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EXPERT GUEST SPEAKER SERIES
EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 24, 2015
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Reserve your spot online by February 17th:
<http://emilycarr.ss.yrdsb.ca/>

Friday, February 20th, 2015

Course Selections are due to Homeroom teachers

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February marks a busy month in our school with a particular focus for students and families on choosing courses for the 2015-16 school year. I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that our course calendar containing descriptions of all courses can be found under the guidance tab on the Emily Carr School website at

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/guidance/Pages/School-Course-Calendar.aspx>

All students are to complete and submit their course selections online through Career Cruising. Please review your child's course selections with them and sign a printed copy of their **final** selections to be submitted to their homeroom teacher by **Friday February 20th**.

Choosing courses for the upcoming school year is an important process as the courses that your child chooses now determine the classes that are offered next year. Every effort is made to have your child enrolled in the courses of their choice therefore, making wise choices is critical.

In the spring, your child will receive a copy of their chosen courses to verify to help us ensure that we meet the needs of every student. If you have any questions, please contact a member of our Guidance and Career Education Department or any member of the administrative team.

As well, later this month we will hold our 2nd Parent Engagement Speaker Series Session on February 24th from 7-8:30pm. Please find the registration link on the Emily Carr homepage to join us for an evening with an expert panel of guests focused on Supporting Your Teen.

Paolo Burzese
Principal

Student safety is our number one priority at Emily Carr. As parents, you worry that your child is successfully navigating all the aspects of high school life and look for strategies to support them in all ways. For some students and families, one worry can be bullying.

Most often, what students perceive as threats or bullying situations are simple misunderstandings that school staff and administration are able to help resolve. If you are worried that your child is being bullied or threatened in any way, consider the following solutions as we work together to ensure that every ECSS student feels safe.

Talk to an Administrator

The first and often most effective strategy is to call a member of the school administrative team or your child's guidance counselor. Students fear that if you tell an administrator it will only make it worse. Our experience has been that the earlier we get involved the more effective we can be in helping to resolve issues. Often problems that have been on-going for weeks or months can be sorted out within a couple of hours. As school staff, we are under no obligation to share who provided us with information which helps if individuals wish to remain anonymous when they share information with us.

Report It

If you or your child prefer, you can use the [YRDSB Report It](#) link. This link allows students and parents to share concerns anonymously. While directly speaking with students involved is most effective, reports made through this tool provide us with helpful information to ensure that our students are safe at ECSS.

The link can be found on the YRDSB homepage or you can click on the link below.

https://secure.yrdsb.ca/Forms/ReportIt/_layouts/FormServer.aspx?XsnLocation=https://secure.yrdsb.ca/FormServerTemplates/ReportItv1.xsn&Source=https://secure.yrdsb.ca&DefaultItemOpen=1



If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact a member of our administrative team.



Dates at a Glance

Feb 18	Photo Day – New Registrations Only
Feb 20	Course Selections Due
Feb 24	Expert Guest Speakers 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
March 13	PT Day
March 16-20	March Break

GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

ECSS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of February has officially been recognized as Black History Month. During the month, Canadians take the time to celebrate the lives of African/Caribbean Canadians, both past and present, by recognizing their contributions to Canadian society. Please join us for an assembly:

When: Thursday February 24th

Time: 1:10 PM (Period 4)

Location: Cafetorium

To learn more about the achievements and contributions of black Canadians, visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/black/index.asp>

