

# Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

April 11, 2025

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## Message from Administration:

As we continue through the school year, we want to take a moment to remind students of the importance of making good decisions—both in their interactions and in how they use our shared spaces.

We encourage all students to treat each other with kindness and respect, and to use school property responsibly. Whether it's the classrooms, hallways, washrooms, or common areas, maintaining a clean and welcoming environment is everyone's responsibility.

We ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. A respectful school culture is built not only through rules, but through daily actions and choices that reflect care for others and for our learning environment.

Thank you for being our partners in helping students grow into thoughtful, responsible individuals.

## The Importance of Instructional Time

Please note that students must complete 110 hours in their classes to achieve their credits. As the spring and summer months approach, kindly remind your child that attending class regularly and completing their work is essential. We ask for your support in reinforcing that bathroom breaks should be brief and that walking the halls unsupervised is not permitted.

Additionally, students should be reminded that cell phone use during instructional time is not permitted and should remain in their backpacks unless directed by the teacher. Thank you for helping us ensure a productive and focused learning environment for all students.

## Contact Us

Phone 905-850-5012

Extensions

Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

[emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca)

## Online

[School website](#)



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## Administration

Principal  
Tanya-Lynn Paul

Vice Principals  
Nadira Lawrence-Selan (A-L)  
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[School Council](#)  
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Co-Chair - Lisa Rapisardi

## Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

## Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



## School News

### Graduation Gowns and Tickets Open for Purchase

Please note that graduation gowns and tickets have been available for purchase since **Monday, March 3rd**. We will be sending out email reminders to all students through their GAPPS accounts, as well as emails to all parents of graduating students, early next week. **School Cash will be closed for purchases on April 23rd 2025.** We are excited as we work to plan and prepare for **Graduation on June 26th** and look forward to celebrating this important milestone of student success!

### Emily Carr Secondary School accepts online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online is our preferred method of payment. Please see the attached document for instructions on how to register for School Cash Online.

### School Photos

As part of Edge Imaging's data retention policy, images from the 2019/2020 school year will be **permanently deleted after June 15, 2025**. Place your order online at [edgeimaging.ca/order](https://edgeimaging.ca/order) by entering your portrait code and passcode. No codes? No problem! Call our Customer Care team at 1-888-416-3343 or use the LiveChat feature on our website for virtual assistance. If you haven't ordered or need extra copies, place your order before this date as after that, they will no longer be available.

### Pride T-Shirt Ordering

Pride month is a universal celebration of love, inclusion and community! Let your true colours shine, boldly and brightly, as we celebrate diversity and work to inspire change.

This year, YRDSB students, staff and families can purchase a Pride t-shirt designed by students. Orders can be placed through [School Cash Online](#).

Let's make this year's Pride Month out of this world!

For any questions, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca).

### Important Dates

Passover - Saturday, April 12 to Sunday, April 20  
Vaisakhi - Monday, April 14  
Good Friday - Friday, April 18 (no school)  
Easter Monday - Monday, April 21 (no school)

### 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

### Federal Election Voting Location

Our school will be a polling station for the upcoming federal election on April 28, 2025.

This is a valuable opportunity to highlight the importance of the democratic process for our students.

Please be assured that school operations will continue as normal. We will take all appropriate measures to ensure student learning is not disrupted. This includes:

- Voters will use one access door, closest to the location of the polling station.
- The voting access door will be monitored at all times by an Elections Canada representative. Hallways between the access door and the polling station will be also monitored by Elections Canada staff.
- Elections Canada staff will be made aware of their responsibilities regarding school access.
- School administration and staff will also remain visible in the hallways throughout the day.

The majority of voting occurs after school hours; school parking and traffic should not be significantly affected on Election Day. However, we thank you for your patience as there may be some minor delays during arrival and dismissal due to additional pedestrian and vehicle traffic on April 28.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

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## Updates from Guidance

Summer School registration will open in myBlueprint on Tuesday, April 15th. Please refer to the [link](#) for more details. Students are asked to come by the Guidance Office should they require any support.

The ECSS Student Wellness Team in partnership with the Leadership and Peer Support class is hosting our **SENIOR SUNSET** on Thursday, May 22nd. This is an opportunity for our graduating students to make some final memories at ECSS. The evening will be filled with music, games, some treats, and a beautiful sunset - all FREE!

We have approximately 300 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
- Glow Sticks / Glow Bracelets
- Bubbles
- Snacks
- Monetary donation to purchase any of the above

If you would like to make a donation for this event, please reach out to Fiorella Finelli ([fiorella.finelli@yrdsb.ca](mailto:fiorella.finelli@yrdsb.ca)) or Rosanna Milani ([rosanna.milani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rosanna.milani@yrdsb.ca)) the Senior Sunset Advisors.

Please refer to the [Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter](#) for April 2025. It references supportive resources and community mental health events.

A representative from George Brown College will be coming to ECSS on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> during the lunch period to give a presentation on *How to Pay for College and University*. It is open to all students. More details will be shared directly with students in the *All Things Grade Google Classrooms*.

Is your student considering a postsecondary school in the United States? Get informed by attending the US College Expo in Toronto Saturday, April 12th. Discover valuable resources and insights to kickstart their path. Please refer to this [link](#) for more details and registration information.



# ECSS Graduation



School Cash Online is now open for purchases, and the deadline is Wednesday, April 23rd—there will be no extensions.

