



# Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

October 13, 2023

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**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

## Message from Administration!

As the semester progresses, more activities and events are happening at Emily Carr Secondary School. Please take a moment to read through our school updates and reminders.

Have a great weekend!

## ECSS Administration

### School start up forms - MANDATORY COMPLETION

We ask families to ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information. This is important in case of emergency situations. If your contact information has changed, please notify the school office.

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions. **The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. [Tips are available](#) if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms.**

Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPS account. Elementary school students **do not** need to complete these student forms.

## Contact Us

Phone 905-850-5012

Extensions

Reception 0


Attendance 1


Guidance 3

[emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca)

## Online

### School website

 @emilycarrss

 @emilycarryrdsb

## Administration

Principal  
[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)



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

## School Council

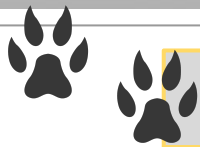
Ajay Kumar (co-chair)  
Andre Tsopeles (co-chair)

## Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

## Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



## School News

### 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.

### Take Our Kids To Work

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## Important Dates

### Friday, October 20

- PA Day

### Tuesday October 17 to Wednesday October 18

- Interim Report Card Distribution

### Thursday, October 26

- Family Night

## Helpful Links

### CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

[Kids Help Phone](#)  
[Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

### SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

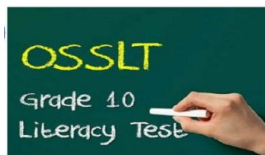
**Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:**

**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

### Math Squared Club

A great learning opportunity for grade 10 students at Emily Carr Secondary School. Room 15o 11:00am-11:30am. Please see the attached flyer!

### Grade 8 Information Night - SAVE THE DATE!

Grade 8 information night is on Wednesday, December 6 at Emily Carr Secondary School.



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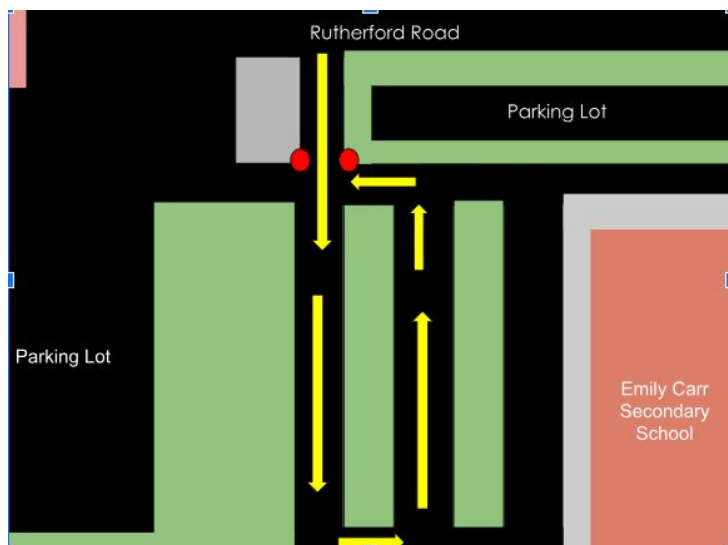
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### School Safety

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 your student.



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## Updates from Guidance

### York Region U.S. Region University Fair

October 25, 2023 between 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Thornhill Secondary School. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**Potential Graduates** are reminded to review the Post-Secondary Planning presentation that was shown in class and posted in the "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom. Counsellors are providing lunch-time drop in sessions for students to support questions related to post-secondary applications and scholarship planning.

#### Drop-in session dates, times, and location:

- *Applying to Ontario Universities* = Monday, October 16th, room 116, 11:00AM-11:30AM
- *Applying to Ontario Colleges* = Tuesday, October 17th, room 116, 11:00AM-11:30AM
- *Scholarship Planning* = Monday, October 23rd, room 116, 11:00AM-11:30AM

**Ontario Student Status Reports (OSSRs)** have also been distributed to all Potential Graduates in their period 1 class this week. It is important that ALL students review their information to ensure they are fulfilling their graduation and post-secondary requirements. Students have been provided with a checklist and exemplar in their "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom. Finally, students with a period 1 Study Period have been asked to pick theirs up from our Guidance Secretary, Mrs Catinella, in the Guidance Office this week.

