



# Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

November 10, 2023

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**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

## Hello ECSS Community,

Please take a moment to review the upcoming events and activities, as well as important reminders.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## ECSS Administration

### Grade 8 Open House - SAVE THE DATE!

Grade 8 information night is on Wednesday, December 6 at Emily Carr Secondary School between 6pm to 8pm.

## Learn more about:

- ECSS departments and programs
- Clubs and extracurricular activities
- Community partners

Our student council and school council will also be fundraising for the school through sales of Krispy Kreme Donuts and Holiday Poinsettias.

## Contact Us

**Phone 905-850-5012**

Extensions

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## Online

### School website

 @emilycarrss

 @emilycarryrdsb

## Administration

Principal  
[Tanya-Lynn Paul](#)



Vice Principals  
[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



### Grade 10 Literacy Test

OSSLT Fall 2023 will be happening Tuesday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 29, 2023 for students in Grade 10 and potential graduates who need this graduation requirement. More detailed information will be provided at a later date.

In preparation, if you and your child wish to access sample and practice OSSLT tests, these can be found on the [EQAO website](#).

Please visit the below resources for additional resources and support for your child(ren):

- OSSLT Information Videos - [What to expect on the OSSLT](#)
- [Online OSSLT Practice Test](#)
- [ECSS All Things Grade 10 Google Classroom](#)  
Class Join Code: sz4wtnr - Class work: OSSLT
- OSSLT Reading & Writing Tip Sheets - see below

### York Regional Police Presentations on Social Media

Our School Council has requested a York Regional Police presentation related to keeping students safe on social media, as well as general safety topics. In consultation with YRP, the following themes will be included in the presentation to students taking place on November 16 in the afternoon. Please see the attached family communication.

### Youth Gambling Awareness Series

This workshop series is designed to offer educational prevention sessions to adults involved in young people's lives on gambling awareness including potential risks, making informed decisions and healthy and active living. Please see the attached flyer.

### Graduation Photos

Begins Monday, December 4. Please see attached flyer.



## Important Dates

### Friday, November 17

- PA Day

### Monday, November 20

- School Council Meeting

### November 20-22

- Midterm Report Card Distribution

### Thursday, November 23

- Semi Formal

### Monday, December 4

- Grad Photos Begin

### Wednesday, December 6

- Grade 8 Open House

## 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

### York Region Public Health Student Vaccinations

Are your child's immunizations up to date? Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### Student Trustee Applications Open

If you will be in grade 11 or 12 next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB.

Student trustees network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. Learn more about the role and how you can apply at [www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees).

Applications can be submitted between November 27-December 11. The deadline to apply is December 11, 2023 11:59 p.m.

All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate who represents our area of the Board. There are four areas of the Board (central, east, north and west). Once the four final candidates are announced, students can vote for two of the four candidates to represent them as student trustees in the 2024-2025 school year. Students will receive information on how to vote in the election during the campaign and voting period.

Link: [Roles and Responsibilities Video](#)

### Parent/Caregiver Series Supporting Students of Chinese Heritage

The series will provide a number of parent/caregiver in person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. Please see the attached flyer.

### Sikh Educators Voice Alliance

Sikh staff and community members are invited to the SEVA Affinity Group Launch. All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us. Please see the attached flyer.



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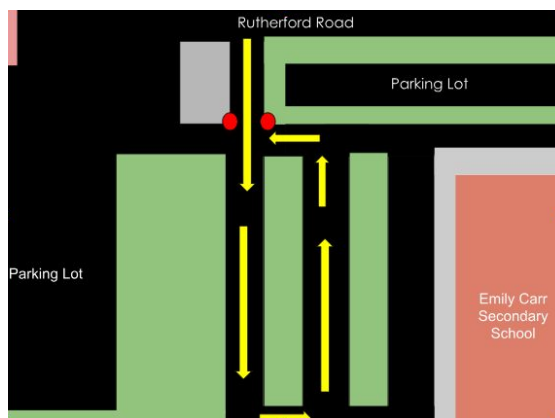
### Good Neighbour Relationships

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.

### 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.

Please see the diagram below for details on the route you should be using to pick up and drop off student(s).



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## Updates from Guidance

### POST-SECONDARY FAIR: PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY NIGHT

Pathways to Opportunity is taking place in our cafetorium on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. This is an event where students and their parents/guardians have an opportunity to meet with representatives from various postsecondary institutions to learn more about the different programs they offer. Please refer to the flyer below to review some of our confirmed guests.

### REMINDERS:

The **Student Life Expo** is taking place on Saturday, November 18th, 2023 from 12:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (North Building, Constitution Hall). We have received a limited number of FREE tickets for this event and we have invited students to pick up a free ticket from the Guidance Office on a first come, first served basis. Alternatively, students and families can register online prior to the event for free admission. There will be a \$10 fee at the door for anyone who has not registered. For more information, click [here](#).

**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.

**Potential Graduates** are reminded to review the Post-Secondary Planning presentation that was shown in class the week of October 2nd and posted in the "All Things Grade 12" Google Classroom. The [PDF](#) of the presentation has been linked here as well. Now that students have received their OEN and Mident number, they may begin creating their OUAC and OCAS accounts and apply to their desired programs.

