

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

May 2, 2025

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Message from Administration:

As we transition into the warmer months, we'd like to remind families of the importance of encouraging safe, healthy choices among our students. With increased outdoor activities and more relaxed routines, this is an ideal time to revisit important conversations at home.

One area of continued concern is **vaping**. Despite ongoing efforts, we are still seeing incidents of vaping on school property. We want to be clear: **vaping is strictly prohibited on school grounds**. In alignment with Ministry guidelines, vape detectors have been installed in school washrooms. Students found vaping or tampering with these devices will face serious consequences, which may include suspension and other progressive discipline measures.

We ask families to speak openly with their children about the health risks of vaping, the importance of attending class regularly, and making responsible decisions—particularly during the temptations that often come with spring and summer.

Additional Updates:

- **School Construction Has Begun:** Please plan ahead for possible disruptions to regular routines.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Adjustments:** During construction, we ask that families use the front loop.
- **Alternative Drop-Off Locations:** Students may also be dropped off at Al Pal Community Centre or Pierre Berton Library and walk safely to school from there.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in keeping our school community safe and strong.

Contact Us

Phone **905-850-5012**

Extensions

Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca

Online

[School website](#)



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Administration

Principal
Tanya-Lynn Paul

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Nadira Lawrence-Selan (A-L)
Samuel Gangbar (M-Z)

[School Council](#)
Co-Chair - Andre Tsopelas
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.

Valedictorian Nominations Are Now Open!

It's that exciting time of year! Starting this week, all Grade 12 students have access to a Google Form to nominate a fellow student to be this year's valedictorian — someone who best represents the graduating class and can speak on your behalf at the June graduation.

The nomination form will be open from **Wednesday, April 30 to Wednesday, May 7**.

After nominations are submitted, students will need to secure teacher references in support of their candidacy. A final vote will then take place, and the successful candidate will be determined based on the results. We look forward to supporting the chosen valedictorian as they prepare to represent the Class of 2025!

YRDSB School Year Calendar

The YRDSB 2025-2026 school year calendars have been approved by the Ministry. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>.

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



Updates from Guidance

SWAT (STUDENTS WORKING ALL TOGETHER) APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-2026 ARE NOW OPEN!!!!

Please note that our number of accepted applicants for 2025/2026 SWAT Team depends on the number of grade 9 students attending ECSS next school year. Returning SWAT Mentors are **not guaranteed** a position next year. Accepted 2025/2026 SWAT Mentors will be notified in late May. Students have been asked to express their interest via the application forms found in the Grade 10 and Grade 11 Google Classrooms. They have been reminded to review the expectations below **prior** to completing the application form. The application form is due no later than **Friday, May 9, 2025 by 3:00 pm. ****LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND THERE IS NO WAIT LIST FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.**

SWAT Mentor Expectations:

- To act as a role model and leader for our school community
- To follow all school rules and help empower all students
- To promote positive, constructive, and enthusiastic leadership for all students
- To assist in organizing, supervising, and preparing activities for Grade 9 students
- To represent ECSS and our school values at various functions
- To assist new students to ECSS with becoming familiar with their new environment

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.](#)

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.



Updates from Guidance

Summer School registration can be completed in myBlueprint. Please refer to the [link](#) for more details. Detailed information has been shared with students in the All Things Grade Google Classroom regarding next steps. Any 2025/2026 course updates related to summer school course selections should be completed ASAP. Students are asked to schedule a Guidance appointment or come by the Pop-Up Shop should you need 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.

ONTARIO STUDENT STATUS REPORTS (OSSR) were distributed to all grade 12 period 1 students this 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.

**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

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 2024-2025 LEARNING CALENDAR

All Elementary and Regular Secondary Schools

(excluding the following schools: Bill Crothers SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Markville SS and Sutton DHS)

This calendar has been created to help you plan your family holidays, medical and dental appointments around your child's learning. The most important days - the ones unmarked (excluding weekends) - are the days which students are expected to attend school. For your information, professional activity days and holidays are also listed.

