



# Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



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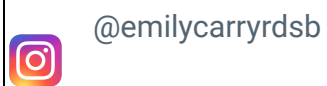
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## School Council

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## Superintendent

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[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)

## Morning Announcements



The time school announcements are made during the school day is changing. Currently announcements are made at the beginning of period 1. It will be shifted to the end of period 1. This will help students be in class on time for **8:00am**. This change will take effect on **Monday, January 8**. In addition this will help to ensure all of our students are able to hear the announcements and not miss important information as sometimes busses are late to the school, and some of our Grade 12 students have period 1 spare.

## Hall Passes



In an effort to promote student safety and in consultation with our school council and school community members, we will be implementing a hall pass system. Each teacher will be given a hall pass for their classrooms and students wishing to leave the classroom to use the washroom must have a hall pass. Staff will also be tracking the time that a student leaves the classroom and when they return back to class. This will take effect on **Monday, January 8**.

## School Council Survey

Please take a minute to respond to a [brief survey](#) created by our School Council. Your input is greatly appreciated.

## Math EQAO

All students taking grade 9 Math this semester will be writing the Math EQAO on **Wednesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 18, 2024**. More details to follow.



## School News

### Secondary School Programs and Opportunities - by Sector

In secondary school, you have an opportunity to try new things, learn more about what interests you, and take courses and programs that let you gain experience and skills in those areas. Please click [here](#) for more information.

### York Regional Police Holiday Heroes Toy Drive

Accepting Donations from November 15 to December 13. Please see the attached flyer.

### Graduation Photos

Begins Monday, December 4. Please see attached flyer.

### Grad Hoodies for Sale

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

### 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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees).

Applications can be submitted between November 27-December 11. The deadline to apply is December 18, 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](#)



## Important Dates

**Monday, December 25 to Friday, January 5**

- Winter Break

**January 25-January 31**

- Final Evaluations

## 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](http://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](http://www.yrdsb.ca).



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### 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.

**Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN)**, in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU! Please see the attached flyer.

### 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.



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## Updates from Guidance

**SEMESTER 1 FULL DISCLOSURE - REVISED DATE:** The revised date for semester 1 Full Disclosure has been changed to Thursday, December 14th, 2023. Students are invited to stop by the Guidance Office or schedule an appointment should they have any questions.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**BLACK FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY NETWORKS (BFCN)** is inviting YRDSB Black Grade 8 - 12 students and their families to another edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Wednesday, December 13th from 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. Please register ASAP using the linked [form](#).

### **REMINDERS:**

**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](mailto:nadia.catinella@yrdsb.ca) or they can be placed in the drop box located inside the Guidance and Career Education Office (room 129).

**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.

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.



# Toy Drive

## York Regional Police Holiday Heroes

Accepting donations of new toys from  
November 15th - December 13th

Donation boxes located in  
front of the cafeteria

@ecss\_payitforward



# Grad Hoodies Now For Sale

FOR ONLY \$44.99!



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If you have any concerns please feel free  
to contact Ms.Ogilvie via email!

<https://www.schoolwear.ca/emi/>





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**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**  
**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

Learn more and register at:  
[bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember132023](https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember132023)

To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at [info@bfcn.ca](mailto:info@bfcn.ca)

**Learn more about our work and how to support at [bfcn.ca](https://bfcn.ca).**



# 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](http://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](http://bookmygrad.ca) and enter your school code and student number to get started.

**SCHOOL CODE:**

# Senior Graduation



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Edge Imaging will be coming to your school to commemorate this milestone moment. Sign up soon so you can be sure to get the time slot that works best for you.

Questions? Check out the FAQs at  
[edgeimaging.ca/graduation](https://edgeimaging.ca/graduation)