



Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



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**PLEASE
NOTE:**

Hello ECSS Community,

Please take a moment to review the upcoming events and activities, as well as important reminders.

Have a wonderful weekend!

ECSS Administration

Message from our Trustee

Please see the attached Trustee letter.

Grade 8 Open House - SAVE THE DATE!

Grade 8 information night is on Wednesday, December 6 at Emily Carr Secondary School between 6pm to 8pm.

Learn more about:

- ECSS departments and programs
- Clubs and extracurricular activities
- Community partners

Our student council will also be fundraising for the school through sales of Krispy Kreme Donuts.

Contact Us

Phone 905-850-5012

Extensions

Reception 0


Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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Online

School website

 @emilycarryrdsb

Administration

Principal
[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)



Vice Principals
[Nadira Lawrence-Selan](#) (A-L)
[Paula Borges](#) (M-Z)

School Council

Ajay Kumar (co-chair)
Andre Tsopeles (co-chair)

Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



School News

Graduation Photos

Begins Monday, December 4. Please see attached flyer.

Student Trustee Applications Open

If you will be in grade 11 or 12 next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB.

Student trustees network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. Learn more about the role and how you can apply at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Applications can be submitted between November 27-December 11. The deadline to apply is December 11, 2023 11:59 p.m.

All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate who represents our area of the Board. There are four areas of the Board (central, east, north and west). Once the four final candidates are announced, students can vote for two of the four candidates to represent them as student trustees in the 2024-2025 school year. Students will receive information on how to vote in the election during the campaign and voting period.

Link: [Roles and Responsibilities Video](#)

Sankofa Mentoring Program Kwanzaa Celebration

Please see attached flyer for more details.

YRDSB Immunization Catch Up Clinics

Immunization Catch Up Clinics will be happening on February 5, 2024 at Emily Carr Secondary School. More details to follow.



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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

Winter Weather

With the arrival of winter weather, we wanted to provide some important reminders about the steps we take to keep students safe when severe weather occurs.

School Transportation Cancellations

School transportation (buses and taxis) may be cancelled due to extreme cold or inclement weather. On these days, schools will remain open unless otherwise stated. If school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon. Any special or hot lunch days and field trips will also be cancelled.

Families should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school on extreme cold or inclement weather days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on those days. For safety reasons, please ensure you let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day.

School Closures

Emergency closures will be considered when conditions may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations or access to the school site (e.g., widespread, prolonged power failures or downed power lines).

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate childcare arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and aftercare programs will not operate if schools are closed.

Communication to Families

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services: www.schoolbuscity.com /1-877-330-3001
- [Board](#) and school website
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

For more information on [severe weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.



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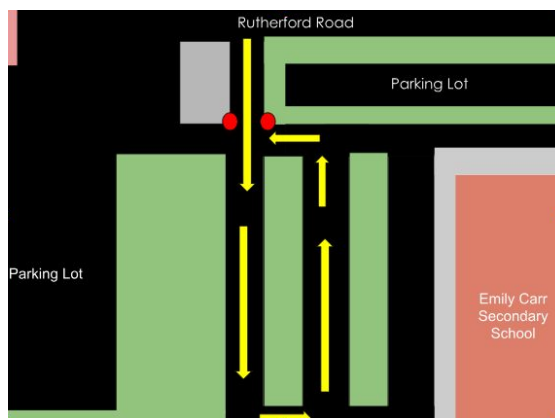
Good Neighbour Relationships

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.

School Safety

In the interest of safely dropping off and picking up your child and to help traffic move smoother, we ask parents not to drop their children off or stop in the wheelchair bus area. Cars stopping in the wheelchair bus area block traffic behind them causing it to be slower for everyone and our wheelchair buses are unable to drop off and/or pick-up our students in a timely manner. In addition, the lanes directly in front of the main entrance are emergency and bus lanes, please do not use these lanes to drop off or pick up your child. If you drive your child to school, you know that it can be quite busy. You can avoid the morning rush by dropping your child off before 7:45 a.m., carpooling, or encouraging your child to walk or make use of public transit.

