

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

September 27, 2024

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Please review the newsletter for important updates and information.

2024 - 2025 School Year Schedule:

Period 1	8:00am - 9:15am
Homeroom	9:15am - 9:20am
Period 2	9:25am - 10:40am
Lunch	10:45am - 12:00pm
Period 3	12:05pm - 1:20pm
Period 4	1:25pm - 2:40pm

Food Donations:

Emily Carr Secondary School is looking for non-perishable food donations (eg. pasta sauce, pasta, canned vegetables) to distribute to families in need throughout the school year. If you are able, please help by dropping off your non-perishable food item donations to the main office. We appreciate your continued support to our school community.

Grade 9 Camp Coyote

On Tuesday, October 1, grade 9 students will be participating in our annual Camp Coyote that will be taking place at Emily Carr Secondary School. There is no cost to the event. Please provide consent for your grade 9 student on School Cash Online.

Terry Fox Donations

In support of the Terry Fox Foundation, please support Emily Carr Secondary School by sharing.



Contact Us

Phone **905-850-5012**

Extensions

Reception

Attendance

Guidance

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Online

[School website](#)



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Principal

[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)

Vice Principals

[Nadira Lawrence-Selan](#) (A-L)

[Samuel Gangbar](#) (M-Z)

[School Council](#)

Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



School News

Coyote Pride

As members of our school community, it is important to treat our school with respect and care. Our school property, including washrooms, classrooms, hallways, libraries, and outdoor areas, are vital for a positive learning experience.

Please remind your child(ren) to:

1. **Keep Areas Clean:** Dispose of trash in garbage bins properly and tidy up.
2. **Handle Equipment with Care:** Use school materials and equipment responsibly to ensure they remain in good condition.
3. **Respect Shared Spaces:** Be considerate of others when using common areas such as school washrooms. Our washrooms are shared spaces that need everyone's cooperation to maintain.
4. **Report Issues:** If students notice any damage or need assistance, please report it to a teacher or staff member.

By following these guidelines, we can create a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

Good Neighbour Relationships

The students of ECSS 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 Center, 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 Center, students must have a Community Center membership and they must be participating in community activities. We are proud of our students as they are ECSS ambassadors wherever they go in the community.

Notice - Closure of Pierre Berton Library on Monday, September 30

Please note that Pierre Berton Library will be closed on Monday, September 30. It will reopen on Tuesday, October 1.

Important Dates

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day, Coyote Clubs Fair

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October 1 - Terry Fox Event, Fall Fair, Grade 9 Camp Coyote

October 3 and October 4 - Rosh Hashanah

October 15-16 - Interim Report Cards Distributed

Helpful Links

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

[Kids Help Phone Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:

[310-COPE](#): 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7

[KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7



School News

Student Engagement Fee

The student engagement fee is a voluntary fee that may be used for services such as orientation programs, leadership programs, student recognition events, student clubs and organizations, guest speakers, and other school events. Please consider supporting the school by paying this fee through School Cash Online.

School Start-Up Virtual Meeting for Black Families

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for a [special virtual meeting where Black families](#) will have the opportunity to hear about initiatives, available resources and upcoming programming for Black Students in both elementary and secondary division.

Emily Carr Secondary School Is Going to Italy and Greece!

The History Department is excited to share that we're heading to Italy & Greece in March of 2025, and your family is invited!

When students travel, they expand their understanding of the world, gain self-awareness, and build confidence—key skills for becoming global citizens. We would love for your child to join us on this journey and build lifelong memories.

We're happy to partner with EF Educational Tours Canada to offer this incredible experience. If these stops have caught your eye, please register for our upcoming information session to learn more:

<https://rsvp.eftours.ca/2bubhwy>.

During the session, we'll cover:

- How this experience will benefit your child
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- What's included in the tour package.
- Our commitment to safety and affordability
- How to secure a spot during EF's risk-free enrolment period

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting - on Tuesday October 1st, 2025 at 6 pm in the Library - to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

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Updates from Guidance

Emily Carr Learning Commons in collaboration with Pierre Berton Resource Library hosted the Grade 10 Career Studies students for a fabulous and inspiring Wisdom Project Exchange where Michael Brooke talked about his extensive passion and career in longboarding and how he used his passion to make positive change in others across the world.



