



Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

September 29, 2023

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**PLEASE
NOTE:**

Message from Administration!

Another great week at Emily Carr Secondary School. This week we had our Terry Fox Day. Thank you to the staff and students that helped make the day successful!



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

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[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)



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[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

School Council

Congratulations to our school council members for the 2023/2024 school year:

- Co-Chairs - Ajay Kumar and Andre Tsopelas
- Secretary - Lisa Rapisardi
- Treasurer - Joanne van der Leeuw

We welcome all families to attend our next school council meeting which will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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.

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.



Important Dates

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

Letter to families

Attached to this newsletter you will find a family letter that details semester 1 midterm reporting dates for all students; full disclosure dates for all students in Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 courses; and key dates and information for potential graduates applying to Ontario colleges and/or universities.

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.

The Centre for Black Student Excellence

Please see the attached newsletter that is dedicated to educating families about resources in the YRDSB.



Tuesday, October 3 at lunch

Please encourage your child to pass by our Clubs Fair at lunch in the big gym on October 3rd and sign up to be part of a club!



Save the date

Formerly known as Interview Night is happening *Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.* We will share more detailed information about the evening at a later date. Hope to see you there!



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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.

Community and Partnership Developers (CPD's) Supports for Schools, Students & Families

Please see the attached flyer for a message from Inclusive Schools and Community Services regarding supports for schools, students and families.



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Updates from Guidance

Guidance appointment bookings are open. Students can book appointments through TeachAssist. Instructions on how to make appointments are posted on the Guidance tab of the ECSS website and in myBlueprint under the heading “RESOURCES”.

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.

Potential Graduates will be viewing a presentation in their period 4 classes next week which will share information about post-secondary planning, the application process, and deadlines. This video will also be posted in the “All Things Grade 12” Google Classroom.



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](#)).



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Ms. T. Paul
Principal

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Vice-Principal

September 29, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We hope this correspondence finds you and your family well.

The purpose of this email is to share:

1. semester 1 midterm reporting dates for all students;
2. full disclosure dates for all students in Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 courses; and
3. key dates and information for potential graduates applying to Ontario colleges and/or universities.

Semester 1 Midterm Reporting - All students

York Region District School Board will be issuing electronic copies of the Semester 1 midterm report cards between November 20-22. The electronic copy will be sent to the student's GAPS email and instructions on how to access the report will be emailed to all families prior to their release.

Full Disclosure for Grade 11 and Grade 12 Courses

For 2023-2024, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be 5 instructional days from the last possible date the mid-semester report is issued (i.e. November 22). The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is November 29, 2023. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course on or prior to November 29, 2023, then the course will not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course after the Full Disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column, and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates

Identifying information will be shared through a secure transmission to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) to support students with their application to post-secondary institutions. Potential graduates who are not planning to apply to an Ontario college or university this school year, and who do not wish to have their data shared must notify their guidance counsellor by Thursday October 5, 2023.

Semester 1 midterm marks will be shared with OCAS and OUAC on November 17, 2023. Students in Grade 11 and 12 courses will be notified of their report card mark by their classroom teacher by November 13, 2023. Potential graduates who are applying to an Ontario college and/or university who are planning to drop a course are encouraged to connect with their guidance counsellor in advance of these dates. Guidance appointments can be booked through TeachAssist.

Please review the timelines below:

October 5 Deadline for potential graduates who are not planning on applying to an Ontario college or university to notify their Guidance Counsellor if they do not want data shared with OCAS/OUAC this school year.

October 10-13 Students will receive a secure communication in their GAPPS email which provides information needed for their applications, including their OEN (required for college applications only), school MIDENT# (BSID)

November 13 Teachers will share mid semester mark updates with students in Grade 11 and 12 courses.

November 13 Potential graduates applying to an Ontario college or university that are planning to drop a course, and do not wish to have the course mark shared with OUAC/OCAS are advised to connect with their Guidance Counsellor by November 17.

November 17 School will upload all Semester 1 midterm and/or final marks (for quadmester courses) for all grade 11 and 12 courses to OUAC and OCAS

November 29 This is the full disclosure date which is the final day that a student, in a Grade 11 or 12 course, may drop a course in order that it not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact the Guidance Department to discuss your questions.

Sincerely,



Tanya-Lynn Paul

Principal

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter | October 2023

We are thrilled to welcome you back to our Centre for Black Student Excellence newsletter dedicated to educating families about resources in York Region District School Board in alignment under the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy Implementation Plan. This platform will be your source of inspiration, education, and connection as we work together to foster a more equitable and inclusive educational environment.

