

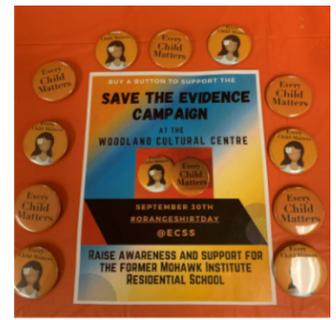
DATES AT A GLANCE

Oct. 4- 8	Day/Week 02 Schedule
Oct. 6	Terry Fox Run Day
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day - No school
Oct. 11-15	Day/Week 01 Schedule
Oct. 13	Student Council Elections
Oct. 15	Purple Shirt Day
Oct. 18-22	Day/Week 02 Schedule
Oct. 18	School Council Meeting
Oct. 20	Academic Awards Celebration
Oct. 25-29	Day/Week 01 Schedule
Oct. 26	Ontario Universities' Fair
Virtual Fair 5-7:00 pm	
Oct. 28	Interview Night
Oct. 31	Halloween
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

On Wednesday, September 29 ECSS conducted our first School Council Meeting of the school year. Thank you to all parents, guardians, and community members for attending. A reminder that our next School Council Meeting will take place on **Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.(virtually)**. We hope you are able to attend.

Similarly, we would like to thank all students for showing support for Truth and Reconciliation Day (formerly known as Orange Shirt Day). Many of our students wore orange shirts and watched a virtual presentation to commemorate the mistreatment of Indigenous citizens in residential schools. Also, students and staff purchased student designed buttons to raise funds for the "Save the Evidence" Campaign. "[Save the Evidence](#)" is run by [Woodlands Cultural Centre](#) which is located on the same property as Canada's first residential school – The Mohawk Institute Residential School a.k.a. "The Mush Hole". Donations are still being accepted in the main office.



HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS:

We ask that families regularly review the following reminders with your child(ren):

- daily screening – before entering ECSS, please assess for symptoms of COVID-19
- **Masks must be worn that cover students mouth and nose at all times**
- use provided hand sanitizers entering/leaving classrooms and ECSS
- maintain physical distancing requirements
- follow the maximum capacity signage and floor decals at washrooms

SCREENING UPDATE

Students and visitors will be using the **NEW** York Region Public Health [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (dated September 28, 2021) in their daily online self-assessment prior to entering the school. The link can be accessed by computer, tablet or smartphone.

TECHNOLOGY

During the 2020-2021 school year many Emily Carr Secondary School families received technical support from the York Region District School Board. This included loaning technology, computers and/or Internet hubs, to families so that students could participate fully in learning during the online portion of the day.

Families who have not yet returned their borrowed technology are asked to contact emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca to make arrangements to drop off these devices.

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](#)

ATTENDANCE email:

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2021-2022 REPORTING - IMPORTANT DATES:

In the attachment, you will find information regarding:

- Semester 1 Midterm reporting dates for all students
- Full disclosure dates for all students in Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 courses
- Key dates and information for potential graduates applying to Ontario Colleges and/or Universities

GUIDANCE UPDATES:

Potential Graduates are encouraged to view the MUST SEE *ECSS Post-Secondary Planning Information* video found in their 2021/2022 ECSS Potential Graduate Google Classroom. Students and parents/guardians can watch the video together and reference the slide deck presentation.

Please check out the attachment on the **Fall College Webinar Series** for information about applications and programming.

New for this school year, Ontario Colleges are hosting **College Mondays** where students can sign up for panel presentations from various colleges. Check out this [hyperlink](#) to view details and register.

All students are encouraged to come by the **Guidance Pop-Up Shop** if they have a question or they can schedule an in-person or virtual **guidance appointment** through TeachAssist. Students can find instructions on scheduling appointments under the title "Resources" in myBlueprint or under the Guidance link of the ECSS website.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR RELATIONSHIPS

The students of E.C.S.S. have a shared responsibility with our community partners to ensure an inviting and clean environment for our neighbours and our community. Students are asked to respect the property and privacy of our neighbours. Although the Al Palladini Community Centre, the Pierre Berton Resource Library and the Business establishments at the Plaza 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 be inside Al Palladini Community Centre, students must have a Community Centre membership and they must be participating in community activities. We are proud of our students and they are ECSS ambassadors wherever they go in the community.

