

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



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Message from Administration:

As we head into the warmer months, we want to take a moment to remind families about the importance of making safe and healthy choices. With the increase in outdoor activity and more relaxed routines, it's a good time to revisit some important conversations with our students.

One area of ongoing concern is **vaping**. We are continuing to see incidents involving vaping on school property, and we want to be clear: vaping is not permitted on school grounds. To help us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all, **vape detectors have been installed in in washrooms**, in accordance with the Ministry. When a student is found vaping or tampering with these detectors, there are **serious consequences**, which may include suspension and other progressive discipline measures.

We encourage families to talk openly with their children about the **risks of vaping**, the importance of **attending class**, and how to make **positive decisions**—especially during the temptations that often come with **warmer weather**.

A few additional reminders for our school community:

- **Construction on school property will begin this coming Monday.** Please plan ahead for potential disruptions and changes to regular routines.
- During construction, families are encouraged to **use the front loop** for drop-off and pick-up.
- Alternatively, students may be dropped off at **Al Pal Community Centre or Pierre Berton Library**, where they can safely walk to school.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Contact Us

Phone **905-850-5012**

Extensions

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Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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[School website](#)



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Co-Chair - Lisa Rapisardi

Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



School News

ECSS School Council Partnering with York Regional Police Evening

Emily Carr's School Council is partnering with York Regional Police to discuss school community safety. Join us at Emily Carr Secondary School on May 15 at 6:30pm. To register please use the QR Code below or see the attached flyer.



Math EQAO - June 2025

Students taking Grade 9 De-streamed Math will be writing Math EQAO on June 10 and June 11, 2025. Families will receive an email communication. Students supported with an IEP or have an ESL/ELL identification will receive letter from their Math teacher in May.

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.

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.

Important Dates:

PA Day - May 5

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.

CARR Scoop

To read the latest edition of CARR Scoop, please [click here](#)!

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Updates from Guidance

IMPORTANT DATE / INFO. FOR OCAS:

- Students who have applied to Ontario Colleges for the 2025-2026 school year **MUST** confirm their acceptance offer of admission by **MAY 1, 2025**. Applicants are to log into their ontariocolleges.ca account to **confirm their offer**, as communicated in offers of admission.

IMPORTANT DATES / INFO. FOR OUAC:

- MAY 29, 2025** - The latest date for those who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes: An offer of admission; a refusal; or a deferral, once additional information is received.
- JUNE 2, 2025** - The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).
- *All other admission-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence, are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 2, 2025, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision before this date.

The next **Ontario Universities' Information session** is taking place on May 22, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This virtual event is divided into 4 sessions, where students can learn about the universities of their choice and ask questions. This event is tailored to Grade 11 and younger students who are beginning their university research. [Registration is available now.](#)

Summer School registration is NOW OPEN in myBlueprint. Please refer to the [link](#) for more details. Details information has been shared with students in the *All Things Grade Google Classroom* regarding next steps. Students are asked to come by the Guidance Office should they require any support.

Y2 LEGACY is a transformative summer learning program that empowers students through a Black-centred lens celebrating leadership, innovation, and academic excellence. By building foundational knowledge and identity-affirming skills, students emerge with the confidence and capabilities to lead in their schools and communities. The foundational skills students gain in the summer will support them in navigating the school year with confidence and leadership. Please refer to the link for more information and on how to register.



Updates from Guidance

DUAL CREDIT opportunities are available for students. Please see the attached flyer for eligibility, additional information, and to register. (*Limited opportunities available)

ONTARIO STUDENT STATUS REPORTS (OSSR) will be distributed to all grade 12 period 1 students early next week for students to review. Students with a period 1 Study Hall in period 1 can come pick up their OSSRs in the Guidance Office from Ms Giotis. All students are responsible to review this report to ensure they are on track with their graduation requirements and post-secondary program requirements. Each package has their personalized OSSR and an exemplar to support their look-fors. Any discrepancies should be brought to the attention of the Guidance Department as soon as possible.

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) or Rosanna Milani (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.

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

**EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS
SCHOOL COMMUNITY
SAFETY**

WITH

YORK REGIONAL POLICE

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **STUDENT ONLINE SAFETY**
- **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

