

DATES AT A GLANCE	
Jan. 31	Culminating Tasks
Jan. 31	Classism Student Workshop - p.m.
Feb. 1	<a href="#">Lunar New Year Instructional Day</a>
Feb. 1	OCAS Applications Due
Feb. 2	Culminating Support Day
Feb. 3	Feedback Day (Virtual - a.m.)
Feb. 4	PA Day - No Classes
Feb. 7	Semester 2 Starts
Feb. 7 - Feb. 11	Graduation Portraits
Feb 11	Photo Retake Day
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	<a href="#">Purim</a>
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day

### MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We wish all ECSS staff, students and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration in the company of family and friends. Lunar New Year 2022 welcomes in the Year of the Tiger. Some of the customs associated with this festive occasion include cleaning houses, paying off debts, settling old arguments, and other means of making a "fresh start." Many families celebrating Lunar New Year enjoy a feast and exchange red envelopes filled with money. See the link under "Dates at a Glance" to learn more.

And...Happy Black History Month ECSS!!! There are multiple opportunities for students and families to deepen our learning and come together (virtually and "IRL") in celebration and acknowledgement of Black History Month. Did you know that Emily Carr SS is part of an exciting Black Excellence pilot project for secondary students along with Middlefield, Crothers, Trudeau, Maple, and Hodan Nalayeh? The vision of the Black Excellence Program is to affirm identity, build on students' gifts/strengths, and enhance access to academic opportunities.

### SEMESTER 2 - REQUEST FOR LEARNING MODEL INFORMATION - **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

As we prepare for Semester 2, it is important that we have updated information regarding the learning model that you would like for your child. **ALL families** are asked to complete this brief ['Emily Carr Secondary School - Semester 2 Request for Learning Model Information' survey](#).

Your learning model decision, covering February 7 to February 21, must be received by 4pm on February 3. Changes requested after February 3 will take effect starting February 22.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL INFORMATION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARENT FOCUS GROUPS

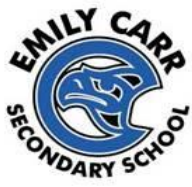
School council members will be conducting a series of parent focus groups to gather information on students' needs, goals and potential partnerships from a parent or guardians' perspective. Please email our School Council [emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca).

### 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 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



**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](#)

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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:

Date	Course	Teacher	Time	Room
January 31	MCF3M1-01	Khalil	8:00-9:30am	149
January 31	MCR3U1-02	Asghari	8:00-9:30am	151

**FEEDBACK DAY - FEBRUARY 3**

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:

TIMES	PERIOD/BLOCK
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.

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

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:

**Emily Carr Secondary School**

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- 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

**GRADUATION PORTRAITS & PHOTO RETAKE DAY**

We are happy to let you know that Graduation Portraits and Photo Retake Day are going to happen and it’s happening soon! Graduation Portraits will take place on our stage, which you will be able to access through the door next to the divider in the cafeteria, between February 07-February 11, 2022 and Photo Retake Day occurs on February 11, 2022.

In order to sign-up, please view the attachment “YEC Grad Reminder” and you will need the following:

1. Access: [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca)
2. Login using your student number and the school code YEC - Beginning February 7

If you have ordered a graduation gown, it can be picked up in the main office either:

1. **before** your portrait appointment to take home to try it on, iron it, etc.
2. **on the day** of your appointment

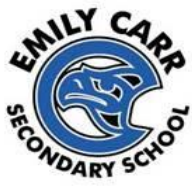
If you have not ordered a graduation gown and would like to purchase one, it is available through School CashOnline.

**Reminder:** Wear a white collared shirt under your gown for your portrait.

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



**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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Students who write math contests can discover and grow a love of mathematics, and apply knowledge in novel situations. Interested individuals should sign up on our google classroom (code 33lenal) or email our math department head at [alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca) by Monday January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLES**

Information regarding Semester 2 timetables will be shared in the bulletin next week. Please note that a Google Form will be shared next Friday, February 4th with students by way of their GAPPS accounts to request course changes. The Google Form will close on **February 8th**. It is important for students and families to know that course availability is VERY LIMITED. Counsellors will review all requests and connect with students via email if a change is possible, after February 9th. Thank you in advance for patience while we work through this process.

**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!

**ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATION SERVICE**

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. See attached for information. 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.