ECSS Extracurricular Activities

Name of Activity	Teacher	Day	Time	Location
Art Council	Ms. B. Kim, Ms. Farrugia, Ms. Hess	Tuesday & Thursday	2:30-4:00pm	207
Character Matters	Ms. Farrugia, Ms. Korn, Ms. Memme, Ms. Romano & Ms. Marinelli	Tuesday	11:15-11:45am	221
ESP (Empowering Student Partnerships)	Ms. Grigoropoulos & Ms. Smith	Monday	11:00-11:30am	248
Gaming Club	Ms. Ng	Friday	2:30-4:00pm	115
Varsity Boys Basketball	Mr. Martins & Mr. Hope	Monday-Friday	2:45-4:00pm	Big Gym
Gr. 9 Repertoire (Band)	Mr. Eriksen	Tuesday	2:35-4:30pm	172
Junior Girls Volleyball	Ms. Potosky & Mr. Ho	Practices: Tuesday and Wednesday Games: Monday & Wednesday	2:40-4:15pm	Big & Small Gym
Peer Tutoring	Ms. Ventrice & Ms. Patrick	Various days organized by peer Tutor and Tutee	2:25-3:00pm	Library-130
Senior Girls Volleyball	Ms. Ogilvie	Tuesday & Thursday Games: Monday & Wednesday	2:35-4:00pm	Small Gym
Sidewinder Jazz Band	Mr. Eriksen	Wednesday	2:35-4:30pm	170
String Band	Mr. Eriksen	Friday	2:35-3:20pm	172
Student Council	Mr. Patterson	Wednesday	2:35-4:00pm	106
The Brew Jazz Combo	Mr. Eriksen	Monday	2:35-4:30pm	170
The Christian Fellowship	Ms. Marsh	TBD	TBD	118
Weight Room	Mr. Rybak, Ms. Patrick, Ms. Valente, Ms. Tse, Mr. Paolino, Mr. Paiuk, Ms. Moledina, Mr. Punia & Mr. Oh	Monday-Friday	2:45-4:15pm	Weight Room-121
Eco-Action	Mr. Stam, Ms. Gord & Ms. Gault	Wednesday	10:50-11:50	Rm. 148
Djembe Drumming Circle	Mr. Appiah	Wednesday	2:35-3:15	Drama Rm

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD OR TEEN



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EXPERT GUEST SPEAKER SERIES PANEL

PRESENTATION AND Q & A SESSION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

7:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.



Meylin Champion
Certified Parent Coach
Director of Champion
Parent Coaching

<http://www.championparentcoaching.com>

Do you ever feel like parenting should be more rewarding and fun? Come find out how Parent Coaching can bring peace and enjoyment to your home. Understand this new and exciting family support system that uses your own family's strength to create lasting positive changes. Come meet Meylin Champion, a certified Parent Coach, and learn how Parent Coaching can empower you to be the best parent you can be.



Tahira Simmons
Mental Health
Facilitator

<http://www.360kids.ca>

360 Kids will be sharing information about recognizing and supporting mental health issues in children, youth, and teens.



Yasser Hussein
School Resource
Police Officer

<http://www.yrp.ca>

York Region Police will be sharing information and tips on cyber safety, texting safety and drug awareness.

Apply for a summer job with the Ontario government!



Gain valuable skills, earn money and have fun.

Different job ads are posted in each of the following timeframes:

- February 13 – March 1, 2015
- March 20 – April 5, 2015

Learn more

YouTube Check out “**Summer employment opportunities with the Ontario government**”

Twitter **#ONgovSummerJobs**

Apply online

Ontario.ca/Careers

Select **Youth and New Professionals**

Go to **Summer Employment Opportunities**

ontario.ca/careers

Ready.Set.Work.



FREE!

Youth Training Program (ages 16-24)

GET THE SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR



Cover letter, Resume & Interviews

Tuesday, February 24th & March 3rd, 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm
Get the skills to create a cover letter, resume, answer interview questions and more!

WHIMS Training

Tuesday, March 10th 2015 4:00pm-7:00pm
Be ready for your next job with your Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Certificate that employers are looking for!

First AID/CPR Training

Friday March 13th & Saturday March 14th, 2015 : 8:30am-4:30pm both days
Receive your First Aid/CPR Certificate by attending these 2 day workshops!

Proton Food Handler's Training

Monday, March 16th, 2015 : 9:00am-4:00pm
Learn how to safely prepare, store and serve food and receive your Food Handlers Certification!

AODA Training

Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm
Receive the Accessibility Customer Service Training in accordance with Ontarians Disabilities Act (AODA). This training is a requirement if you provide services to the public.

Cash Register Training

Tuesday, March 31st 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm
Learn how to operate a cash register and gain new skills and customer service abilities.

Smart Serve Ontario Training

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 : 4:00pm-7:00pm. Participants must be 19 to 24 years of age
Learn how to balance responsible service of alcohol with customers, understand and obey the laws of public safety when ever you serve alcohol and obtain your Smart Serve Certificate!

Free YRT bus tickets are provided to participants

<p>Registration: To register, call Stacey at 905-303-8490 Ext. 151 Location: 9401 Jane Street, Suite 106, Vaughan ON L6A 4H7</p>	<p>Eligibility to Participate in Training/Workshops: Participants must have a low-moderate household income</p>
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Please let us know if you require any specific accommodations



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