



# Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

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NOTE:**

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## 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

### School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting will be held on **Monday, November 20, 7:00pm** at Emily Carr Secondary School in the Library. Please see the attached agenda for more details on items that will be discussed.

## Administration

**Principal**  
[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)



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

## School Council

**Ajay Kumar** (co-chair)  
**Andre Tsopelas** (co-chair)

## Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

## Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



## School News

### 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 and school council will also be fundraising for the school through sales of Krispy Kreme Donuts and Holiday Poinsettias.

### Grade 10 Literacy Test

OSSLT Fall 2023 will be happening Tuesday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 29, 2023 for students in Grade 10 and potential graduates who need this graduation requirement.

In preparation, if you and your child wish to access sample and practice OSSLT tests, these can be found on the [EQAQ website](#).

**Please visit the below resources for additional resources and support for your child(ren):**

- OSSLT Information Videos - [What to expect on the OSSLT](#)
- [Online OSSLT Practice Test](#)
- [ECSS All Things Grade 10 Google Classroom](#)  
Class Join Code: sz4wtmr - Class work: OSSLT
- OSSLT Reading & Writing Tip Sheets - see below



## Important Dates

### Monday, November 20

- School Council Meeting

### Thursday, November 23

- Semi Formal

### Monday, December 4

- Grad Photos Begin

### Wednesday, December 6

- Grade 8 Open House

## 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



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### 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 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](#)

### Graduation Photos

Begins Monday, December 4. Please see attached flyer.

The [Student Wellness Team](#) is organizing our **Senior Sunrise** event. This is taking place on Tuesday, November 21st from 6:45a.m. - 7:30a.m. This is a great opportunity for senior students to play some games, make memories, and show their school spirit.

Hot chocolate will be served. Students should come early, dress cozy, bring a reusable cup, snacks, blanket, and/or chair!! 😊



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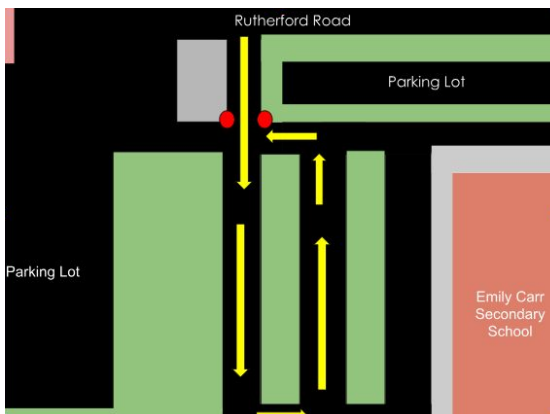
### Good Neighbour Relationships

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

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.

### REMINDERS:

The **Student Life Expo** is taking place on Saturday, November 18th, 2023 from 12:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building, Constitution Hall). We have received a limited number of FREE tickets for this event and we have invited students to pick up a free ticket from the Guidance Office on a first come, first served basis. Alternatively, students and families can register online prior to the event for free admission. There will be a \$10 fee at the door for anyone who has not registered. For more information, click [here](#).

**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.

Upcoming **ONTARIO Universities' Fall 2023 Events** can be viewed [here](#). Registration is required. Connect with [Ontario's Universities](#). This document outlines the various ways students can connect with Ontario universities throughout the entire application process - from starting their research with OUInfo to applying through the OUAC.

The **SchoolFinder Virtual Fall Fair** is taking place on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Students can attend live webinars from colleges and universities in Canada and around the world; get answers to their questions about scholarships and financial aid, programs, applications and deadlines, and student life; and they have the chance to win prizes! Click [here](#) for more information about this event and to register.



## 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.



## ECSS School Council Meeting Agenda

*November 20, 2023 @7:00 p.m.*

School Council: <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx</a>	
Agenda Items	Speaker(s)/Notes
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Acknowledgement</li><li>• Introductions</li><li>• Review Minutes for Approval</li><li>• <b>2023/2024 ECSS School Council Members</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Co-Chairs: Ajay Kumar, Andre Tsopelas</li><li>✓ Treasurer: Joanne van der Leeuw</li><li>✓ Secretary: Lisa Rapisardi</li><li>✓ Parent Representative(s): Monica Kaushik, Gabriella Nagy, Joanne Romano</li><li>✓ Community Representative: Tina Medina</li><li>✓ School Staff Representatives: Maryclaire Odorico</li><li>✓ ECSS Administration: Tanya-Lynn Paul, Principal, Nadira Lawrence-Selan, Vice-Principal, Paula Borges, Vice-Principal</li></ul></li><li>• New Attendees (possible members)</li></ul>	
<b>Review and Approval of Minutes (April 19, 2023 &amp; September 18, 2023)</b>	
<b>November 20, 2023 Meeting Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call for additional items:</li></ul>	
<b>Student Council Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>	
<b>ECSS Staff Reports</b> (Administration + Teaching &/or Non-Teaching Staff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P Update</li><li>• VP Updates</li><li>• Teacher Representative Report</li></ul>	
<b>School Council Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fundraising</li><li>• Traffic Safety</li><li>• ECSS Arts Programming</li><li>• School Council Constitution Review</li></ul>	



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*November 20, 2023 @7:00 p.m.*

### Upcoming 2023/2024 School Council Meeting Dates

February 20, 2024

April 15, 2024

# EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

# OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

6:00PM – 8:00PM

4901 RUTHERFORD ROAD



## LEARN ABOUT

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES – 2025**  
**HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETE (HPA) PROGRAM**  
**SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM) PROGRAM**  
**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**ATHLETIC TEAMS**  
**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS**  
**LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**







**DECEMBER 6TH DURING  
THE GRADE 8 OPEN  
HOUSE**

**DONUTS  
ARE  
BACK!**



**1 DONUT - \$2.00**

**1 DOZEN - \$20.00**



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



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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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## Congratulations on Your Graduation

**You've worked hard and it's time to *celebrate*.**

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)

# 2023



## IGNITE FAIR

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### November 25th

1pm - 3pm

Lansing United Church

49 Bogert Ave, North York



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