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Happy Friday!

EMSS Students Doing Amazing Things:

Two of our Grade 11 Physics students are national finalists in the [Samsung Canada's 2024-25 Solve For Tomorrow Contest!](#) This is a huge honour and a great testament to the incredible students and staff we have here at EMSS! [HERE](#) are the videos for the four National Finalist groups. That website also has an opportunity to vote for your favourite project. We encourage all adults and students (with parent permission) to vote in this contest. Congratulations to Karam Noori and Hassan Rasheed, and also to their teacher Ms. Gupta!

Sedra Alshamaly was recently selected to attend The Forum for Young Canadians event in Ottawa. Sedra says that it was an incredible experience that she was very glad to have taken a part of as she learned so much about Canada's political system as well as received countless high-level opportunities to share her voice! Here is a LinkedIn post Sedra created about her experience: [Forum For Young Canadians Post](#). If you have questions about the program or how to apply for next year, be sure to connect with Sedra!

Recently, The Eddie's Film Festival took place at the FirstOntario Arts Centre in Milton. The Eddie's is a film festival for HDSB students to submit original videos. This year we had two group winners! One was 3rd place in the Public Service Announcement category which went to Anousha Farrukh and Afiya Saleem for their cyberbullying video. The other was Harvin Ghatara, Zayed Butt, and Kyle Appleton who won a technical award for the graphics in their scary/thriller video.

Today, two groups of our students attended the Generation Green Awards Ceremony in Burlington. One group won first prize and the other group earned the most impactful award for their ideas! Congratulations to Shaurya Bhushan, Arush Barrenkula, Emanuel Frias, Aasiyah Khurram, Waniya Jelani, and Rushda Fatima!

Water Guns and Water "Fights":

As the weather warms we are seeing more incidents of students bringing or using water guns, water balloons, and / or water bottles to spray each other. Students are not to use these items on school grounds / inside the building unless they are directly supervised by a staff member as part of a special event (like the Relay For Life). Water spills make our floor slippery and can be a hazard. Thank you Hurricanes!

Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Event at EMSS:

The HDSB is pleased to host an event at EMSS for those students / families looking at options for apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, and other pathways after high school.

Join Support Ontario Youth (SOY) and HDSB Pathways on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. for an evening packed with information to help you prepare for your next steps after graduation:

 Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

 Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

 Location: Elsie MacGill Secondary School

At this session, you'll learn:

- How to transition from high school into an apprenticeship
- Tips on finding a sponsor/employer
- What to expect if you're entering a college trades program first
- The steps to become a registered apprentice

SOY are experts in apprenticeship pathways and will be there to answer your questions and help you get started. Please complete this [Google Form](#) to register for the event.

Class Start Times:

A reminder that our class start times are as listed below. Students who arrive after 8:45 am for Period 1, or after 12:40 pm after lunch, are late. As we head into Final Performance Tasks, please help us ensure students are in class on time:

Period	Start time	End Time
Period 1 and ANNOUNCEMENTS (80 minutes)	8:45 AM	10:05 AM
Period 2 (75 minutes)	10:10 AM	11:25 AM
Period 3 Lunch (75 minutes)	11:25 AM	12:40 PM
Period 4 (75 minutes)	12:40 PM	1:55 PM
Period 5 (75 minutes)	2:00 PM	3:15 PM

Guidance Corner:

Ontario's universities are excited to host a Virtual Information Session, geared toward Grade 11 and younger students, on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 5 to 7 pm. This event is a great opportunity for students to explore their university options ahead of Grade 12 and learn more about the university application process. Students can attend up to four 30-minute sessions and watch presentations from the universities of their choice. Here is the [link](#) to sign up.

Vaping Awareness and Prevention:

The HDSB and Halton Region Public Health are hosting joint information sessions to raise awareness about the impact of vaping on youth and how parents/guardians can support their children. At the information sessions, parents/guardians will gain a better understanding of vaping, including how to spot the risks, recognize the signs, talk to children about vaping and discover tools, strategies and resources to support their child.

The sessions, hosted by Halton Region Public Health and school principals / vice-principals, will be held at four secondary schools across Halton. Each session will run from **6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** The sessions will deliver identical content and parents/guardians are encouraged to register for the session that best fits their schedule:

- **Milton:** Craig Kielburger Secondary School – Tuesday, May 27
- **Halton Hills:** Georgetown District High School – Thursday, May 29
- **Oakville:** Garth Webb Secondary School – Monday, June 2
- **Burlington:** Nelson High School – Tuesday, June 3
- **Virtual:** Those who are unable to attend in-person can register for a virtual session on Thursday, May 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

To register, complete the registration form on the [Vaping and e-cigarettes webpage](#) of the HDSB website (hdsb.ca) by Thursday, May 22.

Thanks for reading, and we hope you have a great long weekend!

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