

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

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Message from Administration:

As we approach the third week of May and the upcoming long weekend, we are reminded that the end of the school year is just around the corner. It's a great time to reflect on our accomplishments and make good decisions as we enter the final stretch of the academic year. We encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy quality moments with family and friends during the break.

We would also like to inform you that school construction has begun. Please plan ahead for possible disruptions to regular routines. Your cooperation and understanding during this time are greatly appreciated.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Adjustments: During construction, we ask that families use the front loop for drop-off and pick-up. To ensure student safety and minimize congestion, please follow staff directions and posted signs.

Alternative Drop-Off Locations: Families may also consider dropping students off at Al Pal Community Centre or Pierre Berton Library. Students can then walk safely to school from these locations.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in keeping our school community safe and strong. We truly appreciate your flexibility and cooperation during this transition.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable long weekend!

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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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>

Emily Carr Secondary School – Graduation Ceremony: Additional Guest Tickets

Emily Carr Secondary School's Graduation Ceremony will be taking place on **Wednesday, June 26, 2025**, at **La Primavera Event Space**. If you would like to purchase any **additional guest tickets**, you may do so from **Friday, May 9th** until **Friday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m.** Please note that **there are limited tickets available**, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Details:

- **Ticket Price:** \$32.50 each
- **Sales Period:** May 9 – May 30, 2024
- **Purchase Platform:** School Cash Online
- **Tickets Available:** Limited quantity

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our graduating students and their families.

Looking for something fun to do during lunch?

Join us for the Youth Room Program from May 6 to 26, happening Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch (10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) at **AI Palladini Community Centre**.

Come hang out with friends, play board games, enjoy the foosball table, and have a great time in a relaxed, welcoming space!

Don't miss out!

Important Dates:

Victoria Day, Monday, May 19

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



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Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser

Emily Carr Secondary School is selling Terra Cotta Cookies to support Student Council led school events. Purchase cookies directly through Terra Cotta and pick them up from Emily Carr on June 11th!

All purchases must be made by May 28th.

Click here to browse the list of available cookies:

<https://fundraising.terracottacookies.com/current-fundraisers/emilycarr>

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Updates from Guidance

The ECSS Student Wellness Team in partnership with the Leadership and Peer Support class is hosting our **SENIOR SUNSET** on Thursday, May 22nd. This is an opportunity for our graduating students to make some final memories at ECSS. The evening will be filled with music, games, some treats, and a beautiful sunset - all FREE! Permission forms to attend must be completed via School Cash Online.

The next **Ontario Universities' Information session** is taking place on May 22, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This virtual event is divided into 4 sessions, where students can learn about the universities of their choice and ask questions. **This event is tailored to Grade 11 and younger students who are beginning their university research.** Please click this [link](#) for more details and registration information.

IMPORTANT DATES / INFO. FOR OUAC:

- **MAY 29, 2025** - The latest date for those who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes: An offer of admission; a refusal; or a deferral, once additional information is received.
- **JUNE 2, 2025** - The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).
- *All other admission-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence, are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 2, 2025, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision before this date.

Community Involvement forms should be signed and submitted to the Guidance Office (room 129). As a reminder, students are required to complete 40 Community Involvement hours to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

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.



Updates from Guidance

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.

Join [Support Ontario Youth \(SOY\)](#) on Wednesday, June 4th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm for an evening virtual presentation designed for graduating students wanting to pursue a career in the skilled trades. The SOY team are subject matter experts in the skilled trades and apprenticeship sectors and provide information to help graduates navigate and understand the apprenticeship pathway. SOY will provide resources and tips on how to transition from high school to mainstream apprenticeship and better equip graduates to find that employer/sponsor. To add a real-world perspective, a licensed journey person will also join the discussion—sharing their personal journey in the trades and answering questions from attendees. Please refer to the flyer below for more information and registration information.



The City of Vaughan is working to reduce speeding and keep our community safe

Join a Virtual Public Information Session on Vaughan's 30-kilometre Speed Limit Engagement to have your say.

Registration is now open!

Sign up for an online session:

Wednesday, May 21 or **Tuesday, May 27**
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



For more information,
visit vaughan.ca/30km





Explore Careers in the Skilled Trades

Join Support Ontario Youth (SOY) for an engaging and informative presentation designed for **graduating students**, **parents**, and **educators** interested in learning more about careers in the skilled trades.

