model Information](#)' survey. Your learning model decision, covering February 22 to March 20, must be received by noon on February 17. Changes requested after February 17 will take effect starting March 21.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on February 22nd. All families are welcome to attend. We will provide a link closer to the date.

THE ABCs OF MENTAL HEALTH

We are pleased to share an evening with Patricia Marra-Stapleton, the Mental Health Lead for YRDSB on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30pm. This virtual evening opportunity will provide information and conversation about how to manage COVID related anxiety in yourself and your child. Please see attached flyer with information and registration details.

WINTER CONCERT

The music department at ECSS has been hard at work semester one and has put together their annual Winter Concert highlighting the talented musicians from the Grade 9 Instrumental Music class, the Grade 10, 11, 12 Instrumental Class, the Jazz Band, Chamber Ensemble, and some solos and small ensembles from students across the music department.

Performances were recorded at the school this year because of Covid restrictions, but that did not stop our fearless Music Council from organizing the lighting, the camera work, the audio and visuals, and editing of what turned out to be a very impressive event!

A huge thank you and congratulations goes out to the music department teacher Ms. Kim Headon and all of the performers and music council members for a very successful presentation! If you are interested in watching the show, please visit our YOUTUBE channel at: <https://youtu.be/ZcAPT3LwgGw>. Enjoy!



COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2022/2023

Course Selection Video Presentations were shared with **Grade 9, 10, and 11 students** during period 1 classes this past week. Students may begin **LOCKING in** their course selections on **Wednesday, February 16th at 9:00a.m.** and they must be **SUBMITTED no later than Friday,**



HELPFUL LINKS:

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

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[York Region Public Health](#)

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

[Mental Health Supports](#)

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)

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February 25th at 4:00p.m. New for this year, parents/guardians will have to approve Course Selections by way of email approval. **Instructions** have been shared with students in their My Pathway Planner (myBlueprint). 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!

YEARBOOK

We are happy to announce that the deadline to purchase the 2021-2022 yearbook has been extended until **Friday, March 25th**. You can purchase the book on schoolcashonline. We also encourage all ECSS students to join our Google Classroom for important updates and to participate in this year's book - Class Code: k5vcxaf. Also, follow us on Instagram @ecssyearbook2022 to stay updated!

GRADUATION PORTRAITS - DATE EXTENDED

We are happy to let you know that Graduation Portraits have been extended to Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Use the following to book an appointment:

1. Access: bookmygrad.ca
2. Login using your student number and the school code YEC

If you have ordered a graduation gown, it can be picked up in the main office prior to taking your picture. **Reminder:** Wear a white collared shirt under your gown for your portrait.

SEAS PATHEWY FIRESIDE CHAT IN CHINESE, VIETNAMESE

Hello YRDSB East Asian parents/guardians! Do you have a child in grade 8 entering grade 9 in September? SEAS is hosting a virtual 'fireside' chat to support you and your child on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm**, facilitated by Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Cantonese speaking educators. SEAS stands for Supporting East Asian Students. The mission of our educator network is to promote equitable and inclusive access to education for students of East Asian heritage by engaging students, families, teachers, and community groups. Please register at bit.ly/SEASchat and a Zoom link will be emailed to you before the event. For more information about the event or SEAS, please email us at SEAS.YorkRegion@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!