

## DATES AT A GLANCE

Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day - No school
Oct. 11 - 15	Day/Week 01 Schedule
Oct. 13	Student Council Elections
Oct. 15	Asynchronous Day (Not Live) Purple Shirt Day
Oct. 17	<a href="#">International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</a>
Oct. 18 - 22	Day/Week 02 Schedule
Oct. 18	School Council Meeting
Oct. 19 - 20	Academic Awards Celebrations
Oct. 25 - 29	Day/Week 01 Schedule
Oct. 26 Virtual Fair 5-7:00 pm	<a href="#">Ontario Universities' Fair</a>
Oct. 27	<a href="#">Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night</a>
Oct. 31	Halloween

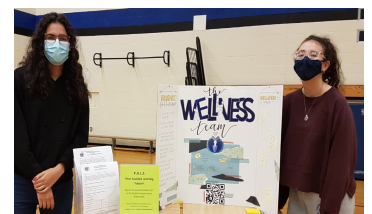
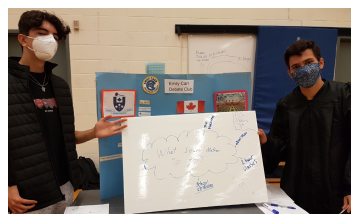
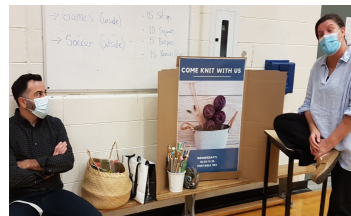
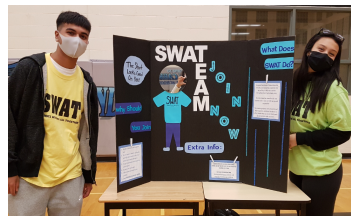
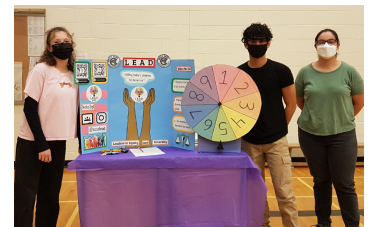
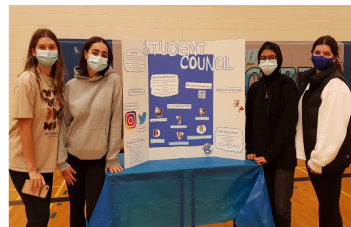
## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



Continuing Terry Fox' legacy of the Marathon of Hope. Everyone at ECSS is part of "the big picture" for a worthy cause and in coming together to be part of a welcoming school community. We are all LEADers in Equity and Diversity! Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

## CLUBS FAIR

Our Clubs Fair this week showcased all the clubs that have traditionally run at ECSS and some new clubs like the Muslim Student Association and the Debate Club. Coming soon to Google Classrooms, a Google Slide Deck will be shared so that remote learners will have information on all the great clubs at ECSS and how to join.