The \$85.00 fee includes your Student Cap and Gown (with Tassel and V-Stole) and Graduation Fee ( 2 Tickets.)

The ECSS Graduation Ceremony will take place at La Primavera Event Space on Thursday, June 26th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

# We Can't wait to celebrate with you!



more hoops and more mentorships



# THRIVE HOOPS

Start date: April 9th

WED [6 - 8 PM]



Emily Carr SS  
4901 Rutherford Rd.



\*Must be registered to play





# Emily Carr Secondary School accepts online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online is our preferred method of payment and provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option can be made **anywhere, anytime!**
- No need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes **less than 5 minutes** to register
- You can choose the **language** of your choice by clicking **Google Translate!**

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees and can make secure online payments by credit card and receive a receipt.

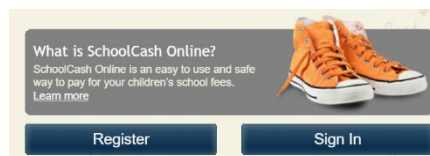
## Follow the easy steps on the next page to Register and get started!

## Step 1: Register

a) Please go to the School Cash Online parent site:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

b) Select the **“Register”** button

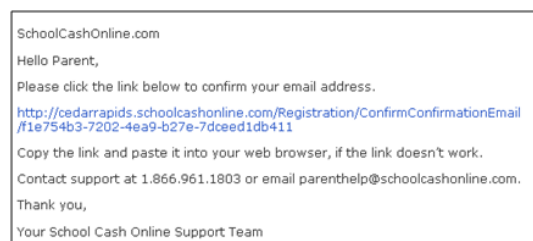


c) Enter your parent information to create an account.

\*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.

## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



## Step 3: Find/Add Student

**NOTE: Enter Student Number (not OEN)**

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

- Select the School Name from the list
- Enter student information: Student Number and Last Name
- Select **Confirm**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

### Add Student

\* Indicates a required field

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board

☐ Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

2. Select School Name from the list

Select school...

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

Confirm

[I don't want to add a student](#)

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

- If you have more children, select **“Add Another Student”** option in My Account/My Students and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.
- If you do not wish to add additional children, select **“View Items For Students”** option.
- A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

## NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).



# 3RD ANNUAL YORK REGION ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER:  
EDUCATE TO ERADICATE**

**FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS,  
PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS AND YOUTH AGES 11+**

Join us for an educational and awareness raising event about human trafficking. Gain valuable knowledge, tools and resources to help protect and empower our community!

## **PARENTS!**

Learn how to safeguard your children from human trafficking. Hear from a mother of a survivor and York Regional Police officer.

## **YOUTH!**

Win prizes and have fun, while learning about personal safety, self-esteem building, and resilience.



Funding provided by Department of Justice Canada

## **LOCATION**

Seneca Polytechnic, King Campus  
13990 Dufferin Street, King City

## **DATES**

Attend on either **May 13** OR  
**May 14 2025** from 6-9 pm.  
Doors open at 5:30 pm.

## **LEARN, ENGAGE & ENJOY**

- Information sessions
- Community information booths
- Free pizza and refreshments!



**REGISTER USING QR CODE  
OR USING THE CODE BELOW  
[BIT.LY/4BO4CTH](https://bit.ly/4BO4CTH)**

# Understanding and Navigating the Education System



*presented by*

THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

## Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, April 28, 2025**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation on Black Affirming Resources to Support the Curriculum
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session

**Please register ASAP.**

**A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.**

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



**[Register now.](#)**



If you require further information, please contact  
[BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca)

# STUDENT SIN & SUMMER JOB BANK CLINIC SPRING 2025

Students, Parents and Guardians  
Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your  
Social Insurance Number on the Spot!

Service Canada representatives will be at the following schools to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and the Federal Dental Program!

Children 12 years of age or older may apply for their SIN. Parents, legal guardians or legal representatives can apply for a SIN for children under the age of majority in their province, and for adults in their care.

**Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits
<b>April 9, 2025</b> Richmond Hill H.S. 201 Yorkland, Richmond Hill  <b>April 10, 2025</b> Tommy Douglas S.S. 4020 Major Mackenzie Dr. West, Woodbridge  <b>April 15, 2025</b> Hodan Nalayah S.S. 1401 Clark W. Thornhill  <b>April 16, 2025</b> Keswick S.S. 100 Biscayne Blvd. Keswick  <b>April 24, 2025</b> Sutton H.S. 5147 Baseline Rd, Sutton  <b>May 1, 2025</b> Woodbridge College 71 Bruce St. Woodbridge  <b>May 6, 2025</b> Alexander Mackenzie H.S. 300 Major Mackenzie Dr. W. Richmond Hill	<p>A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification.</p> <p>You would need to bring your original primary document, <b>no photocopies accepted.</b></p>	<p>Permanent Resident Card <b>or a</b> Confirmation of Permanent Residence <b>or</b> A Study Permit/Work Permit/Visitor Record issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder “may accept employment” or “may work” in Canada</p>	<p>or A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth</p>	<p>Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number.</p> <p>Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth.</p>

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

**For more information, please contact YRDSB Community & Partnership Developer**

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# York Regional Police Community Services



Event:

Dates:

Location:

Time:

How to sign up:

Contact for session: