



DATES AT A GLANCE

Jan 26 - 31	Culminating Tasks
Jan 31	Classism Student Workshop - p.m.
Feb 1	Lunar New Year Instructional Day
Feb 1	OCAS Applications Due
Feb 2	Groundhog Day Culminating Support Day
Feb 3	Feedback Day (Virtual - a.m.)
Feb 4	PA Day - No Classes
Feb 7	Semester 2 Starts
Feb 11	Photo Retake Day - TBD
Feb 14	Semester 1 Report Cards Issued
Feb 21	Family Day (No School)
Feb 22	School Council Mtg
Feb 23	Pink Shirt Day
Mar 14 - Mar 18	March Break
Mar 17	Purim
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming students back to Emily Carr. It was great to see our students back in the building and by all accounts, our students have successfully transitioned back. As a reminder, Families who would like to have their child continue with hybrid/remote learning until the end of **Semester One** are asked to complete this [Google Form](#). We will ask families to communicate their preference of learning model, face-to-face or hybrid, for Semester Two in the next Parent e-Bulletin.

We continue to ask for your continued support during the coming weeks in ensuring that our school community remains as safe as possible. Below you find new Health & Safety protocols for in person learning:

- A) **NEW SCREENING:** On a daily basis, students will need to complete an [online self-assessment](#) prior to entering the school. Upon completion of the self-assessment, students must complete the [Screening Confirmation](#) tool to display to ECSS staff. Students will be asked to confirm the completion of self-screening before entering class by way of: On phone – email or picture of email from their computer OR hard copy print off of the confirmation email. If neither option is available, they can provide verbal response confirming completion.
- B) **MASKING: Families are to ensure that their child is wearing an appropriate mask (ie. clean and well fitted) in order to enter the building.** Also,
 - Remind your child that they must ensure that their mask covers their mouth and nose at all times in classrooms, washrooms, and hallways. The one exception is when they are eating on their lunch break.
 - Students who violate masking rules will be provided with remote learning options.
- C) **ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES:**
 - Use provided hand sanitizers entering/leaving classrooms and ECSS
 - Maintain physical distancing requirements
 - Follow the maximum capacity signage and floor decals at washrooms

POTENTIAL CLASS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

As staff members and students are [required to self-isolate](#) with increased cases of COVID-19, schools may encounter operational challenges. Please be aware that there may be occasions when classrooms or schools are required to close to in-person learning and move to virtual learning for a period of time. Schools will notify families as soon as possible when this is the case. Families are asked to develop a routine of checking email regularly at the start and end of every day for important communication from the school and Board given our circumstances.

GRADUATION PORTRAITS & PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Due to COVID-19 protocols, at this time we will pause graduation portraits and photo retake day. As soon as we have more information, we will update you.



HELPFUL LINKS:

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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:

emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca

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AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY PROGRAM

The Ministry of Education has provided special funding for After School Literacy programs for students in Grades 7 to 12 to reinforce their reading and writing skills. The goal of this program is to build upon the reading and writing skills of students. Emily Carr Secondary School will be offering this program, with a focus on preparing for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), twice a week beginning February 15 and ending March 24.

Please review the attached memo and return the completed and signed registration form to the ECSS main office or email address (emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca).

CULMINATING TASKS/CREDIT SALVAGING

There are no formal exams during the 2021-22 school year. Instead, the days that would have traditionally been used for exams (January 26 through 31) will instead be reserved for culminating activities (e.g., presentations, performances, demonstrations, portfolios, conversations and conferencing) and credit salvaging to help a student complete credit requirements.

January 26, 2022	Culminating Activities	Period 1 (Block 1) Classes
January 27, 2022	Culminating Activities	Period 2 (Block 3) Classes
January 28, 2022	Culminating Activities	Period 3 (Block 2) Classes
January 31, 2022	Culminating Activities	Period 4 (Block 4) Classes
February 1, 2022	Instructional Day Significant Faith Day	Regular Scheduled Day
February 2, 2022	Culminating Support	By Teacher Appointment

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 days directly with students and families.