As experts in the apprenticeship and skilled trades sector, the SOY team will break down the apprenticeship pathway, offering **clear guidance on how students can successfully transition from high school into a rewarding career**. The session will include practical tips, resources, and insights on how to find and connect with potential employers or sponsors. To add a real-world perspective, a licensed journeyman will also join the discussion—sharing their personal journey in the trades and answering questions from attendees.

Whether you're a student considering your options, a parent looking to support your child's future, or an educator helping guide career pathways, this session will provide the tools and information you need.

Presentation Type: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Date: Wednesday, June 4th

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Registration Link: https://yrdsb.cc/YRDSB_SOY_Presentation_Registration



YRDSB Registration Link

2025 SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Acceleration Courses July 2 - 25 (18 Days)

For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed.



Register early to avoid disappointment!

Decisions to run courses are based on sufficient enrolment and teacher availability.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Middlefield CI, Newmarket HS, Richmond Green SS, and Thornlea SS

Time: 8:45 am - 3:32 pm



SCAN ME

REMOTE LEARNING

Synchronous Learning Model online through Google Meets

Time: 8:45 am - 3:32 pm

ONLINE LEARNING


Asynchronous Learning Model using Brightspace by D2L

For more information, please email: **online.learning@yrdsb.ca**

HOW TO REGISTER!

YRDSB STUDENTS:

SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BY JUNE 18, 2025


 YRDSB Students: [My Pathway Planner](#)

NON-YRDSB STUDENTS:


SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BY JUNE 6, 2025

 Non-YRDSB Students: [Link On Website](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

 905-884-2046 OR 905-884-3434

 continuing.education@yrdsb.ca

 <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities>



Jewish Heritage Month Event

Honouring Jewish Heritage – A Celebration of Culture and Community

- Celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, history and resilience through an engaging presentation and hands-on activities
- **Author Kathy Kacer**, who will present her powerful book *To Hope and Back*, sharing stories of Jewish survival and strength. Each family will receive a free book signed by the author.
- Children will have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities.
- Enjoy a Sufganiyot tasting experience, offering a sweet lens into Jewish culinary tradition.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting celebration!

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Anne Frank Public School, 431 Ilan Ramon Blvd., Maple

Please register here: [Jewish Heritage Month Event](#)

For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca



South Asian Celebration

Unity in Diversity – A Celebration of South Asian Heritage

- Celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage of South Asia
- Explore the unique artistic, culinary and cultural traditions that shape South Asian communities through interactive activities
- Participate in a friendly cricket activity
- Visit South Asian Community Booths
- Enjoy a tasting experience of South Asian foods

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting celebration of South Asian cultures!

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Maple High School, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON

Please click [South Asian Heritage Month Event](#) or scan the QR Code below to register.



For additional inquiries please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca



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ARMY RESERVE SPRING 2026 COOP - INFO SESSION - Thursday, May 22, 2025

The **Army Reserve COOP Program** is a unique opportunity for high school students to gain valuable experience through **paid military training** while earning **COOP credits**.

Key Highlights:

- **What It Is:** An entry pathway into the Canadian Armed Forces Army Reserve for high school students. The COOP placement is their **basic military training**, similar to all new Reservists.
- **Training Period:** Runs from **mid-February to June 2026**, Monday to Friday (8 AM to 5 PM), at a local armoury.
- **Training Includes:** Weapons handling (C7 rifle), first aid/CPR (Red Cross), navigation, military drill, physical fitness, and field exercises at a Canadian Forces base.
- **Credits Earned:** Up to **4 high school COOP credits** (check with your school for specifics).
- **Compensation:** Approx. **\$15,000 during COOP**, with an additional **\$7,500 available** for optional summer employment.
- **After COOP:** Students are expected to continue part-time service (1 evening/week and 1 weekend/month starting in September). There is **no service contract**.
- **Eligibility:**
 - **Ages 16–17** with parental consent or **18+** without.
 - Must be a **Canadian citizen or permanent resident**.
 - Must have completed at least **Grade 10** (15 Ontario credits).

This program offers students hands-on learning, leadership development, and a chance to serve their community—all while earning money and high school credits.

Information Sessions: There will be a virtual information session over Microsoft Teams. During the meeting, which will be approximately 45 minutes, the recruiter will review the eligibility, entry plans and commitment to the Forces for students interested in applying to the Coop program and other entry plans to the Canadian Armed Forces. Video and audio of the participants will be muted but they may ask questions via the Chat option. Questions will be answered after the session is complete.

