

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

June 20, 2025

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Message from Administration:

Dear Families,

As we head into the final few days of exams, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the school year.

A reminder that **Mark Review Day** will take place on **Wednesday, June 25**.

We wish all of our students a strong finish to the school year and a restful, well-deserved summer ahead! We're proud of all that our students have accomplished this year and look forward to a strong finish.

YRDSB School Year Calendar

The YRDSB 2025-2026 school year calendars have been approved by the Ministry. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>.

Contact Us

Phone **905-850-5012**

Extensions

Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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Online

[School website](#)



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Administration

Principal

Tanya-Lynn Paul

Vice Principals

Nadira Lawrence-Selan (A-L)

Samuel Gangbar (M-Z)

[School Council](#)

Co-Chair - Andre Tsopelas

Co-Chair - Lisa Rapisardi

Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



School News

Ordering Graduation Flowers in Advance

Graduation is taking place at La Primavera on June 26 at 6:30 pm. We ask that all students arrive for 5:45 pm to ensure that they can be marshalled correctly. Pre-order your flowers using the below link:

<https://www.thecommentgroup.com/emilycarrss>

Family Dashboard

As we reach the end of the school year, schools will be sharing student report cards by June 30 for elementary schools and July 10 for secondary schools. Report cards will be available in the Family Dashboard until July 30. You will receive an email when your child's report card is available.

For families who do not yet have a Family Dashboard account, you can sign up for an account at any time at family.yrdsb.ca. You can find information on how to create an account [on the Board website](#) or in this [instructional video](#).

The Family Dashboard gives parents/guardians secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education.

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



Updates from Guidance

2025-2026 TIMETABLES: Counsellors are currently working on timetables for next school year. If there are any conflicts with a student's timetable, counsellors will be reaching out to students directly via their gapps accounts to work through possible solutions to complete timetables. We ask that parents/guardians assist by encouraging your ECSS student to check their gapps email daily.

SUMMER SCHOOL QUESTIONS: If you have a question related to **in-person or remote** summer school, please email continuing.education@yrdsb.ca. If you have a question related to **online learning (asynchronous)** summer school, please email online.learning@yrdsb.ca.

MARK TRANSMISSIONS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES: Final marks will be sent by the main office to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) by Friday, July 4, 2025. Marks will be sent again at the beginning of August after the completion of summer school.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: If students are planning to complete some or all of their Community Involvement Hours over the summer and have not yet received guidance approval, please make sure the hours completed are [eligible](#). You can find the *Notification and Completion of the Community Involvement Activities Form* [here](#).

AQUATIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - REGISTRATION FOR PART 1 IS NOW OPEN: In Part 1 of the program, the students work on the Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1) course. Embedded in the course are the Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications. In order to receive the PAQ2O1 credit, students must demonstrate the expectations in the Ontario Curriculum which go beyond the Lifesaving Society's certifications. Please refer to the flyer below for more information.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter for June is now available. Please refer to the [link](#) for more details and for the Summer Wellness Guide.



Parents and Families of our school community

Summer Support

The Community Partnership Developer (CPD) will be available throughout the summer to provide direct support for students and families through partnerships with community organizations and social service agencies.

We support students and families with:

- community outreach and engagement
- nutrition and food supports
- parenting supports and education
- student and parent engagement
- newcomer support
- early years and transition to high school
- locating services and/or community resources
- mental health resources
- basic needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- advocacy
- Human Trafficking support (sex and labour trafficking)

If at any time, you are facing difficulties, challenges or require information please directly contact:

Oksana Majaski, Community Partnership Developer, YRDSB

Phone: 416-568-2252

Email: Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

York Region District School Board and The Town of Aurora, The City of Markham, The City of Richmond Hill and the City of Vaughan
Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 1 Program Information and Dates – Fall 2025

	Town of Aurora Part 1 – PAQ2O1	City of Markham Part 1 – PAQ2O1	City of Richmond Hill Part 1 – PAQ2O1	City of Vaughan Part 1 – PAQ2O1
Location	Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex 1400 Wellington St. East Aurora, ON L4G 7B6 905-726-4770	Milliken Mills Community Centre 7600 Kennedy Rd Markham, ON L3R 9S5 905-477-6410	The Wave Pool 5 Hopkins St. Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0C1 905-508-9283	Dufferin Clark Community Centre 1441 Clark Ave. W. Thornhill ON, L4J 7R4 905-832-8554
Course	Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1) <i>The Lifesaving Society’s Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1) <i>The Lifesaving Society’s Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1) <i>The Lifesaving Society’s Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1) <i>The Lifesaving Society’s Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>
Dates	Mondays and Wednesdays September 17, 2025 – January 14, 2026	Tuesdays and Thursdays September 23, 2025 – January 15, 2026	Mondays and Wednesdays September 17, 2025 – January 14, 2026	Tuesdays and Thursdays September 23, 2025 – January 15, 2026
Time	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Pool and Classroom Dates	September 17, 22, 24, 29 October 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 January 7, 12	September 18, 23, 25 October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 30 November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 December 2, 4, 9, 11, January 8, 13	September 17, 22, 24, 29 October 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 January 7, 12	September 18, 23, 25 October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 30 November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 December 2, 4, 9, 11, January 8, 13
Remote Learning Only Dates	October 1, 27, 29 December 17 January 5, 14	September 30 October 23, 28 December 16 January 6, 15	October 1, 27, 29 December 17 January 5, 14	September 30 October 23, 28 December 16 January 6, 15
Eligibility	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be 13 years of age • currently attend a Secondary School • be able to swim 400 metres 	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be 13 years of age • currently attend a Secondary School • be able to swim 400 metres 	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be 13 years of age • currently attend a Secondary School • be able to swim 400 metres 	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be 13 years of age • currently attend a Secondary School • be able to swim 400 metres
Cost	\$225	\$200	\$200	\$200
Registration	https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-programs-nav/school-programs/aquatic-leadership-program			

York Region District School Board and The Town of Aurora, The City of Markham, The City of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan, and the Town of East Gwillimbury

	Town of Aurora Part 2 – PLF4M1	City of Markham Part 2 – PLF4M1	City of Richmond Hill Part 2 – PLF4M1	City of Vaughan Part 2 – PLF4M1	Town of East Gwillimbury Part 1 – PAQ2O1
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Course	Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1) <i>The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1) <i>The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1) <i>The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1) <i>The Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>	Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open (PAQ2O1) <i>The Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum.</i>
Dates	Mondays and Wednesdays February 9, 2026 - June 22, 2026	Tuesdays and Thursdays February 10, 2026 - June 9, 2026	Mondays and Wednesdays February 9, 2026 - June 22, 2026	Tuesdays and Thursdays February 10, 2026 - June 9, 2026	Tuesdays and Thursdays February 17, 2026 – June 4, 2026
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Remote Learning Only Dates	March 11, 23, 30 May 2, 20 June 22	March 24, 26 April 25 May 7, 14 Jun 9	March 11, 23, 30 May 2, 20 June 22	March 24, 26 April 25 May 7, 14 Jun 9	February 26 March 31 April 2 May 21, 26 June 4
Eligibility	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid (current certifications preferred); be 15 years of age by test dates currently attend a Secondary School must have completed any Secondary School Phys. Ed Course 	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid (current certifications preferred); be 15 years of age by test dates currently attend a Secondary School must have completed any Secondary School Phys. Ed Course 	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid (current certifications preferred); be 15 years of age by test dates currently attend a Secondary School must have completed any Secondary School Phys. Ed Course 	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hold Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid (current certifications preferred); be 15 years of age by test dates currently attend a Secondary School must have completed any Secondary School Phys. Ed Course 	Participants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be 13 years of age currently attend a Secondary School be able to swim 400 metres
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Aquatic Leadership Program – Program Information and Dates – Winter 2026

Part 2: Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1)

Includes the Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification are embedded in the Ontario Curriculum

Ministry of Education - Ontario Secondary School Credit and Lifesaving Society Certifications:

- 1 Secondary School Credit – Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College (PLF4M1)
- Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification
- Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification

Prerequisites

Students must:

- hold Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid (current certifications preferred)
- be 15 years of age by test dates
- currently attend a Secondary School, and must have completed any Secondary School Phys. Ed Course



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VIRTUAL SUMMER TEEN MENTORING PROGRAM

What to expect:

- Secondary students matched with an elementary student
- Matches meet 1 hour, twice a week in a supervised group setting via a virtual platform (Link sent on confirmation)
- Build new friendships and enhance social skills
- Practice leadership & communication skills
- Play Interactive Games and Team building activities
- Participate in Workshops,
- Fun arts and crafts (match kit and materials provided)!

JULY 28TH TO AUG 25TH

**FOR STUDENTS
IN GRADES 9 TO 12**

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
FROM 11AM-12PM**

Via TEAMS

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

