

# Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

May 9, 2025

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## Message from Administration:

As we move into the final months of the school year, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Spring is a time of renewal, and it's also a time for our students to remain focused on their learning and make positive choices as they approach the end of the school year.

We encourage our students to continue putting forth their best effort in their studies and to make thoughtful decisions that reflect their commitment to personal growth and academic success. Your encouragement at home plays an essential role in helping them stay motivated and resilient.

Please reach out if you have any questions or need support as we move toward the exciting final stretch of the school year. We are here to support you and your children every step of the way.

## 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

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[School website](#)



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## Administration

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Co-Chair - Lisa Rapisardi

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Trustee

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## 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:

Victoria Day, Monday, May 19

### 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

### Ordering Graduation Flowers in Advance

Graduation is taking place at La Primavera on June 26. Pre-order your flowers using the below link:

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.com/emilycarrss>

### Emily Carr Secondary School – Graduation Ceremony: Additional Guest Tickets

Dear Families,

Emily Carr Secondary School's Graduation Ceremony will be taking place on **Wednesday, June 26, 2024**, at **La Primavera Event Space**. If you would like to purchase any **additional guest tickets**, you may do so from **Friday, May 9th** until **Friday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m.** Please note that **there are limited tickets available**, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### Details:

- **Ticket Price:** \$32.50 each
- **Sales Period:** May 9 – May 30, 2024
- **Purchase Platform:** School Cash Online
- **Tickets Available:** Limited quantity

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our graduating students and their families.

Warm regards,

Emily Carr Secondary School Administration

### Looking for something fun to do during lunch?

Join us for the Youth Room Program from May 6 to 26, happening Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch (10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) at **AI Palladini Community Centre**.

Come hang out with friends, play board games, enjoy the foosball table, and have a great time in a relaxed, welcoming space!

Don't miss out!

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## Updates from Guidance

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.** Please click this [link](#) for more details and registration information.

### 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.

**Community Involvement** forms should be signed and submitted to the Guidance Office (room 129). As a reminder, students are required to complete 40 Community Involvement hours to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

**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.



## Updates from Guidance

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](mailto:fiorella.finelli@yrdsb.ca)) or Rosanna Milani ([rosanna.milani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rosanna.milani@yrdsb.ca)) the Senior Sunset Advisors.

Join [Support Ontario Youth \(SOY\)](#) on Wednesday, June 4th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm for an evening virtual presentation designed for graduating students wanting to pursue a career in the skilled trades. The SOY team are subject matter experts in the skilled trades and apprenticeship sectors and provide information to help graduates navigate and understand the apprenticeship pathway. SOY will provide resources and tips on how to transition from high school to mainstream apprenticeship and better equip graduates to find that employer/sponsor. To add a real-world perspective, a licensed journey person will also join the discussion—sharing their personal journey in the trades and answering questions from attendees. Please refer to the flyer below for more information and registration information.

**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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### MARCH 2025

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### NOVEMBER 2024

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### APRIL 2025

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### DECEMBER 2024

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### MAY 2025

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### JANUARY 2025

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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](http://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](http://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

# 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](mailto:BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca)



## **Jewish Heritage Month Event**

### ***Honouring Jewish Heritage – A Celebration of Culture and Community***

- Celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, history and resilience through an engaging presentation and hands-on activities
- **Author Kathy Kacer**, who will present her powerful book *To Hope and Back*, sharing stories of Jewish survival and strength. Each family will receive a free book signed by the author.
- Children will have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities.
- Enjoy a Sufganiyot tasting experience, offering a sweet lens into Jewish culinary tradition.

**Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting celebration!**

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Anne Frank Public School, 431 Ilan Ramon Blvd., Maple**

**Please register here: [Jewish Heritage Month Event](#)**

For additional inquiries, please contact: [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca)



## **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
- 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](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca)



# Explore Careers in the Skilled Trades

Join Support Ontario Youth (SOY) for an engaging and informative presentation designed for **graduating students**, **parents**, and **educators** interested in learning more about careers in the skilled trades.

As experts in the apprenticeship and skilled trades sector, the SOY team will break down the apprenticeship pathway, offering **clear guidance on how students can successfully transition from high school into a rewarding career**. The session will include practical tips, resources, and insights on how to find and connect with potential employers or sponsors. To add a real-world perspective, a licensed journeyman will also join the discussion—sharing their personal journey in the trades and answering questions from attendees.