Nov. 1 - 4	Day/Week 02 Schedule	<b>CROSS COUNTRY TEAM</b> It is not too late to join ECSS's Cross-Country Team! If there are interested students who did not attend cross-country practice yesterday, they can still join our Google Classroom with code <b>dj3e4ag</b> and print off the forms that are posted there. Permission forms must be handed in by the start of practice at 2:30 (sharp) on Tuesday, The meeting location for the practice is behind the school near the math pod doors on the pavement.
Nov. 3	Interview Night Take Our Kids to Work / Highschool day	<b>INTERVIEW NIGHT - DATE CHANGE</b> Interview Night originally scheduled for <b>Thursday, October 28, 2021</b> between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. will now be taking place on <b>Wednesday, November 3</b> between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience. More information regarding booking appointments will be made available next week.
(SFD)*	Significant Faith Day	<b>OCTOBER 15, 2021 - ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING (NOT LIVE)</b> On Friday, October 15, school staff will engage in professional learning on the hybrid model. Schools will be closed to students on Friday, October 15. Please do not send your child to school. Asynchronous (not live) learning activities will be provided to students in order to support their continued learning.
<b>HELPFUL LINKS:</b> <a href="#">ECSS Website</a> <a href="#">YRDSB Website</a> <a href="#">ECSS Twitter</a> <a href="#">ECSS Calendar</a> <a href="#">ECSS Instagram</a>		<b>ACADEMIC AWARDS CELEBRATIONS - OCTOBER 19 &amp; 20, 2021</b> It's time to celebrate all our accomplishments from 2020-2021. We are so proud of our students who have shown such resiliency, determination and hard work as they overcame challenges during a global pandemic. Next week, students who are receiving an award, will find in their gapps account an invitation to the Academic Awards Celebrations. The Celebrations will occur on October 20 & 21, 2021 in the large gym during lunch and students will be cohorted in order to support COVID-19 guidelines. More detailed information about procedures will be provided in the Academic Awards Celebrations Invitation.
<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b> <a href="mailto:emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca">emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca</a>		<b>LAST YEAR'S YEARBOOK - 2020-2021</b> We are happy to inform you that we will be distributing 2020-2021 Yearbooks in the next couple of weeks. Currently we are working on the distribution/pick-up process to ensure COVID-19 guidelines are followed. We will update you as soon as we have more details.
<a href="#">York Region Public Health</a>  <a href="#">Tips For Speaking With Your Child - COVID-19</a>  <a href="#">Mental Health Supports</a>  <a href="#">School Mental Health Ontario</a>		<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL</b> Our next School Council meeting will be taking place on <b>October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.</b> Our meeting will feature Liz Henriques from George Brown college who will be discussing "How kids can position themselves after high school to be successful". Our Guidance team will also be at the meeting as well. You can access the meeting using this <a href="#">link</a> .
<b>ATTENDANCE email:</b> <a href="mailto:emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca">emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca</a>  <b>SCHOOL email:</b> <a href="mailto:emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca">emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca</a>		<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS:</b> We ask that families regularly review the following reminders with your child(ren): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Masks must be worn that cover students mouth and nose at all times</b></li> <li>- use provided hand sanitizers entering/leaving classrooms and ECSS</li> <li>- maintain physical distancing requirements</li> </ul>
		Students and visitors need to use the <a href="#">COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool</a> (dated September 28, 2021) in their daily online self-assessment prior to entering the school.



## **GUIDANCE UPDATES:**

Potential Graduates are encouraged to view ANOTHER MUST SEE video on **Scholarship and Financial Planning** 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.

**Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night** is taking place on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00 pm. Please view the [hyperlink](#) for information and registration details.

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.

Our **Peer Assisted Learning Support program (P.A.L.S.)** will be starting up the week of October 18th for in-person AND remote learners. Students interested in being a tutor, or are looking to be tutored, can complete the application form found in the Guidance Office, the Student Success/Resources room (room 102), and in MyPathwayPlanner under the heading "Resources". Completed forms can be dropped off the Guidance Office or emailed directly to the student's Guidance Counsellor.

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.

## **TIKTOK**

We recognise that some ECSS students may have social media accounts (e.g., Instagram, TikTok). Social media has many benefits including helping us to stay connected. Unfortunately, it also can be used in ways that spread hurt, misinformation, and dangerous trends. While we have engaged in lessons about online safety, we suggest that families support this learning and have ongoing discussions about social media presence and how to act online. To help support these discussions we encourage families to look at [Media Smarts Social Media Tip Sheet](#) and [Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada 12 Quick Privacy Tips for Parents](#).

## **TikTok Challenge**

We have become aware of a challenge on TikTok that encourages students to do certain activities at school which includes damaging school property, physical assault, sexual assault, among others. None of these activities is acceptable in our school. Activities that happen online and social media trends may have a negative impact on our school climate. As each student and staff member has the right to learn in a safe, positive, respectful and inclusive environment, we will address all incidents that have a negative impact on our school. This will include the administration using progressive discipline and depending on the situation, may also include involving police.