If you cannot follow the link below a MS Teams login maybe required but it is free to sign up.

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Phone: 647-749-9252

Conference ID:

Meeting ID: 233 973 150 055

Video ID: 116 037 112 6

Call In Only 869 982 348

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting_NDM0ZDRjYjEtOWUxMy00MDk2LWlzMmEtZjQxYTA3NzI4ZjRh%40thread.v2/0?context

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Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, May 26, 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 - Black Student Alliance: Building Community, Empowering Voices
- 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

2025 YRDSB SUMMER DUAL CREDIT

SENECA - Newnham Campus *Public Transit + Limited Taxes Available

COURSE NAME (Click for Description)	COLLEGE PROGRAM	DATES & TIMES *All Courses
Beauty & Glamour: Makeup Techniques COS 122 / TXI4T6	Cosmetic Techniques and Management	Monday - Thursday 9:50am - 12:30pm *14 Sessions July 2 - 24
Forensic Crime Scene Investigation PFD 310 / TJE4T6	Police Foundations	
Psychology of Happiness PSY 222 / HBK4T6	General Education	

CENTENNIAL - Progress Campus *Public Transit + Limited Taxes Available

COURSE NAME (Click for Description)	COLLEGE PROGRAM	DATES & TIMES
Criminal Justice GNED 304 / HCF4T1	General Education (GNED): Credit may be transferred to any full-time program at Centennial and other Colleges.	Mon, Wed, Fri 12:30 - 3:20pm July 2 - 28
Social Psychology GNED 135 / HBC4T1	See Above	
Professional Police Standards PFPR 106 / GCB4T1	Police Foundations	
Healthy Development of the Whole Child ECEP 103 / TOF4T1	Early Childhood Education	Tues, Wed, Fri 12:30 - 3:20pm July 2 - 29

HUMBER - North Campus *Public Transit or Self-Transportation ONLY

COURSE NAME (Click for Description)	COLLEGE PROGRAM	DATES & TIMES
Baking and Pastry Arts CULN 134 / TUE4T5	Culinary Management (01911) Culinary Skills (14071)	July 2 - 25 *Days and Times TBD
Cosmetic Applications BSPA 202 / TXC4T5	Esthetician/Spa Management (20871)	
Psychology: Introduction PSYC 150 / HBB4T5	Protection, Security and Investigation Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner Hearing Instrument Specialist	

*All Courses, Times and Dates Are Subject to Change

TO APPLY:

- Speak to a Guidance Counselor
- Scan QR Code or click this link:
<https://yrdsb.cc/summerdualcredit>



Target Audience:

- Students needing 1 credit to graduate or who are otherwise credit deficient
- Students in a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) or Ontario Youth Apprenticeship (OYAP)
- Students on a college pathway (i.e. in College level English, Math courses)
- Students who are uncertain about their post-secondary pathway

Please note:

- Students must be 16-years of age as of January 1, 2025 to apply
- Students who have met their graduation requirements will not be accepted.

Transportation:

- As much as possible, students should choose a course at a college that is closest to their home school
- Transportation will be provided: PRESTO card for YRT/TTC use, or Taxi pick-up and drop-off (depending on the travel time and distance to the college course. As per policy change at the Ministry level, more students will be expected to use public transportation. You will be contacted in mid-late June with travel arrangements.

*Students able to get to the college on their own (driving themselves or getting a lift) should notify the Dual Credit Teacher by Email ASAP

About the Dual Credit Program:

Dual Credit courses allow Gr. 11 and 12 high school students to take college courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or SHSM OSSD and a college certificate, diploma, or degree. Students may earn up to a maximum of four elective credits through college-delivered dual credit courses that count towards their OSSD or SHSM OSSD (e.g three in Gr.12 one in Gr.11).

Some of the program's benefits include:

- Earn secondary school AND college credits simultaneously
- Fully funded - tuition and course materials at no cost to students.
- A true college experience (campus, state-of-the-art facilities, instructor,, etc.)
- Test Drive a Future Career
- Explore different pathways options

More Questions?

Ask your Guidance Counselor or contact the YRDSB Summer Dual Credit Support Teacher:

Mr. Leo Scire - leo.scire@yrdsb.ca