Please see the diagram below for details on the route you should be using to pick up and drop off student(s).



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Updates from Guidance

ONTARIO UNIVERSITY AND ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES are listed below. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as they have decided on their post-secondary programs.

Ontario University/OUAC applications - **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024** for equal consideration.

Ontario College/OCAS applications - **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024** for equal consideration.

*In addition to counsellor support, students have been provided with links to video tutorials to assist with the application process in their "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom.

Community Involvement Hours (CIH) is a graduation requirement and all students are required to earn 40 hours to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The Winter Break is a great opportunity for students to complete these hours. Students have been informed of some opportunities via their grade google classrooms and are encouraged to reach out to not-for-profit organizations to support. [Hyperlinked](#) is more information about eligible and ineligible activities for Community Involvement hours. For your convenience, the YRDSB Community Involvement form can be found [here](#). Completed Community Involvement forms can be emailed directly to Mrs Catinella, Guidance Secretary, at nadia.catinella@yrdsb.ca or they can be placed in the drop box located inside the Guidance and Career Education Office (room 129).

REMINDERS:

College and University Open Houses & Tours: Attending a college and university open house or tour is a great way to find out more about the campus, the programs, and the environment. Each post-secondary institution offers a variety of events throughout the year for secondary school students. We encourage students and families to visit each institution's website to find out more details about in-person and virtual opportunities.

Potential Graduates are reminded to review the Post-Secondary Planning presentation that was shown in class the week of October 2nd and posted in the "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom. The [PDF](#) of the presentation has been linked here as well. Now that students have received their OEN and Mident number, they may begin creating their OUAC and OCAS accounts and apply to their desired programs.

Students and families are invited to review the **Trades Report** and/or participate in an online **Trades and apprenticeship Workshop**. The links and passwords to access this report and workshop have been posted in the grade specific Google Classrooms. The links and passwords are not to be shared.



Community News

Updates from Vaughan Public Libraries

- **Chess Club** begins right after school on Thursdays starting Nov. 15 and running to Dec. 13 at Pierre Berton. Students can drop in and practice strategies, play both physical and digital chess, and compete with each other in our VPL tournament. Winners will receive prizes!
- **D&D Club** continues every other Saturday at Pierre Berton. Please contact zachary.fanni@vaughan.ca to register.
- **Makers with a Cause** meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting Nov. 29 at Pierre Berton. Students will work on art to be displayed in a special exhibit in Vaughan Public Libraries. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Creative Writing Power Hour** continues every Wednesday at 5:00pm at the Bathurst Clark branch. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Debate Club** returns at the Civic Center Branch on Thursdays at 7:00pm starting on Nov. 16. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Escape the Library** (3D-printed edition) is an escape room event happening on Tuesday Nov. 14 at 7:00pm in the Civic Center Branch. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Learn how to make bubble tea** at the VMC branch on Wed. Dec. 6 at 6:15pm. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.

Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair,

Trustee, Vaughan Wards 2 and 3



SANKOFA MENTORING PROGRAM - KWANZAA CELEBRATION




JOIN US FOR AN ILLUMINATING CELEBRATION FILLED WITH CRAFTS, MUSIC, AFRICAN TEACHINGS, FOOD AND COMMUNITY


DATE: SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH, 2023


TIME: 10:00AM TO 1:30PM

LOCATION: BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL
933 BUR OAK AVENUE,
MARKHAM



 <https://yraacc.ca>

 gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca

 647-425-5700



Your Portrait Session

Carry on the Canadian tradition of marking your graduation accomplishments with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

**Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



More Options

Your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority when you are at the camera. We want all students to let your true colours shine. Your sitting options may include: more poses and casual poses.

View details on all your sitting options at

bookmygrad.ca

B.Y.O.P

Depending on the school, Edge may or may not provide props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. There's no limit to your creativity!

**Poses and backgrounds may vary.*



Graduating Class Composite

Just like the ones you stared at in your high school hallways, you'll receive your very own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.



****Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.***

Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to bookmygrad.ca and enter your school code and student number to get started.

SCHOOL CODE:

Senior Graduation



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