

April 7, 2015



### Weekly Focus

We have made punctuality a focus for our students this semester. We are pleased with the increase in students arriving on time to class in the mornings. I want to thank the parents who are arriving a little bit earlier, which has helped with the congestion as well as ensured their children are in class and on time. We know if students are in class they will be successful.

Thank you

Paolo Burzese  
Principal

### Dates at a Glance

April 7	Student Verification forms are due in period 1 homeroom classes
April 9	Interview Night
April 15	ECSS Award Nominations Due
April 17	Course Substitution Forms for students taking Summer School Courses
April 23	Mid-Semester Report Cards Issued

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## **GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

The **Guidance and Career Education E-Bulletin** can now be found under the Guidance link of the ECSS website.

2015/2016 COURSE VERIFICATIONS have been provided to students this week. Students and their families are asked to follow the instructions provided on the form for course changes and return the form to homeroom teachers by Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (or to the Guidance and Career Education Office if the student has a study hall during period one).

SUMMER SCHOOL opportunities will be posted on Career Cruising the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. A step-by-step instruction guide will be available for pick up in the Guidance and Career Education Office and outlined on the Parent/Guardian e-bulletin. Students must follow the instructions to verify their application and also complete a course substitution form if necessary. All Summer School Course Substitution Forms must be returned by Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> so that changes can be reflected in the student's timetable for 2015/2016 school year.



## Emily Carr Secondary School

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**Mr. M. Vlachopoulos**  
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**Ms. L. Weekes**  
Vice-Principal

March 27, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

### RE: INTERVIEW NIGHT – Thursday, April 9, 2015

Interviews are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at 5 minute intervals. This semester, you will be able to schedule your interviews **online**. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please:

1. Go to the Emily Carr Interview Scheduling website at <https://ecss.parentinterview.com>
  2. Enter **your child's 9-digit YRDSB student number** and click "Login"
  3. Fill in your contact information and click "**Continue to Make Appointments**"
  4. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
  5. Click on "**Available**" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher
  6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see (max. 6)
  7. Click on "**My Schedule**" (top left of the page)
  8. Print out (or copy down) your schedule and bring it with you
- \*Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule. If you decide to delete an appointment, that time slot will become available for other parents/guardians. There are no guarantees that you will be able to reschedule that appointment.
- \*If you misplace your schedule, you may use your child's student number to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may contact your child's teacher(s) by calling the school and the teacher(s) will schedule an appointment with you.

Student secretaries will be stationed outside teachers' rooms on Interview Night. Interviews can also be scheduled at this time if there are openings. Secretaries will let teachers know when the interview time is over, in order that all parents/guardians with appointments can be accommodated.

If your interview times are not compatible, or you are unable to obtain an appointment with a particular teacher, you may leave your name and phone number with the student secretary and the teacher will contact you in the next few days.

# MINDFUL PARENTING



EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL 4901 Rutherford Road Woodbridge, ON L4H 3C2

## EXPERT GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

PRESENTATION AND Q & A SESSION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Reserve your spot online by April 22 at <http://emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.ca/>

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**



***Gayle Saifert D.C.S. RSW***

*Director and Therapist at Compass for Life*



## ***Mindful Parenting***

Mindful Parenting is intended to enhance parental presence, increase attunement, and reduce parental stress and reactivity. Mindful Parenting aims to improve emotional stability in parents/guardians, thereby providing them with a choice about how to navigate the unique challenges of raising a child with social and emotional difficulties. This evening is an opportunity to introduce parents/guardians to the principles and practices of Mindful Parenting with an emphasis on the unique challenges of raising a child or teen who is struggling to manage mood or behaviour. Parents /Guardians of all children or teens will benefit from this workshop.

**A TOONIE DONATION AT THE DOOR FOR OUR ECSS TOTEM AWARD WOULD BE KINDLY ACCEPTED FOR THIS EVENT.**

# YORK REGIONAL POLICE

All welcome.  
FREE  
admission.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

MARKHAM EVENT CENTRE

## International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2015

### *Showcasing the Media of our Global Community*

**MARKHAM** - Join us on April 12, 2015, for a celebration of diversity like no other. The York Regional Police International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will feature live performances, tasty food, community displays and entertainment highlighting cultures from around the globe uniting right here in York Region.



### Markham Event Centre

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

95 Duffield Drive, Markham

(West of Kennedy Road,  
south of Highway 407)



The School Council at Stephen Lewis Secondary School Presents

## A Free Parenting Seminar on **DE-STRESSING** *Family Life*

Join us for a free informative seminar to learn how to deal with stress in an effective and productive manner. Register today and improve your family life!

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**MICHELLE CASSIDY**  
(YRDSB MENTAL HEALTH LEAD)



**THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2015 | 7:00-9:00PM**

**LOCATION:**

STEPHEN LEWIS S.S.  
555 AUTUMN HILL BLVD, THORNHILL, L4J 8X2  
MAIN FLOOR - AUDITORIUM

Please RSVP by April 15th  
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# Youth Training Programs (Youth 16-24)

GET THE SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR



### Financial Literacy

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm  
Knowledge on becoming a smart consumer, understand basic banking systems, credit and debt, and know how to budget and save!

### Practical Budgeting and Healthy Cooking

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm  
Attend workshops that will enhance your knowledge of how to manage a budget to create affordable and healthy meals.

### Conflict Resolution Management Training

Saturday, May 16, 2015 : 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Understand and practice the necessary and fundamental communication skills that help to promote effective conflict resolution and management.

### Diffusing Angry Customers Training

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm  
Become aware what to do when serving challenging and demanding customers

### Team Building Training

Tuesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 21, 2015 : 4:00pm- 7:00pm  
Learn the skills that are involved in becoming a team player and supporting your team, as well as steps involved in building a team

### First AID/CPR Training

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 13 2015 : 9:00am - 4:00pm both days  
Receive your First Aid/CPR Certificate by attending these 2 day workshops!

**Free YRT bus tickets are provided to participants**

#### Registration:

To register, call Stacey at 905-303-8490  
Ext. 151

#### Location:

9401 Jane Street, Suite 106, Vaughan  
ON L6A 4H7

#### Eligibility to Participate in

#### Training/Workshops:

Participants must have a low-moderate family income of \$70,000 or less

*Please let us know if you require any specific accommodations*



For more program information, visit our:

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