

# Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

January 10, 2025

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## Welcome Back

Welcome 2025! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break! Please continue to review the school newsletter for very important updates and information.

### Grade 9 Math EQAO - next week!

Grade 9 Math EQAO will be taking place **Wednesday, January 15, 2025** and **Thursday, January 16, 2025** for any students taking grade 9 de-streamed Math during semester one.

### Semester 1 Final Exams

Semester 1 Final Evaluations will take place on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 to Monday, January 27, 2025**. Thursday, January 30, 2025 will be a severe weather day, if needed. Please see the attached notice regarding Final Exam Policies and Procedures.

### Emily Carr's Pantry Program

The Pantry Program is meant to fill a specific gap in food access at school: confidential, anonymous, and drop-in access to healthy food. Should you require support, please review the attached flyer.

## Contact Us

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## Administration

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Co-Chair - Andre Tsopelas

Co-Chair - Lisa Rapisardi

## Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



## School News

### **Students can vote now for Student Trustees**

Students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity January 13-17 to participate in voting for the student trustee candidate who will represent our geographic area of the school board.

### **How to Vote**

All students in Grades 5-12 will receive an email in their GAPPS account. The email will include a link to a Google site where they will find information about candidates in our area, and a link to a form where they can submit their vote. One candidate will be selected by students to represent each of the four areas of the school board in the final vote. In the final vote, scheduled for February, students can vote for two candidates who will represent them during the next school year.

### **Student Trustees**

Student trustees play an important role representing students in the school board. They network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. This is an important opportunity for students to participate in the student trustee elections and vote for the students who will represent their voice, so we encourage students to check their email and take the time to vote.

Learn more about the role and the election process at [www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees).

## Important Dates

**Tamil Heritage Month** - January

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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

### THERAPY DOGS ARE BACK AT ECSS! 🐕

Did you know that therapy dogs are trained to provide affection and comfort to individuals, other than their owners? Generally, therapy dogs will help us to improve our social, emotional, and mental well-being.

The ECSS Guidance Department, in partnership with St John Ambulance, has planned a very special event where therapy dogs will be coming to visit our school. This event will be taking place on **Tuesday, January 14th** during the lunch hour in a designated room. Spaces are limited but students will be offered the opportunity to express interest via a Google form next week. All participating students are asked to make a \$2 donation to support this program. Please see the additional notes below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- *Spots are very limited* and participants will be accepted on a *first come first served* basis.
- Interested students must **FIRST** submit the Google form, posted in the All Grades Google Classrooms (the form will open on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00a.m.)
- All selected participants will be made aware of their participation and time block, via an email that will be sent to their GAPPs accounts. The email will include a link to a [permission form](#).
- The number of available therapy dogs could change and we may not know until the day of the event. Again, we will honour the list of students based on who signed up first.
- We ask that students provide their \$2 donation the day of the event and it will be collected at the door.

**\*\* If a selected participant misses their assigned time slot, they will miss their opportunity to spend time with a therapy dog.**

We are looking forward to this event!

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## Updates from Guidance

**THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH.**

Extended Applicant Services hours will be available daily from January 13th - 15th until 7 pm (ET).

Applicant Services Phone: 519-823-1063

Email: [undergradsup@ouac.on.ca](mailto:undergradsup@ouac.on.ca)

**THE ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.**

**OCAS (ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATION SERVICE) EXTENDED HOURS** have been shared below.

Please see their communication to applicants:

### **Peak Season Extended Hours:**

To support college applicants leading up to the **February 1 Equal Consideration Date (ECD)** for highly competitive programs, we'll be extending our Contact Centre hours to include evenings and weekends for January 2025.

Here's a look at our Contact Centre's peak season schedule:

Monday, Jan. 13 to Friday, Jan. 24 (weekdays)

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1

8:30 a.m. to midnight

### **CONTACT:**

Telephone:

Toll-free in Canada: 1.888.892.2228

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## Updates from Guidance

### REMINDERS:

**Night School** registration for Semester Two (Winter 2025) is open. Please click on the [link](#) for detailed information. Students are to register using MyBlueprint/MyPathway Planner by selecting the "Continuing Education" tab. Students must print and have the sign-off form signed by their parent/guardian and then submit this form to the Guidance Office. Counsellors will only approve courses for students who submit their completed sign-off form. Students can schedule a guidance appointment or come to the Guidance Pop-Up Shop should they require support.

**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.

## **January 2025 Exam Schedule Information for Students and Families**

Please find the **January 2025** calendar for the examination period below. The exam period is determined by the YRDSB/approved by the Ministry of Education; students are expected to be present for all exams.

