



Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



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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

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. Please see the attached flyer.

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EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

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GRADE 8 INFO NIGHT

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

York Region Public Health Student Vaccinations

Are your child's immunizations up to date? Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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.

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](#)

Parent/Caregiver Series Supporting Students of Chinese Heritage

The series will provide a number of parent/caregiver in person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. Please see the attached flyer.

Sikh Educators Voice Alliance

Sikh staff and community members are invited to the SEVA Affinity Group Launch. All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us. Please see the attached flyer.

Sankofa Mentoring University and College Mentoring Session

Please see the attached flyer for more details.



Important Dates

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- Treaties Recognition Week

Saturday, November 11

- Remembrance Day

Sunday, November 12

- Diwali

Friday, November 17

- PA Day

Monday, November 20

- School Council Meeting

November 20-22

- Midterm Report Card Distribution

Thursday, November 23

- Semi Formal

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



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. More detailed information will be provided at a later date.

In preparation, if you and your child wish to access sample and practice OSSLT tests, these can be found on the [EQAO website](#). In addition, we will be offering an After School Literacy Program, starting October 24th. If you are interested please see the information below and in order for your child to participate in this program, please complete the form below and return it completed to the main office by Thursday, October 19, 2023. If needed, the main office has hard copies of the form available for pick-up as well.

After School Literacy Program

The Ministry of Education has provided special funding for After School Literacy programs for students in Grades 7 to 12 to reinforce their reading and writing skills. The goal of this program is to build upon the reading and writing skills of students. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



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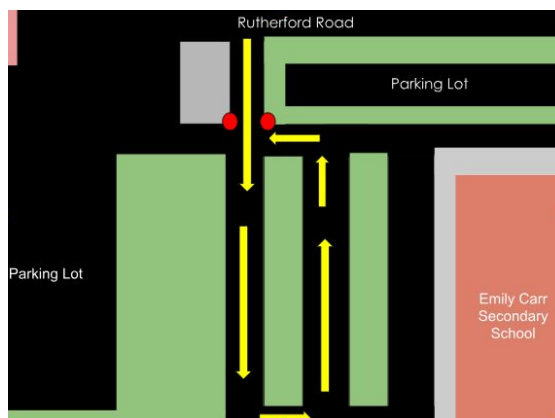
Good Neighbour Relationships

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

Ignite Fair is Canada's largest youth-run volunteer fair, dedicated to connecting people with volunteer opportunities offered by various organizations in their communities. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Post-Secondary Fair: Pathways Night Pathways to Opportunity is taking place in our cafetorium on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. This is an event where students and their parents/guardians have an opportunity to meet with representatives from various postsecondary institutions in order to learn more about the different programs they offer. Please refer to the flyer below to review some of our confirmed guests.

Community Involvement Opportunities are shared in our ECSS Grade Specific Google Classrooms. One new opportunity that is open to our students and parent/guardian community is supporting the Tim Horton's Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign. Tim Horton's has selected Student Nutrition in York Region to be the beneficiary of their Holiday Smile Cookie campaign running from November 13-19, 2023. The campaign relies on volunteers/potential recipients of the funds to help decorate cookies... **and high school students will earn volunteer hours!** Interested students are to sign into the GAPPS account and complete a [Google Response Form](#), linked here and posted in their Grade Specific Google Classroom, and their next steps will be shared shortly. If a parent/guardian is interested in supporting as well, we ask that you complete the Google form with your ECSS student. [Locations](#) have been linked here and are also posted in the Google form. Please note that times have not been shared just yet and we will communicate this once we have been made aware of what they are.

REMINDERS:

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.



Community News

- Click [here](#) for more information on the Level Up Skilled Trades Interactive Career Fair.
- Teen Book Club returns to Bathurst Clark library on Thurs. Sept. 21 at 7:30pm and can also be joined virtually (register on [Eventbrite](#)).

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**



**HEY
PARENTS!**

KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL

Are your child's immunizations up to date?

It's your responsibility to tell
York Region Public Health, not
your doctor's.



Update online now!
york.ca/GetImmunized




York Region



York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities



SANKOFA MENTORING UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE INFO SESSION

FREE



Want to get an understanding of the College and University process and system?

Date: Saturday Nov. 11th, 2023

Time: 10:00 Am to 1:00 pm

Location: Bur Oak Secondary School
933 Bur Oak Ave. Markham Ontario



Want to know what mindset you should have going into College and University?

Want to know what opportunities exist to get into University or College?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



<https://yraacc.ca>



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2023



IGNITE FAIR

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VOLUNTEER TORONTO

Ignite Fair is Canada's largest youth-run volunteer fair, dedicated to connecting people with volunteer opportunities offered by various organizations in their communities.

November 25th

1pm - 3pm

Lansing United Church

49 Bogert Ave, North York



visit ignitefair.com for more info!

PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

POST-SECONDARY FAIR



Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm
HOSTED AT EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL
4901 Rutherford Rd. Woodbridge



ABOVE ARE SOME OF OUR CONFIRMED REPRESENTATIVES

JUMP START YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

YOU'RE INVITED TO

LEVEL UP! SKILLED TRADES 2023 CAREER FAIRS: EVENING SESSION

Discover exciting career opportunities.

November 15, 6:30-8:30 PM

International Centre – Hall 1: 6900 Airport Road
Mississauga, Ontario

The skilled trades offer well-paid, stable, and flexible career opportunities.
This is your chance to explore the possibilities.



WHAT: Experience hands-on exhibits, speak with professionals across wide-ranging industries, and benefit from the insights and advice of a panel of skilled trades representatives.

WHEN: November 15, 2023, from 6:30-8:30 PM.

WHY: Learn about what career paths are available in the skilled trades and get your questions answered.

HOW: This event is an open house. All are welcome and no pre-registration is required.



Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World 做开孩子的心房/做開孩子的心房

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture.

本次研讨会将探讨传统华裔文化和西方文化的影响下如何有效地关爱和照顾孩子的心理健康。

這次的講座將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關懷和照顧孩子的心理健康。

To register for a Mandarin session:
[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:
[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



HONG FOOK
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Tuesday, Nov 21st, 2023**

Time: **6:00pm-7:00pm (Mandarin 普通话)**
7:00pm-8:00pm (Cantonese 粵語)

Location: **Virtually**

Presenters:

Hannah Xu (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association
Youth Program Worker

Charmaine Tong (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board
Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

For more information, please contact:

Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage)
Charmaine Tong
charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca

This free session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Community Care Team of York Region District School Board

Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) Group Launch Invitation



Sikh staff and community members are invited to the SEVA Affinity Group Launch.

All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023

Time: 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Location: Blue Willow Public School
250 Blue Willow Drive, Woodbridge ON

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served.

To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **November, 23rd 2023**

If you have any further questions, please reach out to SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com