**POST-SECONDARY FAIR: PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY NIGHT SAVE THE DATE!** Pathways to Opportunity is taking place in our cafetorium on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.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.

#### REMINDERS:

**The Ontario College Fair** is being held at the Enercare Centre - Hall B, Exhibition Place, Toronto on Wednesday, October 18 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 19 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See the hyperlinked [flyer](#).

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.

**Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night** is taking place on Thursday, October 26th, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. *A link to this virtual session will be sent out by YRDSB via email a few days before the event.* View the attached [flyer](#) for details and the link to register.



## Community News

- Have you checked your child's vision? York Region Vision Screening - please see the attached flyer for more details
- **Latin Heritage Month Meet and Greet** - Please see the attached invitations for more details!
- Click [here](#) for more information on the Level Up Skilled Trades Interactive Career Fair
- D&D Club returns on Sept. 9 and runs every other Saturday at 2:00pm at Pierre Berton (register on [Eventbrite](#)).
- Debate Club will return on Monday evenings, starting at 7pm on Sept. 11 at Pierre Berton (register on [Eventbrite](#))
- Financial Literacy Bootcamp will guide students in stock market and budgeting simulations, taking place on Tuesdays at 7pm starting on Sept. 19 (register on [Eventbrite](#))
- Virtual Reality Club returns to Pierre Berton every other Monday at 3:00 starting on Sept. 18 (no registration required)
- AmaZINE Tweens will guide students in designing their own mini-magazine, starting Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:00pm in the Maple Library (register on [Eventbrite](#))
- Teen Book Club returns to Bathurst Clark library on Thurs. Sept. 21 at 7:30pm and can also be joined virtually (register on [Eventbrite](#))



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On Wed., Nov. 1, 2023, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend. There will be no formal instruction/lessons for grade 9 students on November 1st.

Parents/Guardians must complete the [Informed Consent Google Form](#), sent to students’ GAPPS account, to indicate if their child will be engaging in a virtual or in-person job shadowing opportunity or choose the career exploration option that can be engaged at home or school as per the school’s discretion. This [Informed Consent Google Form](#) was sent today to students’ GAPPS accounts and is **due Wednesday, October 25, 2023**.

The Informed Consent Form asks parents/guardians to check-off the option that reflects the plans for their grade 9 child/ward on "Take Our Kids to Work Day"

- For students engaging in an in-person/virtual (live) job shadow placement, we ask parents/guardians to review the portion below the dotted line that follows.
- For students who cannot find a job shadow placement there is an asynchronous career exploration activity to be completed at home. Students/families must register for these online activities at <https://www.studentscommission.ca/en/take-our-kids-to-work>. All grade 9 students will receive an email in their GAPPS account with the required work to complete for November 1.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school.



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teachassist@yrdsb.ca  
To: parent\_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist  
<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678>

Once logged in, parents/guardians will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book a parent-teacher interview through TeachAssist, please click [here](#). If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

Some departments will have opportunities (blocked times in the teacher's schedule) for families to participate in a "Meet & Greet" where families will be able to meet and chat with different department members and see all the wonderful things that are happening in the department. Locations will be posted throughout the school.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on Thursday, October 26, 2023, please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements for another day.