Our **SENIOR SUNRISE** event is taking place on Thursday, October 10th from 7:00 am to 7:45 am. This is an opportunity for our graduating students to kick-off their final year by making some fabulous memories with their classmates while playing some games and showing their school spirit. Students should come early, dress cozy, bring snacks, blankets, and/or chairs 😊

Students must have their parent/guardian complete the required permission form on SchoolCashOnline by noon on Wednesday, October 9th.

We have approximately 340 students on track to graduate this year so we're looking for donations from the parent/guardian community to support this event. We would appreciate any of the following items:

- Cases of water bottles
- Hot chocolate
- Marshmallows
- Cups
- Monetary donation to purchase any of the above and/or snacks

If you would like to make a donation for this event, please reach out to Rosanna Milani (rosanna.milani@yrdsb.ca) or Fiorella Finelli (fiorella.finelli@yrdsb.ca).



Updates from Guidance

Potential Graduates are reminded to review the Postsecondary Planning presentation shown in their period 1 classes this week. Topics include postsecondary planning, the application process, and deadlines. This video has been posted in the "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom. Students with period 1 study periods have been invited to ask questions on Friday, October 4th during period 1 in the Library Presentation Room.

Release of Information - There will be a one-time release of grades and other identifying information for all students in Grade 12 (Grade 11 for those who have indicated) in the month of October to the Ontario College Application Service, and to the Ontario University Application Centre, using secure transmission technology. This will activate all future applications for this year. ****Potential graduates who are not planning to apply** to an Ontario college or university this school year, and who **do not wish to have their data shared** must notify their Guidance counsellor by **Wednesday, October 2, 2024**.

Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night is taking place on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. View this hyperlink for [details](#) and this link to [register](#).

REMINDERS:

Upcoming **Ontario Universities' Fall 2024 Events** can be viewed [here](#). The Ontario University Fair is taking place on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6 from 9:30 am - 5 pm daily. Click [here](#) for more information. Registration is required.

The Ontario College Fair is being held at the Enercare Centre - Hall B, Exhibition Place, Toronto on Wednesday, October 16 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 17 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information. No registration is required.

Please note that OUAC applications are now open and OCAS applications open on Saturday, September 28th.

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
aoliver@rcto.ca

All systems include our
STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$85.00 to \$300.00.
Plus \$35.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$160.00 to \$300.00.
Plus \$25.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

Application Check-List

You can begin to apply for a computer on: SEPTEMBER 2024
Application deadline: NOVEMBER 22nd, 2024



1. Open camera on phone
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Group Name: YRDSB **Group Code:** G-YRDSB

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB

Name of School: *Please enter the name of your student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$25.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$35.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board

Group order (\$20.00)

OR

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career/Better Jobs

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology
The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.



Indigenous Languages and International Languages

www.yrdsb.ca/international-languages



The Fall Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) secondary credit courses registration is open!

Secondary Credit Program

✓ Credits Towards Ontario Secondary Diploma:

- International Languages Secondary Courses can be applied toward the Ontario Secondary Diploma as Optional Credits.**
- Students can earn credits towards their high school graduation.

✓ Post-secondary Applications:

- If students successfully complete the Level D – University course, it can be used as one of their top six marks for post-secondary entry. ++

Get Started Today!

For more information, please visit [Indigenous Languages and International Languages – Secondary Students](#).

A \$20.00 non-refundable consumable fee is collected in the third class. International fee-paying visa students are required to pay an additional \$500 fee to participate in the program. Registrations will not be accepted after the third class. If you have any questions, please email us at ilil@yrdsb.ca.

**For students who entered Grade 9 before September 2024, you can continue to earn an international language credit as either a "Group One Compulsory credit" OR an "optional credit."

++ Students are advised to check with the post-secondary institutions to check the admission criteria to determine if the international language credit will count towards their program of choice.