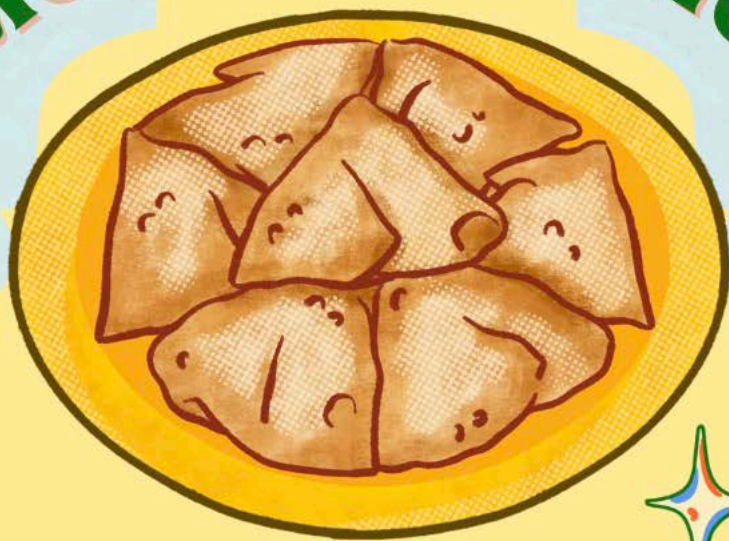
PLEASE REGISTER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

6:30PM TO 8:00PM

SOMOSA & CHA NIGHT





Where: ECSS Cafeteria

When: Thursday May 8th 4-6pm

*Open to and welcomes all
students, staff, parents, and
members of the community.*

What to Expect

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- Free chai and samosa
 - Movie screenings
 - Boardgames
 - Diverse food booths
 - Wear your cultural attire



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2025 YRDSB SUMMER DUAL CREDIT

SENECA - Newnham Campus *Public Transit + Limited Taxes Available

COURSE NAME (Click for Description)	COLLEGE PROGRAM	DATES & TIMES *All Courses
Beauty & Glamour: Makeup Techniques COS 122 / TXI4T6	Cosmetic Techniques and Management	Monday - Thursday 9:50am - 12:30pm *14 Sessions July 2 - 24
Forensic Crime Scene Investigation PFD 310 / TJE4T6	Police Foundations	
Psychology of Happiness PSY 222 / HBK4T6	General Education	

CENTENNIAL - Progress Campus *Public Transit + Limited Taxes Available

COURSE NAME (Click for Description)	COLLEGE PROGRAM	DATES & TIMES
Criminal Justice GNED 304 / HCF4T1	General Education (GNED): Credit may be transferred to any full-time program at Centennial and other Colleges.	Mon, Wed, Fri 12:30 - 3:20pm July 2 - 28
Social Psychology GNED 135 / HBC4T1	See Above	
Professional Police Standards PFPR 106 / GCB4T1	Police Foundations	
Healthy Development of the Whole Child ECEP 103 / TOF4T1	Early Childhood Education	Tues, Wed, Fri 12:30 - 3:20pm July 2 - 29

HUMBER - North Campus *Public Transit or Self-Transportation ONLY

COURSE NAME (Click for Description)	COLLEGE PROGRAM	DATES & TIMES
Baking and Pastry Arts CULN 134 / TUE4T5	Culinary Management (01911) Culinary Skills (14071)	July 2 - 25 *Days and Times TBD
Cosmetic Applications BSPA 202 / TXC4T5	Esthetician/Spa Management (20871)	
Psychology: Introduction PSYC 150 / HBB4T5	Protection, Security and Investigation Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner Hearing Instrument Specialist	

*All Courses, Times and Dates Are Subject to Change

TO APPLY:

- Speak to a Guidance Counselor
- Scan QR Code or click this link:
<https://yrdsb.cc/summerdualcredit>



Target Audience:

- Students needing 1 credit to graduate or who are otherwise credit deficient
- Students in a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) or Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP)
- Students on a college pathway (i.e. in College level English, Math courses)
- Students who are uncertain about their post-secondary pathway

Please note:

- Students must be 16-years of age as of January 1, 2025 to apply
- Students who have met their graduation requirements will not be accepted.

Transportation:

- As much as possible, students should choose a course at a college that is closest to their home school
- Transportation will be provided: PRESTO card for YRT/TTC use, or Taxi pick-up and drop-off (depending on the travel time and distance to the college course. As per policy change at the Ministry level, more students will be expected to use public transportation. You will be contacted in mid-late June with travel arrangements.

*Students able to get to the college on their own (driving themselves or getting a lift) should notify the Dual Credit Teacher by Email ASAP

About the Dual Credit Program:

Dual Credit courses allow Gr. 11 and 12 high school students to take college courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or SHSM OSSD and a college certificate, diploma, or degree. Students may earn up to a maximum of four elective credits through college-delivered dual credit courses that count towards their OSSD or SHSM OSSD (e.g three in Gr.12 one in Gr.11).

Some of the program's benefits include:

- Earn secondary school AND college credits simultaneously
- Fully funded - tuition and course materials at no cost to students.
- A true college experience (campus, state-of-the-art facilities, instructor,, etc.)
- Test Drive a Future Career
- Explore different pathways options

More Questions?

Ask your Guidance Counselor or contact the YRDSB Summer Dual Credit Support Teacher:

Mr. Leo Scire - leo.scire@yrdsb.ca



more hoops and more mentorships



THRIVE HOOPS

Start date: April 9th

WED [6 - 8 PM]



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*Must be registered to play