

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



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Message from Administration:

As we approach the final week before exams, we want to thank you for your continued support throughout the academic term. These next days are crucial for our students as they consolidate their learning and prepare to showcase their hard work.

We kindly ask for your support in the following areas:

1. **Establish a Study Routine:** Encourage regular revision sessions at home. Help your child balance study and rest to avoid burnout.
2. **Minimize Distractions:** Create a quiet, focused environment for learning and review.
3. **Ensure Attendance:** Every day counts. These last weeks include important practice sessions.
4. **Healthy Habits:** Encourage good nutrition, adequate sleep, and stress-relief practices to keep students in top form.

Exam timetables have been shared. Please review them with your child and help them plan accordingly. If you have any concerns or need support, don't hesitate to contact us.

Please note that cafeteria service will also end on Friday, June 13, 2025.

Math EQAO - June 2025

Students taking Grade 9 De-streamed Math will be writing Math EQAO on June 10 and June 11, 2025. Families should have received an email communication. Students supported with an IEP or have an ESL/ELL identification should have received a letter from their Math teacher.

Contact Us

Phone 905-850-5012

Extensions

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Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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[Otilia Olteanu](#)

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School News

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>.

Ordering Graduation Flowers in Advance

Graduation is taking place at La Primavera on June 26. Pre-order your flowers using the below link:

<https://www.thecommcementgroup.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.

Please note, you can still request a printed copy of your child's report card if you prefer by contacting your child's school.

As we wrap up the school year, we also want to remind families that it's important that the school has updated contact information for students and parents/guardians, including home address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contacts. This will ensure that the school can contact families in case of emergency, and also that you continue to receive important communications and updates from the school. Please contact the school directly with any changes.

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

Admission Information Service (AIS) Opens - Starting June 4, 2025, Ontario high school students can use AIS to find possible openings at Ontario universities which still have spots available in first-year undergraduate programs. Please refer to the flyer below for more details.

Community Involvement forms should be signed and submitted to the Guidance Office (room 129) or by email to Ms Giotis, our Guidance Secretary, at voula.giotis@yrdsb.ca. As a reminder, students are required to complete 40 Community Involvement hours to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. **2024-2025 Graduating students have been reminded to submit their outstanding Community Involvement hours by Friday, June 13th.**

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.

Summer School registration can be completed in myBlueprint. Please refer to the [link](#) for more details. Detailed information has been shared with students in the All Things Grade Google Classroom regarding next steps. Any 2025/2026 course updates related to summer school course selections should be completed ASAP. Students are asked to schedule a Guidance appointment or come by the Pop-Up Shop should you need any support.

[Y2 LEGACY is a transformative summer learning program](#) that empowers students through a Black-centred lens celebrating leadership, innovation, and academic excellence. By building foundational knowledge and identity-affirming skills, students emerge with the confidence and capabilities to lead in their schools and communities. The foundational skills students gain in the summer will support them in navigating the school year with confidence and leadership. Please refer to the link for more information and on how to register.

Message from Our Trustee

June 2025

As we approach the end of the 2024-2025 school year, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments, hard work and commitment of students, staff and families. As I have visited schools, attended events and heard from families, I continue to be proud of the dedication to public education and student achievement and well-being I see.

I want to wish my sincere congratulations to all of the graduates and proud families. This is an exciting time and I hope you enjoy this celebration of all of your hard work, perseverance and accomplishments. Whether you are moving on to secondary school, the workplace or post-secondary pathways, we wish you all the very best in this next exciting chapter of your journey.

We had an opportunity in April to celebrate the achievements of 20 students at our annual [Celebrating Student Success/Human Rights Ambassadors Awards event](#). It was a wonderful reminder of how much our students are capable of. While success and achievement looked different for each student, we saw a common theme of determination and care. Students demonstrated a real commitment to lifting up those around them. I see that everywhere in our system as I visit schools. It makes me so proud to see the ways our students are already shaping the future for the better.

Each month in the Boardroom, we also had the opportunity to recognize the achievements of staff and students through the [Applause awards](#). Congratulations to all of the award recipients. These awards capture a sampling of the incredible work happening around York Region District School Board and the successes we see students achieving.

These successes we have seen this school year would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of staff across the system, and I want to thank you for all that you do each and every day. I also want to recognize the contributions that have been made by school councils, volunteers and families. Your work to enhance family engagement and strengthen public education has a noticeable difference in our schools and in the achievement and well-being of students.

This is a very busy time of year and I wish all of the students the best as you work on projects and prepare for upcoming exams. I hope you also enjoy the celebrations that occur at this time of year, and as we celebrate another successful school year.

Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair

Trustee, Vaughan Wards 2 and 3



Haven't received an Ontario university offer?

Use the Admission Information Service (AIS)

Starting June 4, 2025, Ontario high school students can use the AIS to find possible openings at Ontario universities.

To begin your search, visit www.ouac.on.ca/undergrad-guide and click:

[Search Open Programs](#)

Once you find an open program of interest, add it to your application.

Requirements:

- You will be completing or have completed the OSSD (or equivalent), including six 4U/M courses, by August 2025.
- You must have an average of at least 60%, although higher averages are usually required.

To find out more:

- Visit: www.ouac.on.ca/undergrad-guide
- Call: 519-823-1063
- Email: undergradsup@ouac.on.ca



Vous n'avez pas reçu d'offre d'une université de l'Ontario?

Utilisez le Service d'information sur l'admission (SIA)

À compter le 4 juin 2025, les élèves du secondaire de l'Ontario peuvent utiliser le SIA pour trouver d'autres possibilités d'études aux universités de l'Ontario.

Pour débiter votre recherche, rendez-vous à l'adresse www.ouac.on.ca/fr/premier-cycle-guide, puis cliquez sur :

[Chercher programmes ouverts](#)

Dès que vous aurez trouvé un programme ouvert, ajoutez-le à votre demande.

Exigences :

- Vous détenez, ou détiendrez, un DESO (ou l'équivalent) et avoir réussi 6 cours 4U/M, en août 2025 au plus tard.
- Vous devez avoir une moyenne minimale de 60 % – à noter toutefois que les moyennes exigées sont plus élevées, en règle générale.

Pour plus d'information :

- Visitez : www.ouac.on.ca/fr/premier-cycle-guide
- Composez le : 519 823-1063
- Communiquez avec nous : aide@ouac.on.ca

Queerative Doodling



Artistic or art-curious? Learn about the role of art in queer culture and create a piece of your own!

Thursday, June 12, 6 - 7:30 pm
Pierre Berton Resource Library



Register at QueerativeDoodling.eventbrite.ca