14 Language Offerings for 2024–2025 Secondary Credit Program:

- Arabic
- Cantonese
- Farsi
- German
- Greek
- Japanese
- Korean
- Mandarin (Simplified)
- Mandarin (Traditional)
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tamil
- Turkish
- Urdu

Please note:

ALL CREDIT COURSES ARE ONLINE



YRES Program Offerings

2024 - Language

English

- English Reading and Writing Club (Ages 5-8) | 4:00 PM
- English Reading and Writing Club (Ages 9-12) | 4:30 PM
- English Reading and Writing Club (Ages 13-15) | 5:00 PM
- Toastmasters Public Speaking (Ages 8-12) | 6:30 PM
- Toastmasters Public Speaking (Ages 13-18) | 7:30 PM

Sunday

Sept 22, 2024
Oct 20, 2024
Nov 24, 2024
Dec 15, 2024

French

- French Reading and Speaking Club (Ages 4-8) | 4:00 PM
- French Reading and Speaking Club (Ages 9-15) | 4:30 PM
- French Writing Club (Ages 9-12) | 5:00 PM
- French Writing Club (Ages 13-15) | 5:30 PM

Wednesdays

Sept 18, 2024
Oct 16, 2024
Nov 20, 2024
Dec 18, 2024

East Asian Languages

- Japanese Fundamentals (Ages 5-12) | 5:00 PM
- Mandarin Reading and Writing (Ages 5-12) | 5:30 PM

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Zoom Meetings



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<https://yorkeducation.org/>



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YRES Program Offerings

2024 - STEAM

Science

- Young Scientist
(Grade 1-3) | 4:30 PM
- Young Scientist
(Grade 4-6) | 5:00 PM
- Young Scientist
(Grade 7-8) | 5:30 PM

Tuesdays
Sept 17, 2024
Oct 15, 2024
Nov 19, 2024
Dec 17, 2024

Technology

- Fundamentals with Scratch
(Beginner; Ages 5-8) | 4:30 PM
- Fun with Scratch (Intermediate;
Ages 5-8) | 5:00 PM
- Introduction to Python
(Ages 12+) | 5:30 PM
- Understanding ROBLOX Studio
and Lua Coding (Ages 10+) | 7:00 PM
- Exploring Web Development
and HTML (Ages 10+) | 7:30 PM

Thursdays
Sept 19, 2024
Oct 17, 2024
Nov 21, 2024
Dec 19, 2024

Engineering

- Tips and Fun with
Engineering (Ages 9-13) |
6:00 PM
- Tips and Fun with
Engineering (Ages 14-18) |
6:30 PM

Thursdays
Sept 19, 2024
Oct 17, 2024
Nov 21, 2024
Dec 19, 2024

Art

- Introduction to Canva Graphic
Design (Ages 5+) | 4:30 PM
- Artist Fundamentals
(Ages 5-12) | 5:00 PM
- DIY Craft Club (Ages 6+)
| 5:30 PM
- Drama Club (Ages 6+)
| 6:00 PM

Fridays
Sept 20, 2024
Oct 18, 2024
Nov 22, 2024
Dec 20, 2024

Math

- Tips and Fun with
Math (Grade 1-2)
| 4:30 PM
- Tips and Fun with
Math (Grade 3-4)
| 5:00 PM
- Tips and Fun with
Math (Grade 5-6)
| 5:30 PM

- Math Clinic
(Grade 5, 6)
| 5:30 PM
- Math Clinic
(Grade 7, 8)
| 6:00 PM
- Math Clinic
(Grade 9, 10)
| 6:30 PM
- Math Clinic
(Grade 11)
| 7:00 PM

Mondays
Sept 16, 2024
Oct 21, 2024
Nov 18, 2024



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YRES Youth Workshop Calendar



September

SEP 14 | Discovering Volunteering Opportunities (G9-12)

SEP 28 | Financial Literacy 101 (Grade 10 -12)

November

NOV 9 | Resumes, Cover Letters and Interview Preparations (G6-12)

NOV 23 | Find your Calling and Passion (G9-12)

October

OCT 19 | Clear and Compelling Communication (G6-12)

OCT 26 | Course Selections and University Applications (G9-12)

December

DEC 7 | Essential Study Skills for High School Success (G9-12)



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Zoom Option Available



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