



Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



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**PLEASE
NOTE:**

Message from Administration!

This week we had our first school council meeting for the school year. Thank you to the families that came to listen and share. We are in the process of a School Council Review and would love your input [please complete the survey here](#). We welcome all families to attend our next school council meeting which will be on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00pm.

We also hosted our Grade 9 Camp Coyote this week. Thank you to all of our wonderful staff who helped make this day a success. Check out Instagram for some pictures and videos of the day.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

PERIOD 1	8:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
PERIOD 2	9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
PERIOD 3 - LUNCH	10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
PERIOD 4	12:05 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.
PERIOD 5	1:25 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Contact Us

Phone 905-850-5012

Extensions

Reception 0


Attendance 1


Guidance 3

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Online

[School website](#)

 @emilycarrss

 @emilycarryrdsb

Administration

Principal
[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)



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

[School Council](#)

Lisa Rapisardi (co-chair)
Andre Tsopelas (co-chair)

Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



School News

Yearbook pickup

Students who ordered a yearbook, they will be available for pick up on Tuesday, September 26 and Wednesday, September 27 at lunch in the conference room by the main office.

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.

YRDSB safety week

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, building occupants and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 25 to 29, 2023) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.



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Thursday, September 28

- Terry Fox Day (rain date Sept. 29)

Saturday, September 30

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Tuesday, October 3

- ECSS Club Fair

Monday, October 9

- Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 10

- Photo Retake Day

Helpful Links

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

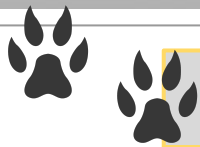
[Kids Help Phone Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

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

School start up forms

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.

Please note:

- You **must be signed in to your child's student GAPPS account** to complete the form. Please remember to sign out of one account before signing into another. Additional information is available on the Board website on [how to login to the student account to complete the forms](#).
- If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office.
- Parents/guardians 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.

Student engagement fee

Please consider supporting non-curricular events and activities at Emily Carr by paying the student engagement fee. Check out School Cash Online for details.



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A Message from the Student Services (Special Education) Department

The Student Services Department would like to welcome everyone to the 2023-24 school year! We hope your child(ren) had a great first week at school.

1. We are in the process of assigning a SERT to each student in the department. This process should be completed this week. Once completed, SERTs will reach out to students by email to let them know who they are, and will meet with them face-to-face over the coming weeks. You will also receive an email from the SERT introducing themselves.
2. Your child's SERT will be creating their IEP. IEPs are updated every year. New IEPs will be distributed by Oct. 18th. You will receive an IEP Consultation Form in your SERT introduction email, should you wish to provide input to your child's IEP.
3. Your child's SERT should be their (and your) main point of contact, however your child may be supported by other SERTs in the department (ex; in class, in the resource room). Should your child require anything outside of their regular support, they should reach out to their SERT for assistance (by email or phone or by booking an appointment with them).

We recognize that not all families will have children that have been identified as requiring special education support. We want to ensure that we do not miss any families who are new to Special Education or may be in the process of accessing support.

School information for students grades 9-12

Students in grades 9-12 will be invited in the next day or so to grade specific classrooms. This is where important school information will be posted by the Main Office, Student Council, Guidance, Coop, the Leadership class, and many other school groups. Students will be given an opportunity early next week in their homeroom classes to join these Google Classrooms to help ensure they don't miss out on upcoming events, opportunities, and deadlines.



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Updates from Guidance

The **CYC** is now accepting applications for Fall 2023 program term which provides volunteer hours as well as leadership, mentorship and networking opportunities. Students will be put into teams to build theme projects. Please apply using the following form: <https://forms.gle/s1J2aPJtW5Kwya8EA>. Please see the attached flyer.

QLEAD is an annual four-day conference held in November where select grade 11 and 12 students across Canada get the opportunity to learn about business and develop their leadership capabilities. The QLEAD conference is the best representation of what being a Smith Commerce student is like, prior to entering the program. Applications to attend QLEAD are open until **September 30th, 2023, at 11:59pm** at the following link: <https://www.qleadofficial.com/delegates>. Please see the attached flyer.

Aurora Public Library will hold a College/University Fair on October 2 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. We have more than 40 institutions from different parts of the world participating this year. The link of the event and list of participating institutions can be accessed here:

<https://aurora.bibliocommons.com/events/64dbac7f5a7c6130008c42c8> Please see the attached flyer.



Community News

- The York Region Presidents' Council (YRPC), the YRDSB's official student senate, invites all secondary students to their first General Assembly (GA) of the 2023–2024 school year. Secondary school students, please check your GAPPS accounts for more information.
- 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](#)).

FALL 2023 PROGRAM



Sept. 30th - Dec. 16th - Saturday 9-11am

Leadership Opportunities

Participate in leadership panels with private sector, and non-profit leaders

Volunteer Opportunities

A variety of diverse opportunity

Personal Growth

Personal reflection journey, strength finding exercises, and mentorship

APPLY NOW

Scan the QR code or click link below to apply



Mentored by Professionals

40+ Volunteer Hours

PAID Summer Jobs

CAS hours & experience

Reference Letter for Applications



Win the CYC Award!
2 weeks fully paid scholarship to study at Cambridge University
Summer 2023

PILLARS & THEMES

Caring for the Environment
and Green Transportation



Anti-Racism, Inclusivity
and Multiculturalism



Caring for Seniors and
Positive Mentorship



Public Service and
Media



QUEEN'S LEADERSHIP, EXCELLENCE, AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



WHEN

NOVEMBER 16-19, 2023

WHERE

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
THE SMITH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

WHAT IS QLEAD?

A conference for senior high school students that combines business and leadership. Each year, we welcome 150 delegates to our event, which to participate in workshops, listen to speakers, and compete in business simulations to give students a taste of the corporate world.



WHAT TO EXPECT?

Thursday

- Meet the Executive Team
- Business Stock Simulation
- Networking Events

Friday

- Campus Tours
- Business Workshops
- Case Competition
- Talent Show

Saturday

- Queen's Youth Entrepreneurship Competition
- Leadership Challenge
- Business Workshop & Keynote Speaker
- Semi-Formal

Sunday

- Queen's Commerce Student and Professor Panel

WHY QLEAD?



Expand your network of connections



Develop your leadership skills and business acumen



Get a true taste of the Commerce program and Queen's University



WHEN TO APPLY?

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September 30th @ 11:59PM

WHERE TO APPLY?

Check your email for the link to the
application

Have questions? Reach out to us at information@qleadofficial.com



Aurora Public Library

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY FAIR

MONDAY OCT 2
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Visit for a full list of
participating & colleges:



Plan For Your Future

Choosing the right college and the right program is a big decision.

Register to attend in person tours of Ontario colleges at APL and meet representatives from various colleges and universities across Canada.

Learn about schools and programs and have any of your questions answered about enrollment, scholarships, financial loans and aid and more to see if the school is the right fit for you.