

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

October 11, 2024

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Camp Coyote, Terry Fox Walk and Fall Fair

On Tuesday, October 1st, Emily Carr staff and students continued the Legacy of the Marathon of Hope by participating in our annual Terry Fox School Run Event. In keeping with a tradition that started in 2013, the entire school community united on the field to take a school photo. This year we selected the word TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More. Everyone at ECSS contributes to the big picture, working as a TEAM to make our school a welcoming place. After the event, we held our very first Fall Fair with many activities run by our Leadership students, SWAT (Students Working All Together) mentors, and various school clubs and teams. Grade 9 students participated in Coyote Camp activities throughout the day to build relationships amongst each other, student leaders, and staff. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year for everyone!



Senior Traditions at ECSS

Thursday morning we held our Senior Sunrise event and WHAT A SUCCESS! Our future grads were dressed warm and cozy while enjoying some hot chocolate and treats. Despite the extra early start to their day, they were very happy to attend and enjoyed their time together, while making memories at ECSS.

A special thank you to our Student Wellness club and our caretaking staff as well as Ms Racco, Ms Marinelli, Ms Caporiccio, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Farrugia, Ms Lawrence-Selan, Mr Fitzgerald, Ms Finelli, & Ms Milani for supporting this event. We look forward to our Senior Sunset event in the Spring!



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Extensions

Reception

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Attendance

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Guidance

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[School website](#)



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School News

Family Night



Please see the attached letter regarding Family Night, which will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at Emily Carr Secondary School.

Celebrate Muslim Heritage Month

Join York Region District School Board in celebrating Islamic Heritage Month this October at Emily Carr S.S.

Together, we'll honor the rich cultural, historical, and religious contributions of Muslims to society. This celebration is all about fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement while building a deeper understanding of our diverse society. Please see the attached flyer.

Coyote Pride

As members of our school community, it is important to treat our school with respect and care. Our school property, including washrooms, classrooms, hallways, libraries, and outdoor areas, are vital for a positive learning experience.

Please remind your child(ren) to:

1. **Keep Areas Clean:** Dispose of trash in garbage bins properly and tidy up.
2. **Handle Equipment with Care:** Use school materials and equipment responsibly to ensure they remain in good condition.
3. **Respect Shared Spaces:** Be considerate of others when using common areas such as school washrooms. Our washrooms are shared spaces that need everyone's cooperation to maintain.
4. **Report Issues:** If students notice any damage or need assistance, please report it to a teacher or staff member.

By following these guidelines, we can create a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

YRDSB Family Portal

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Important Dates

October - Islamic Heritage Month,
Latin Heritage Month, Women's
History Month

October 12 - Yom Kippur

October 15-16 - Interim Report
Cards Distributed

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

Student Engagement Fee

Hey Coyotes! There is so much happening at ECSS, and we would like to be able to support our clubs and teams financially, but we need your help! The student engagement fee is a voluntary fee that is used for activities in school life such as orientation programs, leadership programs, student recognition events, student clubs and organizations, sports teams, guest speakers, and other school events. Please consider supporting the school by paying this fee through School Cash Online. <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

Food Donations

Emily Carr Secondary School is looking for non-perishable food donations (eg. pasta sauce, pasta, canned vegetables) to distribute to families in need throughout the school year. If you are able, please help by dropping off your non-perishable food item donations to the main office. We appreciate your continued support to our school community. A HUGE thank you to all the families who have already contributed!

Visitors to Emily Carr Secondary School

All visitors must sign in at the main office before proceeding into the school. Students from other schools or students who used to attend Emily Carr Secondary School are not allowed on school grounds without permission. Likewise, Emily Carr Secondary School students should not be visiting other schools.

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.

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Updates from Guidance

There will be a Potential Graduate drop-in session related to **OUAC and OCAS applications** on Wednesday, October 16th. Details and location have been shared in the "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom.

Scholarship planning drop-in session is on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 11:00 am - 11:30 am in the Library Presentation room.

Take time to explore the [Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program \(APSIP\)](#). Please click [here](#) for dates.

The Student Wellness Team organized a successful **Senior Sunrise** event. We plan to organize a **Senior Sunset** in the Spring to continue with our ECSS tradition, allowing our students to make some more wonderful memories.

POST-SECONDARY FAIR: PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY NIGHT SAVE THE DATE! Pathways to Opportunity is taking place in our cafetorium on Thursday, November 14th 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.

Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night is taking place on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. View this hyperlink for [details](#) and this link to [register](#).

Study and Go Abroad Fair - Don't miss this opportunity to start planning your next step in education (at undergraduate or postgraduate level) or to travel abroad. Learn about university and college programs in Canada and abroad, scholarships, and travel, work and volunteer opportunities worldwide! This fair is running on Sunday, October 20th from 1 - 5 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Visit this [hyperlink](#) for more details.

The Ontario College Fair is being held at the Enercare Centre - Hall B, Exhibition Place, Toronto on Wednesday, October 16 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 17 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information. No registration is required.



EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT FEE

HELPS PAY FOR

- SCHOOL EVENTS:
 - SEMI FORMAL
 - CARR-NIVAL
 - GUEST SPEAKERS
- STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:
 - STEM CLUB
 - LEAD
 - JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND CHOIR
 - EMERGING ARTISTS AND PHOTO CLUB
 - STUDENT WELLNESS CLUB
 - GSA
 - MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION
 - SOUTH ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
 - ECO ACTION
 - CARR SCOOP
 - MLL CLUB AND BEST BUDDIES
 - GIRLZ CLUB
 - DECA AND HOSA
- SPORTS TEAMS:
 - SENIOR BOYS SOCCER
 - SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL
 - JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL
 - SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL
 - SENIOR BOYS GOLF
 - VARSITY SWIM
 - VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

PLEASE VISIT SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Dear Families,

Interview Night is on Thursday, October 24, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. Families can use TeachAssist, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Interview Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Families may access appointment bookings on **Tuesday, October 15 to Tuesday, October 22, 2024** through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>. From there, enter in your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a one time access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

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 an interview through TeachAssist, please click [here](#) or see below. If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on Thursday, October 24, 2024 , please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements for another day.

FORMAT OF THE EVENING

6:00-6:30 pm Staff Meet and Greet in the Atrium Lobby

6:30-8:00 pm - Parent/Guardian Teacher Meetings

IMPORTANT TIMELINES: OCTOBER 15-29, 2024

Tuesday, October 15 - Tuesday, October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interview Night Scheduler opens at 8:30 a.m. for booking.● Parents/Guardians will go to the TeachAssist parent portal https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents to book their appointment(s).● For instructions on how to book an interview through TeachAssist, please click here or see below.
Wednesday, October 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents /guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
Tuesday, October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Interview Night Scheduler closes to families at 3:30 pm.
Tuesday, Wednesday October 22-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teachers send an email to confirm appointment time and interview locations with families.
Thursday, October 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Staff Meet and Greet in the Atrium Lobby <u>6:00-6:30 pm</u>● Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews <u>6:30 to 8:00 pm</u> in classrooms with the teacher● Teacher locations will be posted throughout the school

Your partners in education,

The ECSS Admin Team



Get Together Celebrating Islamic Heritage Month

Join York Region District School Board in celebrating Islamic Heritage Month this October! Together, we'll honor the rich cultural, historical, and religious contributions of Muslims to society. This celebration is all about fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement while building a deeper understanding of our diverse society.

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Emily Carr Secondary School

Address: 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

Please register

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please register by Sunday, Oct 27, 2024



For more information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS): iscs@yrdsb.ca



Important Back-to-School Reminders

As we finish the first few weeks of school, we want to share a few important reminders and updates.

Contact Information

We ask families to **ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information**. This is important in case of emergencies and to ensure you receive important school communications. If your contact information has changed, please contact the school office. This includes phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

Family Portal

York Region District School Board is looking forward to launching a family portal later this year. The portal will make it easier for you to access information about your child's education in a secure and accessible way. To access the portal, it will be essential that the school has an updated email address for you. Please contact the school office if you need to update your email address. We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative with you soon.

School Start-Up Forms

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with a link to school start-up forms. **These forms must be completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year** as they contain information and permissions.

The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. Translated versions are also available.

Tips are available on the Board website if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms. Please note:

- You must sign in to your child's student GAPPS account to complete the form.
- You must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account.
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.
- 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.



Board Website

Helpful information can be found on the YRDSB website at www.yrdsb.ca. A translation tool at the top of each page can translate content into over 80 languages. On the website, you can find information about board programs and student supports, as well as [online tools for students](#), [community supports](#) and [family resources](#) such as [translation information](#) and the [Guide to the School Year](#).



Newsletter Insert



IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT

For students with SEA Technology

The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create **leadership opportunities**, hone **communication skills**, and increase **self-esteem** for students with SEA equipment within their school community.

The goal is to bring **awareness** to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning.

Applications Open: **October 15, 2024**

Applications Close: **December 6, 2024**

IGNITE your school and community now!
Go to www.yrdsb.ca/ignite now to learn how!

What To Expect



Undergraduate Programs

Business, STEM, Accounting, Finance, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Law, Engineering, Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Esports, Economics, Computer Science and more!



Scholarships

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



NCAA Sports

Join us at the fair to pick up flyers and an exclusive video resource sent from the NCAA to support Canada's student-athletes!



Ivy League+ Education

Join us at the fair to receive invitations to an upcoming online session with Harvard, UPenn, Stanford and Columbia University to learn about their Pre-College Programs for high school Canadian students!

Stanford | Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Harvard Summer School
HARVARD DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Penn Arts & Sciences
High School Programs

Meet US Universities



UCI University of California, Irvine



RIT



Carnegie Mellon University



[Click Here](#) or
Scan to Register



US University Fair for York Region

17 Oct 2024 | 6:30PM - 9PM ET

Location:

Sheraton Parkway North

Address:

600 Hwy 7, Richmond Hill, ON
L4B 1B2

Organized by: CollegeTrackr Canada