Whether you're a student considering your options, a parent looking to support your child's future, or an educator helping guide career pathways, this session will provide the tools and information you need.

Presentation Type: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Date: Wednesday, June 4th

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Registration Link: [https://yrdsb.cc/YRDSB\\_SOY\\_Presentation\\_Registration](https://yrdsb.cc/YRDSB_SOY_Presentation_Registration)



*YRDSB Registration Link*

## 2025 YRDSB SUMMER DUAL CREDIT

### SENECA - Newnham Campus \*Public Transit + Limited Taxes Available

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

### CENTENNIAL - Progress Campus \*Public Transit + Limited Taxes Available

COURSE NAME (Click for Description)	COLLEGE PROGRAM	DATES & TIMES
<a href="#">Criminal Justice</a> 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
<a href="#">Social Psychology</a> GNED 135 / HBC4T1	See Above	
<a href="#">Professional Police Standards</a> PFPR 106 / GCB4T1	<a href="#">Police Foundations</a>	
<a href="#">Healthy Development of the Whole Child</a> ECEP 103 / TOF4T1	<a href="#">Early Childhood Education</a>	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
<a href="#">Baking and Pastry Arts</a> CULN 134 / TUE4T5	<a href="#">Culinary Management (01911)</a> <a href="#">Culinary Skills (14071)</a>	July 2 - 25 *Days and Times TBD
<a href="#">Cosmetic Applications</a> BSPA 202 / TXC4T5	<a href="#">Esthetician/Spa Management (20871)</a>	
<a href="#">Psychology: Introduction</a> PSYC 150 / HBB4T5	<a href="#">Protection, Security and Investigation</a> <a href="#">Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner</a> <a href="#">Hearing Instrument Specialist</a>	

\*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:

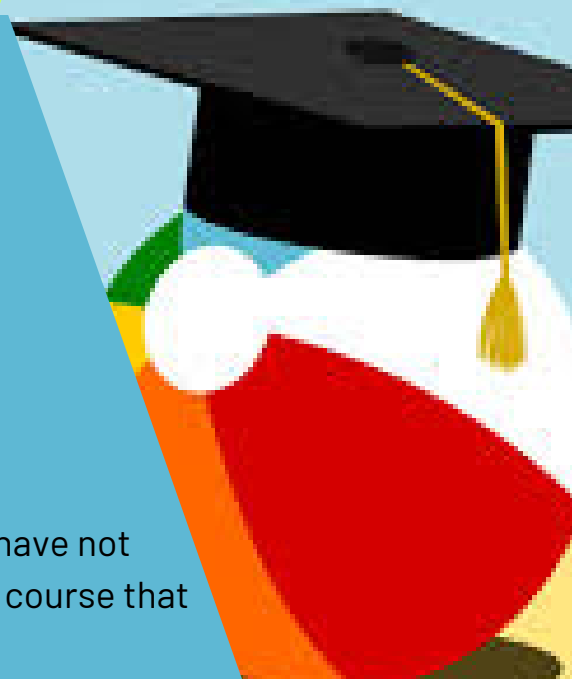
**Mr. Leo Scire - [leo.scire@yrdsb.ca](mailto:leo.scire@yrdsb.ca)**

# 2025 SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

### Acceleration Courses July 2 - 25 (18 Days)

For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed.



**Register early to avoid disappointment!**

**Decisions to run courses are based on sufficient enrolment and teacher availability.**

### IN-PERSON LEARNING

**Locations:** Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Middlefield CI, Newmarket HS, Richmond Green SS, and Thornlea SS

**Time:** 8:45 am - 3:32 pm



**SCAN ME**

### REMOTE LEARNING

**Synchronous Learning Model** online through Google Meets

**Time:** 8:45 am - 3:32 pm

### ONLINE LEARNING

**Asynchronous Learning Model** using Brightspace by D2L

For more information, please email: **[online.learning@yrdsb.ca](mailto:online.learning@yrdsb.ca)**

### HOW TO REGISTER!

**YRDSB STUDENTS:**

**SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BY JUNE 18, 2025**


 YRDSB Students: [My Pathway Planner](#)

**NON-YRDSB STUDENTS:**


**SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BY JUNE 6, 2025**

 Non-YRDSB Students: [Link On Website](#)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

 905-884-2046 OR 905-884-3434

 [continuing.education@yrdsb.ca](mailto:continuing.education@yrdsb.ca)

 <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities>