# Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



## 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

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#### Message from Administration:

As we enter Week 4 of Semester 2, we want to take a moment to recognize the important role you play in supporting your child's success. Establishing strong routines, fostering positive relationships, and encouraging engagement in learning are key to their growth.

This week, we encourage you to continue checking in on your child's well-being and academic progress. If they are facing challenges, please connect with their teachers or school staff to explore available supports. Your partnership and involvement make a meaningful difference in their educational journey.

#### Attendance

The goal of our attendance policy is to have students attend all classes.. It has been clearly demonstrated that regular attendance is one of the most important contributors to success at school.

When a student is going to be absent for the day, the school is to be informed by a telephone call/e-mail from the parent/guardian before 7:50 a.m. on the day of the absence. A message may be left on the school voice mail of the attendance secretary (905) 850-5012 ext.101 or email <u>emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca</u>.

#### **Carr Scoop Newspaper**

The latest edition of the Carr Scoop is out. Please scan here to view:



## February 21, 2025

## **Contact Us**

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#### Administration

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#### Superintendent

<u>Otilia Olteanu</u>

Trustee

Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair



# School News

# Families planning to move or students not returning in September

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

#### **Emily Carr's Pantry Program**

The Pantry Program is meant to fill a specific gap in food access at school: confidential, anonymous, and drop-in access to healthy food. Should you require support, please review the attached flyer.

#### Summer Company

Summer Company provides mentorship from Vaughan's business community, along with a pipeline of tools, skills, connections, and resources required to turn goals into reality.

Young entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to get up to \$3,000 in provincial grant funding to kick-start their business.

To learn more please visit <u>Eventbrite</u> for more session information.

#### **Chinese Arts and Literary Festival**

This festival aims to deepen participants' understanding of Chinese cultural heritage, promote appreciation and respect for cultural diversity, and enhance social harmony. <u>Register by March 5, 2025.</u>

#### Roots, Rauch and Resilience Group Workshop hosted by Jewish Family and Child Service

Join the JF&CS for a 4-week group workshop starting on March 4, 2025. For students in Grades 6-8. Dinner will be served. <u>Please</u> register.

#### **Important Dates**

February - Black History Month, Chinese Heritage Month

March - Bangladeshi Heritage Month, Persian Heritage Month, Hellenic Heritage Month

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 8, 2025 -International Women's Day

March 10-14, 2025 - March Break

#### **Helpful Links**

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS: <u>Kids Help Phone</u> <u>Report It (YRDSB)</u>

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students: <u>310-COPE:</u> 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) available 24/7 KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7

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# Updates from Guidance

**COURSE SELECTIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR** are now closed. Thank you to families for following up with their student(s) to ensure the deadline was met. Students interested in summer school will be able to register in the Spring once information is shared by the Continuing Education department.

**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. The upcoming break in March will have a number of great opportunities for students and families to attend.

# **Emily Carr Secondary School**



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## **ITEMS THAT WE HAVE**

Canned Foods Pasta/Rice Cereals Granola Bars Snack Items Personal Hygiene Items

# Black History Month Celebration

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner.

Dates: Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.

Register by February 21, 2025.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.

Register by February 28, 2025.

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This event will feature:

- Interactive Performances
- Student Showcases
- Dinner will be provided

Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!

#### **To Register**

Please fill out a registration form.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to <u>blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca</u>



# FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH





# A Compassionate Approach to Support Your Child's emotional well-being

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to understand and manage their emotions in a constructive way. We aim to foster their mental well-being and equip them with coping skills that serve them throughout their lives.

本次研讨会将探讨如何帮助你的孩子理解和以建设 性的方式处理他们的情绪。我们的目标是促进他们 的心理健康,并为他们提供应对技巧,让他们终生受 益。

這次的講座將探討如何幫助你的孩子理解和以建設 性的方式處理他們的情緒。我們的目標是促進他們 的心理健康,並為他們提供應對技巧,讓他們終生受 益。

To register for a Mandarin session: <u>点击这里报名普通话讲座</u> or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session: <u>點擊這裡報名粵語講座</u> or scan the QR code





# Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

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

Date: Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025

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 <u>charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca</u>

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



# SUMMER CO-OP

# 2024-2025

www.yrdsb.ca/summer-pathway

# SHSM 2-Credit Co-op

#### Mackenzie Health & Scarborough Health Network

The SHSM Summer Co-op Program is for SHSM students in the Health & Wellness or Business sectors (for non-clinical positions), interested in working at Mackenzie Health or Scarborough Health Network.

Application is limited to SHSM students entering Grade 12 who could not schedule Co-op into their regular timetables.

Registration opens February 14, 2025 and closes on February 24, 2025.

# 2-Credit Co-op

The 2-credit summer co-op program is a blended learning model running from May 6, 2025 to August 1, 2025. Preplacement classes will take place inperson and virtually from 5:00-9:00 pm. In-person classes will take place at Richmond Green Secondary School at 1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9.

Registration opens February 14, 2025 and closes on March 7, 2025.

#### REGISTRATION



PROGRAN

# 1-Credit Co-op

Students will participate in virtual and inperson learning with their Co-op teacher and in-person/virtual Co-op placements in their community from July 2, 2025 to July 25, 2025. Location of the in-person classes is to be determined at a later date.

# Registration opens February 14, 2025 and closes on March 7, 2025.

REGISTRATION

# 1-Credit ALEP

1-Credit ALEP is available to students in grades 10-12 interested in earning a credit in July through paid employment.

Employers must meet with the summer ALEP teacher for a placement assessment before students are accepted into the program.

Registration will happen through My Pathways Planner in April.



Summer Co-op Information Session February 12, 2025 4PM - 5PM Register at: <u>yrdsb.cc/summercoopinfo</u>



\*All summer pathways programs are subject to enrollment and staffing for programs to run.



# Family Dashboard



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# A Home

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# Welcome to the YRDSB Family Dashboard

The dashboard will give you secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for you to engage with your child's education.

# Register today at family.yrdsb.ca.

# Setting up your account

- 1. Visit family.yrdsb.ca.
- 2. Click "No account? Create one" under the email.
- 3. Enter the email address you have on file at your child's school, and click the Next Button.
- 4. Check your email, you will receive an email with a one-time code that expires within 30 minutes in order to confirm your identity. Enter that code on the account creation screen.

# Once your email has been validated you will be asked to:

- 1. Create a password. Passwords must be between 8-256 characters and include three of the four following types of characters: lowercase characters; uppercase characters, numbers (0-9); symbols
- 2. Enter a Display Name (your parent/guardian name).
- 3. Enter the following information about your child or one of your children for further verification:

If you use the same email address for your children's schools, all of your children will show in the dashboard once you have registered.

- a. Student Number (is the same number as their GAPPS ID, or is available in EDBSY)
- b. Student Birthdate
- c. Student Home Address Postal Code

For more tips and frequently asked questions, visit <u>www2.yrdsb.ca/family-resources</u> and click on the Need Help button for the Family Dashboard.



# Understanding and Navigating the Education System



# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

## Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

## Monday, February 24, 2025 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

### Agenda:

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation on Special Education
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session

# Please register ASAP. A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



# Register now.

If you require further information, please contact BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca





# Join the City of Vaughan's Transportation Youth Ambassador Program!

This program is an exciting initiative that empowers youth to participate in municipal transportation decision-making.

As an ambassador, you will:

- gain valuable work experience with City staff.
- contribute to innovative transportation projects and initiatives.
- have your voice heard on transportation issues.

# Who can apply?

Vaughan secondary school students who are passionate about transportation and community involvement.





# vaughan.ca/YouthAmbassador





# WINTER WISDOM WEBINARS

# How to Pay for College

This 50-minute webinar will cover information to help alleviate students' (and parents') worries about the cost of post-secondary education in Canada.

Topics covered include average costs of college/university, types of financial aid (scholarships, bursaries, crowd-funding, etc.,) overview of OSAP & how to apply, lists of useful resources.

#### Lunch Session: WED. JANUARY 15 AT 12:00 PM

Evening Session: WED. FEBRUARY 26 AT 6:00 PM

# **Discover Apprenticeships & Skilled Trades**

Demand for qualified personnel in the Skilled Trades is growing and could be your path towards a fulfilling career. In two to five years, you can complete your professional training while being paid for the work you do in the process.

This 50-minute webinar will take a high-level look at apprenticeships and how you might pursue your training, while providing some useful resources and insight into the potential of careers within the Skilled Trades

#### Evening Session: THURS. JANUARY 30 AT 6:00 PM

## How to Apply to College

Programs at George Brown College can be the gateway to your first career, a means to take yourself to the next level, or a tool to open up entirely new possibilities.

This 50-minute webinar for *domestic* students will lead a step-by-step walkthrough of applying to full-time programs at College, taking note of key dates and covering frequently asked questions.

Evening Session: WED. JANUARY 22 AT 6:00 PM