### **Important Timelines**

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| October 17                             | Parents' Night schedule opens at (6:00p.m.) for booking. Parents/Guardians will go to the TeachAssist parent portal <a href="https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents">https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents</a> to book their appointment(s). |
| October 18                             | Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.   |
| October 23                             | Interview Scheduler closes at (6:00 p.m.)   |
| October 24                             | Parents receive confirmation email(s) from teachers.  |
| <b>October 26<br/>(6:00-8:00 p.m.)</b> | <b>Family Night (a.k.a. Interview Night)<br/>Teacher locations will be posted around the school</b>   |

Your partners in education,

Tanya-Lynn Paul  
Principal

Paula Borges  
Vice-Principal

Nadira Lawrence-Selan  
Vice-Principal





# AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Name

GENDER: M F OTHER

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ (YEAR/MONTH/DAY)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET NUMBER, NAME OF STREET, CITY AND POSTAL CODE)

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS IN CANADA: CANADIAN CITIZEN  PERMANENT RESIDENT  REFUGEE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT: Elementary Students pay \$72 Secondary Students pay \$108

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE: FIRST NATION  INUIT  METIS

FROM: **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 TO Thursday, March 30, 2023**

NOTE TO STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN: Punctuality and regular attendance are vital to the process of learning and the completion of this Program.

**STUDENT AGREEMENT** – My signature indicates my commitment to the Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

**PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL**- This student has my approval to enroll in the course listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

**PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL** (*original signature required please*).

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE DATE





Emily Carr Secondary School



# THE (MATH)<sup>2</sup> CLUB

**A GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY  
FOR GRADE 10 STUDENTS!**

**Walk In!**

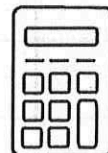
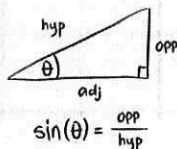
**Room 150 @ 11:00-11:30**

**Tuesday and Thursday for a 5 session series**



**Come to 1 or come to all!**

- 1. CALCULATOR TUTORIAL - OCT. 26/23**
- 2. SUBSTITUTING VALUES - OCT. 31/23**
- 3. EXPANDING AND SIMPLIFYING EXPRESSIONS - NOV. 2/23**
- 4. FACTORING PART 1 - NOV. 7/23**
- 5. FACTORING PART 2 - NOV. 9/23**





## What You'll Learn



### Undergraduate Programs

Pre-Medicine, Pre-Law, Engineering, Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Business, Arts/Design, Esports, Economics, Computer Science and more!



### Scholarships

Learn about all the scholarships and financial aid available for Canadian students!



### NCAA Sports

Are you a Canadian student-athlete? Join us to learn about the many sports offered by NCAA member schools!



### U.S. Admissions Process

Speak to U.S. representatives about the admissions process, standardized testing requirements, tuition/fees, scholarships, financial aid and more!



### Meet More Universities

Register to meet more universities this year for virtual and in-person fairs including Notre Dame, Michigan, UC Berkeley and more!



UNIVERSITY of  
ROCHESTER



TEMPLE  
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

RIT



MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY



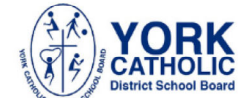
ELON  
UNIVERSITY

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

FERRIS FORWARD



Scan to  
Register



## York Region U.S. University Fair

25 Oct 2023 | 7 PM - 9PM

### Location:

Thornhill Secondary School

Organized by: CollegeTrackr Canada



# Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night

Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship  
in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Child and Youth Worker
Auto Body Technician	Plumber	Carpenter
Cook	Hairstylist	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Construction Craft Worker
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>

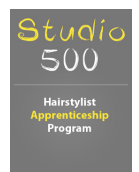


7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLITSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agent (TDA)

