



## DATES AT A GLANCE

Mar. 7	<a href="#">Black Mental Health Day</a>
Mar. 8	<a href="#">International Women's Day</a>
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>

## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are happy to announce that we will be holding in-person graduation this year at the **Embassy Grand Convention Centre on June 27, 2022**. This decision was made in consultation with York Region Public Health. We recognize how important graduation ceremonies are for our students and their families, and we look forward to celebrating this exciting and important milestone. At the same time, we will continue to work with public health and prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff and families in our planning.

We appreciate that you may have many questions about the graduation ceremony. We will continue to share information and updates with you as guidance is provided by the Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health. As the planning committee works through the details, we will continue to share information with you through the Talon e-bulletin and with potential graduates through their ECSS Potential Graduates Google Classroom.

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

## PROM

As soon as we hear from the Board we will update students and parents about the status of ECSS Prom 2022. Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Board continues to work with York Region Public Health.

## INTERVIEW NIGHT - DATE CHANGE MARCH 31, 2022

Please note, Interview Night is now on March 31, 2022 and will be taking place virtually. Interim report cards will be distributed on March 30, 2022. More information will be available next week.

## 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).

## 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](#).

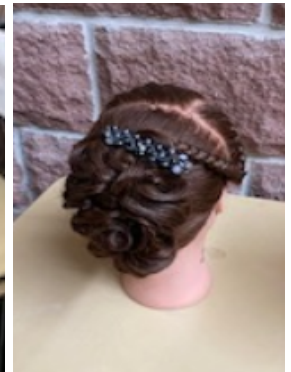
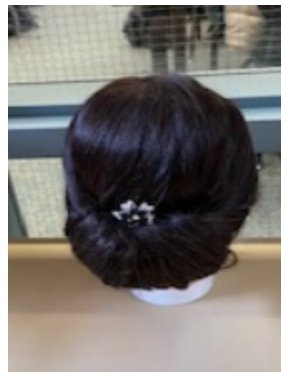
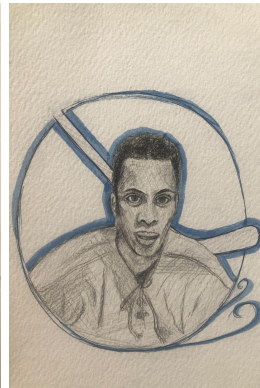
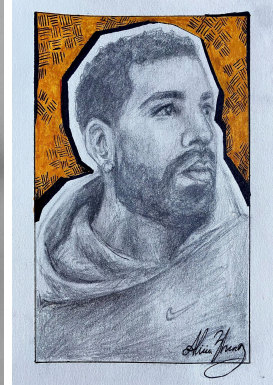
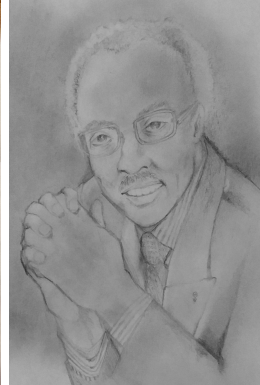
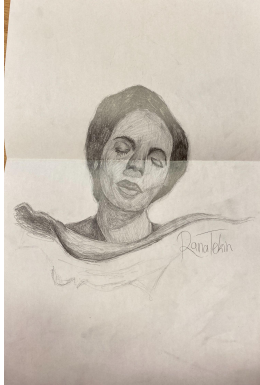
## SEMESTER 2 - LEARNING MODEL CHANGES

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 March 21 to April 18, must be received by noon on March 10. Changes requested after March 10 will take effect starting April 19.

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## PICTURE/ART OF THE WEEK

In collaboration, two of our student groups Emerging Artists and LEAD (Leaders in Equity and Diversity) worked together to create and share portraits to celebrate Black Excellence. Also, we had our traditional ECSS Updo Competition from our students in Hair and Aesthetics class.



## SCREENING UPDATE

Updates have been made to the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#). On the recommendation of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, updates have been made to align with current guidance and to provide clarity on isolation requirements for confirmed and presumed positive cases, and their household members and close contacts.

### HELPFUL LINKS:

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

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

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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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Please continue to complete the [COVID-19 screening form](#) (secondary) daily before your child attends school.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

It is important to note that while there are changes to some restrictions in the province, schools continue to be required to follow the [health and safety and operational guidelines for schools](#) established by the provincial government.

As a result, **the current health and safety requirements in our schools, developed in collaboration with York Region Public Health, will continue to be in place until we are advised otherwise by local and provincial health authorities.** These include all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 properly wearing a non-medical or cloth mask while inside the school and the daily confirmation of the completion of the [COVID-19 School Screening Tool](#). More information may be found on the Board's [website](#).

## GAPPS PROFILE IMAGES

YRDSB does not tolerate any forms of hate or discrimination. In the last school year, it came to the Board's attention that YRDSB Google Apps (GAPPS) profile pictures were being used to spread online hate through racist imagery shared and uploaded to GAPPS accounts. These images cause pain and can make other students and staff members feel unsafe, marginalized and unwelcome in our learning environments.

Appropriate actions were taken to address this issue, including a mandatory learning series for all students, mandatory training for all YRDSB staff, and temporarily removing access to customizing profile images. YRDSB will be continuing to implement measures that support student safety over the course of this school year. These measures include providing teachers with ongoing access to resources and support for addressing issues of hate.

Between March 28-31, 2022, students will have opportunities to customize their profile pictures within parameters established by the YRDSB. This will enable students to express or represent themselves in their profile images, while prioritizing safe and inclusive learning and working environments for all of our students and staff.

What does this mean for my child?

- Students will have an opportunity in March to select a customized profile picture that meets YRDSB guidelines.
- Students will receive guidelines and considerations based on their grade level to support them in selecting and/or creating an appropriate profile picture.
- This is optional. Students who do not select an image will continue to have their first initial as their GAPPS profile image.
- In future years, students will have two opportunities each year, during the fall and again in the spring, to change their images.

Students are also encouraged to report problematic images that perpetuate hate or cause harm by speaking with a caring adult or by making use of the YRDSB's Report It tool. More information is available on the Board website.



## SENIOR INFORMATION PRESENTATION

The Senior Information Presentation video is posted on the homepage of the [school website](#) and is geared towards students entering grade 10 and grade 11 in 2022/2023.

## YEARBOOK

All students in grades 9-12 who didn't get a portrait taken at the school are asked to complete the Google Form to send a portrait from home for use in the 2021-2022 yearbook:

<https://forms.gle/BKBr1pNakQKi42Xf8> We have extended the submission deadline to Friday, April 1st. Students who do not send in a photo by that date and have no photo on file will only have their name included in the book.

## SPARK YOUR CAREER

This is a virtual career event on March 10th @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm EST and is geared towards students and parents/guardians interested in electric minded careers. Please refer to the [hyperlink](#) for more details and registration information.

## 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.

## EUCLID MATH CONTEST

Students in grade 12 are invited to write the University of Waterloo's Euclid math contest, written **in person or online** on **April 5th**. The Euclid Contest gives senior-level secondary-school students the opportunity to tackle novel problems with creativity and all of the knowledge they've gained in secondary-school mathematics. In order to register, you must pay on School Cash Online by **Tuesday March 8th**. Please email our math department head at [alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alyson.guyatt@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions.

## [JA WORLD OF CHOICES: EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN](#)

When every young women has the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed- we all succeed! A virtual event for high school students that celebrates and champions in the workplace. The event inspires young women to consider exciting careers in a range of industries.