

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

October 4, 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.

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Contact Us

Phone **905-850-5012**

Extensions

Reception

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Attendance

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Online

[School website](#)



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Administration

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[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)

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

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

[School Council](#)

Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



School News

Visitors to Emily Carr Secondary School

All visitors must sign in at the main office before proceeding into the school. Students from other schools or students who used to attend Emily Carr Secondary School are not allowed on school grounds without permission. Likewise, Emily Carr Secondary School students should not be visiting other schools.

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!

Important Dates

October - Islamic Heritage Month,
Latin Heritage Month, Women's
History Month

October 12 - Yom Kippur

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



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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.

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.

Family Night



Please see the attached letter regarding Family Night, which will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Emily Carr Secondary School.

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Updates from Guidance

Ontario Student Status Reports (OSSRs) have been distributed to all Potential Graduates in their period 1 class this week. It is important that ALL students review their information to ensure they are fulfilling their graduation and post-secondary requirements. Students have been provided with a checklist and exemplar in their "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom. Finally, students with a period 1 Study Period have been asked to pick up their OSSR from our Guidance Secretary, Ms Genova, in the Guidance Office.

POST-SECONDARY FAIR: PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY NIGHT SAVE THE DATE! Pathways to Opportunity is taking place in our cafetorium on Thursday, November 14th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This is an event where students and their parents/guardians have an opportunity to meet with representatives from various postsecondary institutions in order to learn more about the different programs they offer. Please refer to the flyer below to review some of our confirmed guests.

[Ignite Fair](#) will be hosted at Bayview Community Center (Mul Raj Sethi Room) in Richmond Hill this October. This year's annual fair will connect hundreds of youth to learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities, programs, and non-profit organizations. The fair focuses on providing impactful opportunities and experiences based on various career pathways for high school students looking to go into different fields. Ignite Fair is a one day-long fair featuring various non-profit organizations with an expected high turnout from 1 - 4pm on **Saturday, October 19th**.

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](#).



Updates from Guidance

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).

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.



Updates from Guidance

Semester 1 Midterm Reporting - All students

York Region District School Board will be issuing electronic copies of the Semester 1 midterm report cards between November 18-20. The electronic copy will be available to parents/caregivers through the new family portal, and students will continue to access through their GAPPs account. Instructions will be sent out by email to both parents/caregivers and to students prior to distribution.

Full Disclosure for Grade 12 Courses

For the 2024-2025 school year, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be at least 5 instructional days from the last possible date the mid-semester report is issued. The Full Disclosure date for Grade 12 courses is November 27. If a student withdraws from a Grade 12 course on or prior to November 27, then the course and mark will not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. If a student withdraws from a Grade 12 course after the Full Disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column, and the student's mark in the course at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates

Identifying information will be shared through a secure transmission to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) to support students with their application to post-secondary institutions. 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 should have notified their guidance counsellor by October 2.

Semester 1 midterm marks will be shared with OCAS on October 4 and OUAC on November 7. Potential graduates who are applying to an Ontario college and/or university who are planning to drop a course are encouraged to connect with their guidance counsellor in advance of these dates.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact the Guidance Department to discuss your questions

Dear Families,

Interview Night is on Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. Families can use TeachAssist, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Interview Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Families may access appointment bookings on **Tuesday, October 15 to Tuesday, October 22, 2024** through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>. From there, enter in your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a one time access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yrdsb.ca

To: parent_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist

<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678>

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book an interview through TeachAssist, please click [here](#) or see below. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on Thursday, October 24, 2024 , please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements for another day.

FORMAT OF THE EVENING

6:00-6:30 pm Staff Meet and Greet in the Atrium Lobby

6:30-8:00 pm - Parent/Guardian Teacher Meetings

IMPORTANT TIMELINES: OCTOBER 15-29, 2024

Tuesday, October 15 - Tuesday, October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interview Night Scheduler opens at 8:30 a.m. for booking.● Parents/Guardians will go to the TeachAssist parent portal https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents to book their appointment(s).● For instructions on how to book an interview through TeachAssist, please click here or see below.
Wednesday, October 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents /guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
Tuesday, October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interview Night Scheduler closes to families at 3:30 pm.
Tuesday, Wednesday October 22-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teachers send an email to confirm appointment time and interview locations with families.
Thursday, October 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Staff Meet and Greet in the Atrium Lobby <u>6:00-6:30 pm</u>● Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews <u>6:30 to 8:00 pm</u> in classrooms with the teacher● Teacher locations will be posted throughout the school

Your partners in education,

The ECSS Admin Team



Get Together Celebrating Islamic Heritage Month

Join York Region District School Board in celebrating Islamic Heritage Month this October! Together, we'll honor the rich cultural, historical, and religious contributions of Muslims to society. This celebration is all about fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement while building a deeper understanding of our diverse society.

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Emily Carr Secondary School

Address: 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

Please register

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please register by Sunday, Oct 27, 2024



For more information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS): iscs@yrdsb.ca





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A good life for First Nation, Inuit, Métis students and caregivers
All ages welcome



**Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre
for Learning**
36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill
2nd Floor

Thursday, October 10, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Keynote
Speaker:
Meagan
Lindley,
Indigenous
Social
Worker**

**information
booths
provided by
YRDSB and
Community
Partners**

**Child Care on
site and
transportation
available upon
request**

**snacks and
refreshments
provided**

**RSVP USING THE QR
CODE BELOW**



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