SEPTEMBER 2024

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JUNE 2025

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YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR All Elementary and Regular Secondary School

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

LAST DAY OF CLASSES:

Secondary: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Elementary: Thursday, June 26, 2025*

* Early release

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Labour Day
Thanksgiving Day
Winter Break

Family Day
Mid-Winter Break

Good Friday
Easter Monday
Victoria Day

Monday, September 2, 2024
Monday, October 14, 2024
Monday, December 23, 2024 to
Friday, January 3, 2025 inclusive
Monday, February 17, 2025
Monday, March 10, 2025 to
Friday, March 14, 2025 inclusive
Friday, April 18, 2025
Monday, April 21, 2025
Monday, May 19, 2025

Please see the Holidays & Observances calendar on the Board website for significant faith days.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY - NO SCHOOL

Elementary:

Friday, September 27, 2024
Monday, October 21, 2024
Friday, November 15, 2024
Friday, January 17, 2025
Friday, January 31, 2025
Monday, June 9, 2025
Friday, June 27, 2025

Secondary:

Friday, September 27, 2024
Monday, October 21, 2024
Friday, November 15, 2024
Friday, January 31, 2025
Monday, May 5, 2025
Thursday, June 26, 2025
Friday, June 27, 2025

Ultimately, parents are responsible for deciding whether to send their child to school. To find out if buses are cancelled due to weather conditions, you can check:

- the YRDSB website
- X @YRDSB
- @yrdsb.schools
- the Student Transportation Services' (STS) website at www.schoolbuscity.com or hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- school websites
- radio and television media outlets

York Region District School Board
60 Wellington Street West, Aurora L4G 3H2
(905) 727-3141, 895-7216, 722-3201, (416) 969-8131
Automated: (905) 727-0022, 895-7227, 722-6255, (416) 969-7170

Facsimile: (905) 727-1931

Website: www.yrdsb.ca

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@yrdsb.schools



H School Holiday
E Elementary P.A. Day
S Secondary P.A. Day

Bill Cober
Director of Education



Ron Lynn
Chair of the Board



FIRST EVER

ECSS GRAD BREAKFAST

Friday, May 23, 2025
Period 2

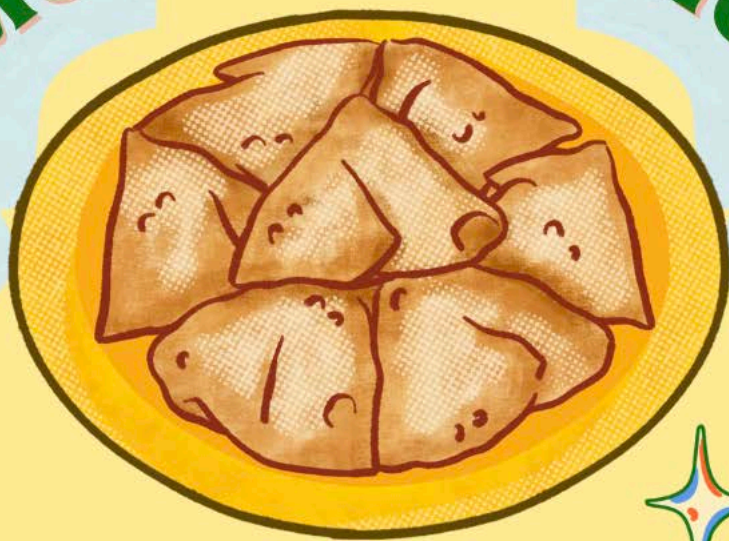


WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Breakfast Items
- Juice
- Coffee
- Tea
- ECSS Grad T-Shirt to Sign
- being part of what is sure to become a great tradition for ECSS Graduates!

**Payment MUST be made by Wednesday, May 7, 2025
on School Cash Online**

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.*

Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, May 26, 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 - Black Student Alliance: Building Community, Empowering Voices
- 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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Welcome to our Parents & Caregivers Evening!
Come explore agencies, organizations and YRDSB partners
supporting families with children ages birth to 13

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH, 2025
5:00PM - 7:00PM
TESTON VILLAGE P.S.
80 MURRAY FARM LANE, MAPLE



- York Region Public Health
 - York Support Services Network
 - Kinark Child and Family Services
 - Sahara Mental Health Services
 - YR Preschool Speech & Language
- and many more will be there ...

GIVEAWAYS
INFO. BOOTHS
RESOURCES

 Contact Shelly @ 905.417.0555

 Contact Melanie at
capcyorkregion@yorkchild.ca

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!
NO RSVP REQUIRED



South Asian Celebration

Unity in Diversity – A Celebration of South Asian Heritage

- Celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage of South Asia
- Explore the unique artistic, culinary and cultural traditions that shape South Asian communities through interactive activities
- Participate in a friendly cricket activity
- Visit South Asian Community Booths
- Enjoy a tasting experience of South Asian foods

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting celebration of South Asian cultures!

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Maple High School, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON

Please click [South Asian Heritage Month Event](#) or scan the QR Code below to register.



For additional inquiries please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca

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