Please note:

- Students attend classes **virtually** on Culminating Days unless otherwise communicated by the teacher.
- 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 (ME & DD) attend classes, as usual, during the exam period.
- The following courses have optional culminating activities that will happen face-to-face at Emily Carr during the dates/times listed:

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Date	Course	Teacher	Time	Room
January 26	MCR3U1-01	Guyatt	8:00-9:30am	150
January 26	MPM2D1-01	Khalil	8:00-9:30am	149
January 27	MCR3U1-06	Kanesalingam	8:00-9:30am	151
January 27	MPM2D1-03	Khalil	8:00-9:30am	149
January 28	MCR3U1-03	Asghari	8:00-9:30am	151
January 28	MPM2D1-02	Ahmed	8:00-9:30am	152
January 31	MCF3M1-01	Khalil	8:00-9:30am	149
January 31	MCR3U1-02	Asghari	8:00-9:30am	151

NOTE: The above chart has changed since last week. MDM4U1 and MHF4U1 courses have been able to change their culminating task so that it will be virtual.

FEEDBACK DAY

Feedback Day, February 3, is an opportunity for staff and students to discuss their culminating tasks and review final marks. All classes are virtual so students do not come to Emily Carr on this day. The schedule for the day is:

8:00 - 8:35 a.m.	Period One (Block One)
8:35 - 8:40 a.m.	Announcements
8:45 - 9:20 a.m.	Period Two (Block Three)
9:25 - 10:00 a.m.	Period Three (Block Two)
10:05 - 10:40 a.m.	Period Four (Block Four)
10:40 - 11:30 a.m.	LUNCH

The afternoon will be used for teachers to provide virtual focused support to students. This will include individual consultation with students/parents as needed, credit salvaging where deemed acceptable, course selection consultation/support for the next level of study.

ECSS GRADE 8 VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Our ECSS Grade 8 Virtual Open House is available for families to view. Please refer to the [invitation](#) to explore this amazing virtual event.



MATH CONTESTS

Students in grades 9 - 11 are invited to write the University of Waterloo's Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat math contests, written in person or online on **February 23rd**. Students who write math contests can discover and grow a love of mathematics, and apply knowledge in novel situations.

If you are interested in registering, please sign up on our google classroom (code 33lenal) or email our math department head at alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca by Monday January 31st. School Cash Online will be available for those who have signed up. Please email Ms. Guyatt if you have any questions.

DREAM YORK CAREER DISCOVERY EXPO FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

This virtual evening event is for students and their families in grades 7-12. It is taking place on February 3, 2022 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. This event will provide attendees with pathway information on the skilled trades and STEM related careers. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details and registration information.

SEMESTER TWO COURSE CHANGES - EXTENDED

Course change options for semester two are very limited. Students wishing to make a change are asked to schedule a Guidance Appointment via TeachAssist prior to **Friday, January 28, 2022** to review options.

OCAS APPLICATIONS

Students are reminded to complete applications as soon as possible to meet the application deadline. The deadline to apply to College through OCAS is Tuesday, February 1st, 2022. We encourage students to refer to their Potential Graduate Google Classroom for step-by-step instructions and/or schedule an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor through TeachAssist should they require support.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

For those interested in learning more about the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and **how to apply to OSAP**, we strongly encourage you to register for an upcoming session that works best for you and your family. Attached is a flyer from Liz Henriques, who is a Liaison & Student Recruitment Officer at George Brown College and an expert on how to apply to OSAP. Even though you may not be applying to George Brown College, her session is geared for **anyone applying to post-secondary programs in Ontario (both Colleges and Universities)**. Simply review the dates in the attached flyer and register for a session.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Please refer to the attachment for Semester 2 Continuing Education offerings.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY - Virtual Program

Featuring a poignant candle-lighting ceremony presented by Holocaust survivors. Event will take place on January 27th, 7 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/international-holocaust-remembrance-day-tickets-244473505837>