Here is our January exam schedule below for **students in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12:**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20	21	22	23	24
Regular Instructional Day Credit Rescue Gr 11/12	Regular Instructional Day Credit Rescue Gr 11/12	Period 1 Exam Culminating Activities	Period 2 Exams Culminating Activities	Period 3 Exams Culminating Activities
27	28	29	30	31st
Period 4 Exams Culminating Activities	Rescheduled Exams and Credit Recovery	Instructional Day Lunar New Year	Exam Review Day Modified Schedule Severe Weather Day Regular Day for Community Classes	PA DAY - no students attend school on this date

- **A more detailed exam schedule, including course and room numbers, has now been shared. If your child does not have a final exam, please encourage them to connect with their teachers to learn more about any culminating tasks or assignments they may have in place of an exam.**
- **SEVERE WEATHER:** Information regarding bus cancellations, inclement weather, and school closures will be posted on the York Region District School Board website. If an Inclement Weather Day occurs during the scheduled exam period of January 22 to January 27, forcing the cancellation of all exams on a given day, the day for rescheduling those exams will be Tuesday, January 28. Exams will begin at 8:30 a.m.
- **Students in the DD and ASD Community Classes** will attend full days, following their regular schedule during the exam period.

### **Exam Policies and Procedures:**

- **Please review the following exam policies and procedures to support the exam period**

### **ABSENCES**

- Illness and court appearance are the only two valid absences during exams. If you are unable to be present for an exam, you must present a medical certificate or a court order. Failure to do so will result in a mark of zero for the exam and may jeopardize your credit. A court order must be presented prior to the writing of an exam so that alternate arrangements can be made. The medical certificate must be

presented to the Vice-Principal as soon as possible, or at the latest, prior to the end of the exam week, so that exams may be rescheduled.

### **LATE ARRIVAL**

- If you arrive up to 30 minutes late, you should go directly to your exam room. You will only be given the remaining time for the exam. If you arrive more than 30 minutes late, you should go to the Main Office to speak to a Vice-Principal.

### **EXAM WEEK**

- During exam week, you are required to be at school only when you are scheduled to write an exam or culminating activities. To see your teacher for extra help, you must book an appointment in advance. Students may study quietly in the library, or in small groups in the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to be in the halls, or to go to their locker when exams are being written. The cafeteria server will be closed during exams.

### **EXTRA HELP**

- Students seeking extra help must book an appointment with their teacher(s) in advance. As students are not permitted to be in the halls during exam times, appointments should be scheduled outside of exam hours.

### **DURING AN EXAM**

- Textbooks to be returned should be placed on your desk. Other books, pencil cases, jackets, bags, notebooks, etc. are not allowed in the exam room.
- Electronic dictionaries, cell phones and other electronic devices (i.e. watches that connect to phones) are not to be used during an exam. Cell phones must be shut off and out of sight during exams.
- Students may not communicate or share resources with any other students once an exam has begun.
- Students must remain in the exam room for the entire duration of the exam.

### **EXTRA TIME**

- Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Multi Language Learners (MLL) who have the accommodation of extra time, may continue their exams with their teacher or be escorted to the provisions room (room 116). Arrangements must be made in advance with the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) for any student with an IEP who wishes to begin their exam in the provisions room.