8:15 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

**Seneca**



# 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\*

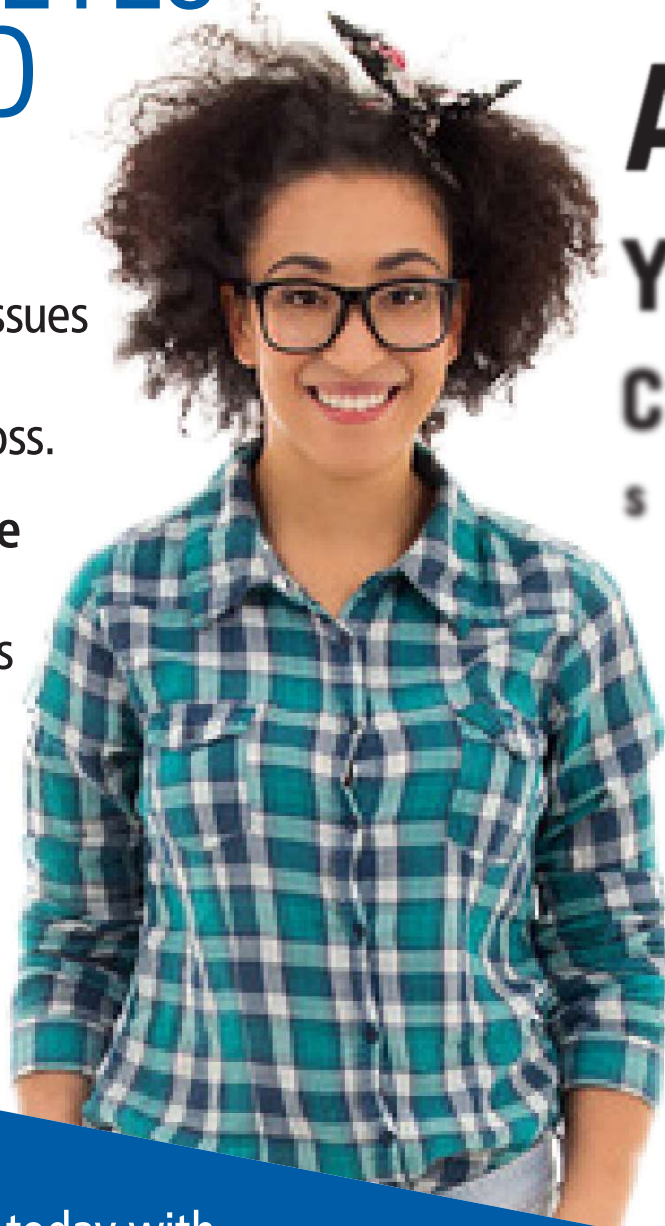
JUMP START YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANNING



# HAVE YOUR CHILD'S EYES CHECKED

Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.

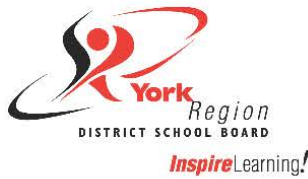


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Book an eye exam today with a local optometrist (eye doctor).

For more information please visit [york.ca/HealthyEyes](http://york.ca/HealthyEyes) or [findaneyedoctor.ca](http://findaneyedoctor.ca) #HealthyEyes

  
**York Region**



LEN

We are excited to invite all Latine/o/a/x identifying families and staff to join us for a  
**Latin Heritage Month Meet-and-Greet**

Bienvenidos! The York Region District School Board's Latine Educators Network is hosting its first meet and greet for all Latine/o/a/x families and staff.

You can look forward to community booths hosted by CCSYR (Catholic Community Services of York Region) as well as music, fun activities for the whole family and an opportunity to meet other Latine/Latino families.

Please join us on  
**October 19th 2023**  
**from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
at  
**Julliard Public School**  
61 Julliard Dr, Maple, ON L6A 3W7

For questions, please email  
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**LEN**

La red de educadores latinos del YRDSB (LEN) estamos muy orgullosos de invitarlos a su primer encuentro para educadores, personal y familias latinas de la región de York, en celebración por el mes de la Herencia Latina.

## **Latin Heritage Month Celebration and Meet and Greet**

El CCSYR (Catholic Community Services of York Region) tendrá puestos de información de los servicios que ofrece y también habrá música y actividades para toda la familia. Esta será una gran oportunidad para conocernos mejor como comunidad latina en la región de York.

Este encuentro será el

**October 19th 2023**

**de 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm**

tendra lugar en

**Julliard Public School**

61 Julliard Dr, Maple, ON L6A 3W7

**¡Esperamos su asistencia!**

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