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 OUIInfo to applying through the OUAC.

The **SchoolFinder Virtual Fall Fair** is taking place on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Students can attend live webinars from colleges and universities in Canada and around the world; get answers to their questions about scholarships and financial aid, programs, applications and deadlines, and student life; and they have the chance to win prizes! Click [here](#) for more information about this event and to register.



## Community News

### Updates from Vaughan Public Libraries

- **Chess Club** begins right after school on Thursdays starting Nov. 15 and running to Dec. 13 at Pierre Berton. Students can drop in and practice strategies, play both physical and digital chess, and compete with each other in our VPL tournament. Winners will receive prizes!
- **D&D Club** continues every other Saturday at Pierre Berton. Please contact zachary.fanni@vaughan.ca to register.
- **Makers with a Cause** meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting Nov. 29 at Pierre Berton. Students will work on art to be displayed in a special exhibit in Vaughan Public Libraries. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Creative Writing Power Hour** continues every Wednesday at 5:00pm at the Bathurst Clark branch. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Debate Club** returns at the Civic Center Branch on Thursdays at 7:00pm starting on Nov. 16. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Escape the Library** (3D-printed edition) is an escape room event happening on Tuesday Nov. 14 at 7:00pm in the Civic Center Branch. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.
- **Learn how to make bubble tea** at the VMC branch on Wed. Dec. 6 at 6:15pm. [Register on Eventbrite](#) to attend.

**EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

# **OPEN HOUSE**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023**

**6:00PM – 8:00PM**

**4901 RUTHERFORD ROAD**



## **LEARN ABOUT**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES – 2025  
HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETE (HPA) PROGRAM  
SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM) PROGRAM  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES  
ATHLETIC TEAMS  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS  
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



# OSSLT READING & WRITING TIP SHEETS

## Tips for Reading: General Strategies

Type of information	Definition	Strategies
<b>Explicit</b>	Information that is directly stated in the text  The answer is in the text	Skim and scan
<b>Implicit</b>	Information that is indirectly stated  The best answer requires making an inference based on clues in the reading	Use clues from text (bold, italics, keywords)  Make predictions while you read
<b>Making Connections</b>	Relating something you read to your background knowledge (something you've read, heard, seen) or personal experience (something you've felt or done).	Ask questions while you read  Re-read

### Before Reading

- Read the questions first
- Skim the text, looking for bolded words, headings

### During Reading

- Highlight or underline main ideas and supporting details
- Make text-to-text, text-to-self and/or text-to-world connections while you read
- Ask questions as you read
- If you don't understand something, re-read

### After Reading

- Answer the "easy" questions first
- Re-read your answers



## Tips for Open Response Reading Questions



**R**ead and reread the question carefully

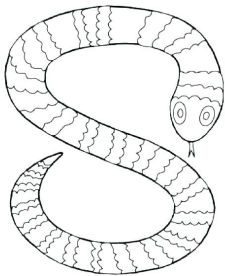
**A**nswer using **specific details from the text**

**C**heck to make sure you have fully answered the question

**K**eep your answer to 100 words



## Tips for Writing Short Writing Tasks



**S**tate your opinion or the main idea in the first sentence

**S**upport your reasons with specific evidence (quotes from a reading, examples from your life, other texts, fake or real)

**S**how (explain) how evidence supports opinion/why it's important

*Always reread the question to make sure you've answered it fully*



## Finding Main Ideas & Supporting Details

<b>Main idea</b>	<b>Supporting Details</b>
Central theme, event, or conflict	Specific details related to main idea (facts, statistics, examples)
Often implicit (not directly stated)	Almost always explicit (directly stated)

### In a Paragraph:

- Look at first sentence (**topic sentence**)
- Look at last sentence (**concluding sentence**)

### In a News Report:

- Look at headline
- Look at first (**lead**) paragraph (**contains who, what, where & when**)

### In a Narrative:

- Look for the problem (**conflict**)
- Look for the resolution (**solution**)





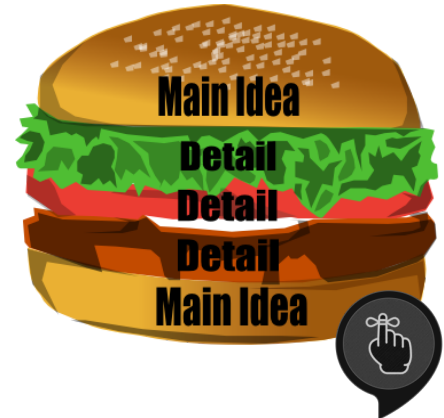
## Writing About Main Ideas & Supporting Details

### Main Idea:

- Use the question to start your answer
- State in your own words

### Supporting Details:

- Reference a specific line or paragraph number
- Quote part of the text



## Tips for All Written Responses

### What you should be doing in ANY written response

- State idea or opinion
- Support with specific and relevant evidence
- Show how evidence connects to idea/opinion