SEM. 01 - ECSS EXAM TIMETABLE 2024-2025									
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Wednesday, January 22, 2025				Thursday, January 23, 2025				Friday, January 24, 2025				Monday, January 27, 2025			
Start Time 8:30 a.m.				Start Time 8:30 a.m.				Start Time 8:30 am				Start Time 8:30 a.m.			
PERIOD 01 EXAMS				PERIOD 02 EXAMS				PERIOD 03 EXAMS				PERIOD 04 EXAMS			
Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room	Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room	Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room	Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room
Chan	MHF4U1.3	2 Hour	146	Alkabeer	SNC1W1.3	1.5 Hour	122	Colella	HFA4U1.2	1.5 Hour	250	Addesa	HFC3M1.4	1.5 Hour	249
Grigoropoulos	CGC1W1.3	1.5 Hour	248	Carmichael	HFA4U1.1	1.5 Hour	174	George	MCF3M1.1	2 Hour	146	Antoniotti	BAT4M1.1	2 Hour	220
Kanesalingam	MDM4U1.2	2 Hour	152	Chan	ICS3U1/4U.1	1.5 Hour	106	Giralico	MHF4U1.1	2 Hour	144	Chan	ICD2O1.1	1.5 Hour	106
Kaur	SNC2D1.6	1.5 Hour	148	Eslami	SPH4C1.1	2 Hour	147	Grigoropoulos	CGC1W1.4	1.5 Hour	248	Colella	HHG4M1.1	1.5 Hour	250
Korn	SCH4U1.3	2 Hour	246	Eslami	SPH4U1.1	2 Hour	147	Kanesalingam	MCR3U1.4	1.5 Hour	152	Furlan	MPM2D1.4	1.5 Hour	151
Mir	SCH3U1.1	2 Hour	227	George	MCR3U1.3	1.5 Hour	146	Kaur	SBI4U1.1	2 Hour	226	George	MCR3U1.5	1.5 Hour	146
Oh	SPH3U1.1	2 Hour	247	Ioannou	BBB4M1.1	1.5 Hour	223	Korn	SNC2D1.3	1.5 Hour	246	Giralico	MHF4U1.2	2 Hour	144
Richardson	CHC2D1.1	1.5 Hour	243	Moradi	FSF 1D1.2	1.5 Hour	225	Marinelli	HSP3U1.1	1.5 Hour	221	Kaur	SBI3U1.2	2 Hour	226
Rybak	TPJ3M1.1	1.5 Hour	167	Oh	SNC2D1.1	1.5 Hour	247	Martin	ESLB01.2 / CO1.1	1.5 Hour	225	Korn	SCH4C1.1	2 Hour	246
Saad	MCF3M1.2	2 Hour	150	Pietrantonio	TXJ3E1.1	2 Hour	166	Mehta	BAF3M1.1	2 Hour	216	Korn	SCH4U1.4	2 Hour	246
Saad	MCR3U1.2	1.5 Hour	150	Richardson	CHC2D1.2	1.5 Hour	243	Mir	SCH3U1.2	2 Hour	227	Lo Re	FSF1D1.4	1.5 Hour	225
Safaric	ESLDO1.1	1.5 Hour	225	Saad	MHF4U1.5	2 Hour	150	Moradi	SNC1W1.4	1.5 Hour	122	Marinelli	HFC3M1.1	1.5 Hour	221
Safaric	ESLEO1.1	1.5 Hour	225	Sansom	CGC1W1.2	1.5 Hour	251	Patimisco	MPM2D1.3	1.5 Hour	150	Mir	SCH4U1.1	2 Hour	227
Sansom	CGR4M1.1	1.5 Hour	251	Skidmore	FSF1O1.1	1.5 Hour	224	Pietrantonio	TXJ2O1.1	2 Hour	166	Oh	SNC2D1.4	1.5 Hour	247
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Pietrantonio	AMI 1O, 2O, 3M, 4M.	2 Hour	166									Sansom	CGC1W1.8	1.5 Hour	251

Tuesday, January 28, 2025				Wednesday, January 29, 2025		Thursday, January 30th 2025, MODIFIED TIMETABLE		Friday, January 31th 2025	
RESCHEDULED EXAMS & CREDIT RECOVERY				INSTRUCTIONSAL DAY - LUNAR NEW YEAR		MARK REVIEW DAY/ SEVERE WEATHER DAY		P.A. DAY, NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS	
Teacher Name	Course Code	Length	Room			Period	Timeframe		
						Period 01	8:00 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.		
						Announcements	8:35 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.		
						Period 02	8:45 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.		
						Period 04	9:25 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.		
						Period 05	10:05 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.		
						Lunch	10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		
						Afternoon	11:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. *appointments only		

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# PANTRY PROGRAM

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## ITEMS THAT WE HAVE

- Canned Foods
- Pasta/Rice
- Cereals
- Granola Bars
- Snack Items
- Personal Hygiene Items



# YRDSB ARTS CAMP 2025

Join us for an immersive program in visual, studio, and performance arts. Explore your identity through creative expression, supported risk-taking, and collaboration with peers and staff. Fosters self-confidence, individuality, and the discovery of new talents.

Memories that last a  
*Lifetime*

*Students, Educators, Community Artists*  
**CREATING TOGETHER**



**Applications open Fri. Dec 13 – Fri. Feb. 7**

- ✓ Campers (gr. 7-12)
- ✓ Counsellors-In-Training (gr. 9-11)
- ✓ Counsellors (gr. 11 & 12)



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
& TO APPLY, VISIT:

[bit.ly/YRDSBac25info](https://bit.ly/YRDSBac25info)



**Sat. May 24 – Sat. May 31, 2025**



Questions? Email:  
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Find us on Instagram  
[@YRDSBArtsCamp](https://www.instagram.com/YRDSBArtsCamp)



# Understanding and Navigating the Education System



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**THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

## **Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session**

**Monday, January 27, 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:**

- Inclusion Activity
- Course Selection and Pathway Planning
- 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  
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