Through this newsletter, we aim to share stories, resources, and initiatives that promote understanding, unity, and positive change. We believe that by amplifying diverse voices and engaging in meaningful conversations, we can create a more inclusive future for all.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. Your commitment to diversity and inclusion is a powerful force for change, and we look forward to the progress we can make together.

Warm regards,

The Centre for Black Excellence
www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence

Upcoming Community Events and Announcements

Aurora Black Community Voice Fyah Side Chat **September 29, 2023 - 7:00-8:00 p.m. , Aurora Library and Virtual**

A time for residents and community partners to share feedback and ideas and ask questions as we plan for a successful BH 2024.

For more information, contact: abc@aurorablackcommunity.com

Youth School Success Initiative, After School Program

YSSI: empower Black Youth (Grades 6-8) for High School Success! Personalized academic support, culturally relevant curriculum, and life skills development. Fostering community, boosting confidence and celebrating diversity. Join us for a brighter future.

Register and to learn more, visit: www.macca1987.com/YSSI

City of Markham Mayor's Black Youth Liaison

The Mayor's Black Youth Liaison is a committee dedicated to representing a voice for Black youth in the City of Markham. MBYL strives to empower and uplift youth through valuable initiatives and advocacy. As a part of the committee, you will be asked to plan events, discuss issues facing Black youth, and develop initiatives to enhance the Black youth experience within the City of Markham.

Apply today at www.markham.ca/MBYL

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

[Omo Virtual Campus](#)

Discover an interactive Africentric world:

- Free drop-in virtual tutoring where students can get homework and assignment help in real-time.
- Live chat and interactive features.
- Curated spaces specifically design to centre and uplift Black students.

To learn more, watch [this video](#) or visit [Parents of Black Children](#).

[Sankofa Mentoring Cultural Identity Programs \(Free\)](#)

The free Sankofa Mentoring Program provides Black students in grades 4-12 with a powerful African-centred curriculum founded on the Ngozi Saba principles. Students can participate in various activities such as cultural games, drumming, creating storybooks for children, field trips, listening to guest speakers, learning about Black Heroes and Sheroes, as well as studying African languages.

[Learn more](#) about the Sankofa Mentoring Program (Grades 7-12), Sankofa Identity Program (Grades 6-8), and Storytelling Program (Grades 4-6).

[NACCA Programs](#)

NACCA offers culturally relevant Mental Health Education and Counselling support programs for Black youth and families; financial literacy program; educational programs for the entire family; food security program; presentations and workshops to educate about racial prejudice & bias to reduce discrimination; annual scholarship program and more!

[Learn more.](#)

Partners

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/ Caribbean heritage. You can follow them on Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](#)

Learn more about Black community agencies that provide supports in your area:

[Aurora Black Community \(ABC\)](#)

[ANCHOR \(Formerly Vaughan African Canadian Association \(VACA\)\)](#)

[BYR \(Black York Region Youth\)](#)

[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association \(MACCA\)](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association \(NACCA\)](#)

[Parents of Black Children](#)

[The Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\)](#)

[York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities \(YRAACC\)](#)

To request support from a member of the Centre for Black Student Excellence team please email BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Inclusive School & Community Services Community and Partnership Developers (CPD's) Supports for Schools, Students & Families



Through building and maintaining strong collaborative partnerships with school communities, community organizations and social service agencies, the **CPD's** respond to the emerging needs of your school community.

To ensure that the diverse needs of your school community are met, we deliver equitable and inclusive education practices by providing programs and resources along with direct support for students, parents and staff.

We support schools, students and families with:

- school community initiatives
- extracurricular programs
- community outreach and engagement
- nutrition programs
- parenting supports and education
- newcomer supports
- summer programs
- community resources and supports
- issues of equity and inclusivity
- student and parent engagement
- early years
- transition to high school and post-secondary
- opportunities for youth
- basic needs (food, clothing, medical, housing,)
- technology
- professional development
- affirming identity

We support your school community, students and families of all needs and backgrounds in York Region through various community resources and supports. Additionally, we also support all YRDSB schools regionally with our areas of specializations.

Community and Partnership Developers (CPD) for CEC West Area

OKSANA MAJASKI

CEC West Area: Elementary & Secondary Schools
Regional Specialization: Anti-Sex Trafficking & Ukrainian Newcomers
Phone: 416-568-2252 Email: Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

DIANA TALIS

Regional Specialization: Jewish Community
Phone: 905-884-2046 ext. 324
Email: diana.talis@yrdsbca

For more information or supports please feel free to phone, email or use the following [ISCS Support Referral Form](#) (linked)