



DATES AT A GLANCE

MESSAGE FROM ECSS ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have received notice from the Ontario Ministry of Education that York Region District School Board schools will reopen to students for in-person learning on **February 16, 2021**. Until that time, schools will remain closed to most students and staff as online learning continues.

UPDATE REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY/ROTATIONS

In the days ahead YRDSB will be announcing additional information for families with regards to health and safety measures as soon as plans are finalized with York Region Public Health. We will also be providing an update regarding rotations shortly. We are focussed on ensuring a safe reopening at Emily Carr and look forward to welcoming students in the building again.

THANKS

We would also like to thank ECSS families who were able to return materials this week. Students who did not have an opportunity to drop off materials will now be able to do so at a later date.



SCHOOL CLOSURE ONLINE CLASS SCHEDULE AND SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARDS

<p>February 08-15</p>	<p>Current School Closure - All Classes Online For the duration of the school closure, Adaptive (face-to-face) schools will follow a revised school schedule.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="821 1150 1463 1457"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">ECSS Semester 2 Daily Schedule During Closure</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Period 01</td> <td>8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period 02</td> <td>9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lunch</td> <td>10:35 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period 03</td> <td>11:55 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Period 04</td> <td>1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once schools reopen, the schedule will return to an adaptive model as used in the fall. Details will be provided at that time. 	ECSS Semester 2 Daily Schedule During Closure		Period 01	8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Period 02	9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Lunch	10:35 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.	Period 03	11:55 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Period 04	1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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<p>February 11-16</p>	<p>Semester One Report Cards sent home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester 1 Report Cards will be sent home via students' GAPPS accounts. Instructions on how to access the Mid-Semester Report Card are outlined below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Login to student YRDSB Google account Click on gmail 												

Feb 1-28	Black History Month
Feb. 04-15	Current School Closure - All Classes Online
Feb. 11	OCAS and OUAC Data Transmission
Feb. 11-16	Semester One Report Cards sent home
Feb. 12	Lunar New year (SFD)
Feb. 15	Family Day - No School
Feb. 16	Begin to <u>LOCK IN</u> Course Selections in My Pathway Planner
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday (Western) SFD
Feb. 24	Course Selections <u>ARE DUE</u>

*SFD - Significant Faith Day

HELPFUL LINKS:

- [ECSS Website](#), [YRDSB Website](#),
- [ECSS Twitter](#), [ECSS Calendar](#)
- [ECSS Instagram](#)
- [York Region Public Health](#)



Tips

[For Speaking With Your Child - COVID-19 Mental Health Supports](#)

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Attachments:

- Skills Ontario Pathways - Careers Event Flyer
- PCMH Support Group Poster
- 211 Ontario Toolkit for Schools
- Trustee Greetings for February 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Click on the link “electronic version of your Semester 1 Report Card” ○ You will be asked for a password. The password is the birthdate of the student in the following format: YYYYMMDD where YYYY is the birth year, MM is the birth month and DD is the birth date. Please note if the birth month or date are single digits, please include a 0. For example, if a student has a birthdate of March 1, 2010, you would enter 20100301.
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UPDATE FROM YEARBOOK

Attention ECSS Grads! You have more time to submit a graduation photo. Please note that the new deadline for your picture and your grad quote has been changed to Friday, May 7th. Please send your photo and complete the questionnaire using this link:

<https://forms.gle/5CPS7bZLXuJ8zYKz5>

Attention Grade 9s, 10s & 11s, we have also extended the deadline for photos to Friday, May 7th. For more information on how to send in your photo, follow us @ecssyearbook2021

SENIOR INFORMATION PRESENTATION VIDEO

This video presentation is for all grade 10 and 11 students and their families. The focus of this presentation is on pathway planning. The invitation button to connect to the video is on the homepage of the [ECSS website](#) under the title “Announcements”. A slide deck of this presentation is also available on the ECSS Guidance link under the title “[ECSS Presentations](#)”.

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

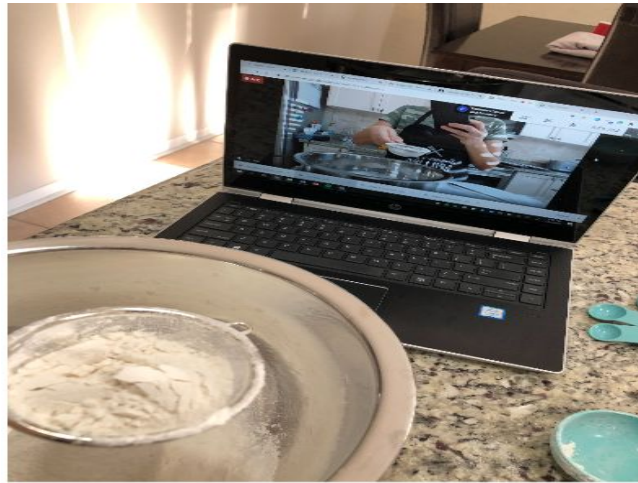
The Course Selections process for the 2021/2022 school year has begun.

- Students have been provided a step-by-step instruction guide on how to complete their selections in **My Pathway Planner** under the title “Resources”. This instruction sheet is also available to students and families on the [Guidance link](#).
- To assist with this process, the Guidance Team has created course selection instruction videos for each grade. The instruction guide, videos, and slide deck of the presentations are easily accessible on the Guidance link of the ECSS website under the title “[Course Selection Information](#)”.
- Students may begin **locking in their selections as of Tuesday, February 16th, and they are due no later than Wednesday, February 24th.**
- All students, F2F and SVS, may join **Department Drop-in Sessions** through a Google Meet during lunch time the week of February 8th to ask department specific questions. The calendar of dates, times, and Google Meet codes, are available to students in their **My Pathway Planner** under the title “Resources”.

COURSE CHANGE REQUEST FOR SEMESTER 2

All course changes requests have been completed. Students have been notified if a change could or could not be completed.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Students in Ms. Haber's Food and Nutrition class working on a recipe.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

There are some really useful resources for students on the School Mental Health Ontario website: <https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/students/>

If you have concerns about how your child may be affected by the current circumstances, including any concerns related to mental health, help is available. Resources and supports related to student mental health can be accessed through [YRDSB COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families](#). If you ever have an immediate safety concern for your child, including risk of suicide, please contact your local hospital or emergency services by calling 911 immediately.

THE STUDY AND GO ABROAD WINTER VIRTUAL FAIR

The fair offers students an opportunity to meet online with representatives from post-secondary institutions from home and around the world. It is taking place on Thursday, February 11 from 3 pm to 9 pm. The website to sign up for the fair is <https://saga.easyvirtualfair.com/> and the site for more information is <https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/virtual-education-fair/>.

YORK REGION ALLIANCE OF AFRICAN CANADIAN COMMUNITIES

Presents: [Annual Black History Month Event](#), on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 11 a.m. To register use the link above.

UNDERSTANDING GAMING - PARENT WORKSHOP: Delivered in Tamil, English, Mandarin and Cantonese, parents engage in a conversation to understand gaming behaviours and how they may support their children's wellbeing. Please see attached for event details and registration link.



BUILDING SOCIAL SKILLS GUIDE

York Region District School Board has developed a user-friendly guide for building social skills in children. Play. Talk. Think. Feel: A User-Friendly Guide for Building Social Skills in Children covers a wide variety of social skills. Please see attached for more information.