

DATES AT A GLANCE

Mar. 14 - Mar. 18	March Break
Mar. 17	<a href="#">Purim</a>
Mar. 18	<a href="#">Holi</a>
Mar. 21	International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination
Mar. 21	Naw Ruz (Persian New Year's Day)
Mar. 24	OSAP Presentation
Mar. 25	Grad Awards Posted
Mar. 26	Earth Hour
Mar. 28	Non YRDSB New Students Orientation
Mar. 31	Interim Report Cards
Mar. 31	Interview Night
Apr. 2	<a href="#">Ramadan</a>
Apr. 15 - Apr. 18	<a href="#">Easter</a>
Apr. 15 - Apr. 23	<a href="#">Passover</a>
Apr. 19	School Council Mtg

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to wish all students and families a great March break. We hope students and families take the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate.

We are also happy to inform you that ECSS PROM 2022 is happening! We are putting together a committee to begin planning as soon as we return after the March Break. As soon as we have more details, we will update both students and families.

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATES

We have been notified that students, staff members and school visitors will no longer be required to wear masks in school beginning on March 21, 2022. Staff and students who prefer wearing a mask will be supported in doing so. Students, staff members and visitors should continue to review and adhere to the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to entering the school daily. The screening tool has been updated to reflect new isolation requirements.

- Staff and students will not be required to complete the screening confirmation form each day.
- Students will no longer be required to remain in cohorts or to practice physical distancing.
- This will include the **cafeteria** where students may choose to sit where they would like.

**Kindly note:** The ECSS library will no longer be an area for eating and will return to be used for studying purposes during lunch.

INTERVIEW NIGHT - BOOKING INFORMATION - TEACHASSIST

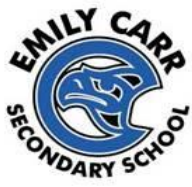
Interview Night is on **March 31, 2022**. ECSS will be using teachassist to manage our Interview Night scheduling. Families will be able to make appointments beginning on **March 23 at 8:00 a.m.**

INTERVIEW NIGHT 2021 - IMPORTANT TIMELINES	
March 23	TeachAssist Interview Night scheduler opens to families
March 23 - 28	Families make Interview Night appointments on TeachAssist
March 29	Confirmation emails sent to families by teachers with Google Meet/Zoom links for the interview.
March 31	Interview Night, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE: DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT BE ABOUT IT

School Council members would like to hear from families on students needs, goals or any Parent partnerships perspectives. You can reach the School Council through their email [emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca). The School Council would also like to wish all our families a fantastic March break. Enjoy the week off!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY #BreakTheBias

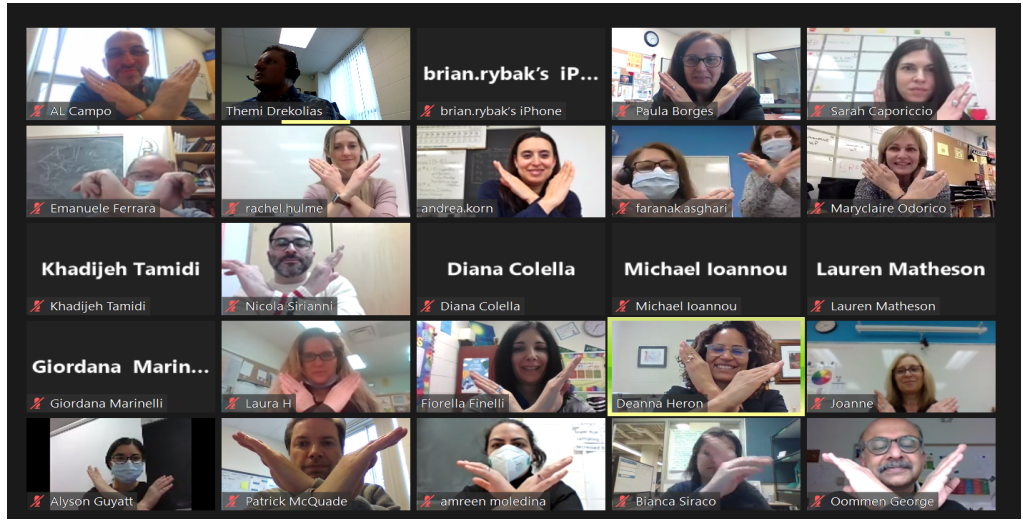


Apr. 21 - Apr. 29	<a href="#">Ridvan</a>
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day

**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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**GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY**  
 Our community partners have reached out to us with concerns about the department of students during and after the school hours. Students are asked to respect our neighbours and their property which includes staff and other community members at Al Palladini Community Centre, Pierre Berton Resource Library and the businesses and offices at the Plaza. While these are public facilities, they are to be treated as private property by our students. Students are not to loiter in, or near, these establishments. To use the facilities at Al Palladini Community Centre, students are to have a Community Centre membership and be participating in supervised activities. We want to be proud of all of our students as they are ECSS ambassadors wherever they go in the community.

**BLACK STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:** is an annual virtual event offering Black prospective business students an opportunity to build their network with their peers and current Rotman Commerce students. This year, the event will take place on Friday, March 18th, 2022 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Members of the Black Rotman Commerce student group will lead small group activities and be available for questions and ongoing mentorship after the event. This virtual event is specifically designed for Black students in grades 9 and 10, and no prior business knowledge or experience is required. We invite you to share this invitation with any students at Emily Carr Secondary School who may wish to attend. They can register through the link below.  
<https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/?id=001fdc5c-dd87-4eeb-bfb1-ca6febd9b128>

Please do not hesitate to contact Miriam Irvine, Recruitment Officer at [miriam.irvine@utoronto.ca](mailto:miriam.irvine@utoronto.ca) if you have any questions.

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSES & TOURS**



Attending a college and university open house or tour is a great way to find out more about the campus, the programs, and the environment. Each post-secondary institution offers a variety of events throughout the year for secondary school students, and especially during the months of March and April. We encourage families to visit each institution's website to find out more details about in-person and virtual opportunities.

**GRADUATION PHOTOS**

Edge Imaging will be hosting a popup studio in York Region, during March Break for students who missed graduation photos. Below is the link to the booking site to make an appointment: A note for parents/students: High school grads must choose the "Classic Sitting". Signups are open now at: <https://edgeimaging.ca/en/graduation-photography-studios/>

*If you have not ordered a graduation gown and would like to purchase one, it is available through School CashOnline until April 15, 2022.*

**OSSLT**

All eligible grade 10 students will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) this spring. The date is being finalized however, we have been told that it will be taking place between the end of March and mid-May. We will share additional information as it becomes available. Additional information and resources can be found at the following link: [Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test](#).

**NEW STUDENTS - SENIOR INFORMATION PRESENTATION**

The Senior Information Presentation video is posted on the homepage of the [school website](#) and is geared towards students entering grade 11 and grade 12 in 2022/2023.

**THE ONTARIO EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTRE (OELC)**

The OELC is offering the *Recreation and Active Living* (PLF4M) course this summer. Please reference this [hyperlink](#) for more details and for registration information.