## Checklist for Short Writing Tasks

### Topic Development

- ❑ **T**opic Sentence: State your idea or opinion
- ❑ **U**se specific details to support your answer
- ❑ **P**rovide an explanation of how details connect to opinion
- ❑ **A**nsWER the question fully (use all 6 lines)
- ❑ **C**oncluding Sentence: Re-state idea or opinion



### Writing Conventions

- ❑ Read your work “out loud” (mouth it) to make sure it makes sense
- ❑ Remember to capitalize **MINTS** (**M**onths and days **I**Names of people and places **T**itles **S**tart of sentence)



## Organizing an Essay

### *Paragraph 1: Introduction*

**I**ntroduce topic

**S**tate clear opinion and reasons



### *Body Paragraph(s)*

**T**opic sentence with specific reason(s)

**E**xamples to support reason(s)

**S**everal sentences

**T**ransition words (first, second, third) to introduce new ideas

### *Conclusion*

**D**eliver opinion (restate introduction)

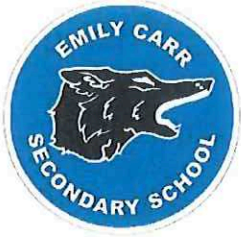
**O**ffer something new to think about

### *Other Reminders*

**N**ew line for

**E**ach paragraph





## Emily Carr Secondary School

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Ms. T. Paul  
Principal

Ms. P. Borges  
Vice-Principal

Ms. N. Lawrence-Selan  
Vice-Principal

November 7, 2023

Dear families,

Our School Council has requested a York Regional Police presentation related to keeping students safe on social media, as well as general safety topics. In consultation with YRP, the following themes will be included in the presentation to students taking place on November 16 in the afternoon.

- Definitions of bullying and when it becomes a police matter, including threats / assault / extortion.
- What to do if you see school violence, what is considered self-defense & keeping yourself safe.
- Cyberbullying and how what you post is never anonymous, webcam usage, internet risks and predators.
- Social networking / online privacy / use of location services / personal photos / adding people you don't know / spams and scams.

Please reach out to the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tanya-Lynn Paul  
Principal

# Your Portrait Session

Carry on the Canadian tradition of marking your graduation accomplishments with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

*\*Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



## More Options

Your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority when you are at the camera. We want all students to let your true colours shine. Your sitting options may include: more poses and casual poses.

**View details on all your sitting options at [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca)**  
**B.Y.O.P**

Depending on the school, Edge may or may not provide props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. There's no limit to your creativity!

*\*Poses and backgrounds may vary.*



## Graduating Class Composite

Just like the ones you stared at in your high school hallways, you'll receive your very own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

*A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.*



*\*Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.*

## Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca) and enter your school code and student number to get started.

**SCHOOL CODE:**



# Senior Graduation



## Book Your Portrait Session



**#EDGEGRAD24** Do Good & Get Rewarded!

FIND OUT  
HOW YOU  
COULD

**WIN A BURSARY**

CHECK OUT [edgeimaging.ca/win](https://edgeimaging.ca/win) FOR DETAILS

## Congratulations on Your Graduation

**You've worked hard and it's time to celebrate.**

Edge Imaging will be coming to your school to commemorate this milestone moment. Sign up soon so you can be sure to get the time slot that works best for you.

Questions? Check out the FAQs at  
[edgeimaging.ca/graduation](https://edgeimaging.ca/graduation)



**HEY  
PARENTS!**

# KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL

## Are your child's immunizations up to date?

It's your responsibility to tell  
York Region Public Health, not  
your doctor's.



Update online now!  
[york.ca/GetImmunized](https://york.ca/GetImmunized)



  
**York Region**



## Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World 做开孩子的心房/做開孩子的心房

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture.

本次研讨会将探讨传统华裔文化和西方文化的影响下如何有效地关爱和照顾孩子的心理健康。

這次的講座將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關懷和照顧孩子的心理健康。

To register for a Mandarin session:  
[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:  
[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



**HONG FOOK**  
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

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

Date: **Tuesday, Nov 21st, 2023**

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  
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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

# Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) Group Launch Invitation



Sikh staff and community members are invited to the SEVA Affinity Group Launch.

All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.

**Date:** Thursday, November 30, 2023

**Time:** 4:30 – 6:30 PM

**Location:** Blue Willow Public School  
250 Blue Willow Drive, Woodbridge ON

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served.

## To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **November, 23rd 2023**

If you have any further questions, please reach out to [SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com](mailto:SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com)



# YOUTH GAMBLING AWARENESS

**Gambling, Money and Decision Making: Financial Literacy and Gambling**

**November 14, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members  
to attend this free virtual session!**

**[Register](#) Today!**

This workshop is designed to offer parents information on gambling awareness including potential risks, making informed decisions and healthy and active living.

This session discusses items of values used by youth to bet with, and analyzes factors leading them to participate in games of chance to make money. Finally, it explores the financial risks of gambling while providing safety tips and information on community support services.

**Facilitator:** Aria Khosravi, Youth Outreach Specialist, The YMCA of Greater Toronto

This presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and The YMCA of Greater Toronto – YGAP (Youth Gambling Awareness Program).

**For more Information:**

**Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB**

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# PATHWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

## POST-SECONDARY FAIR



Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6:00-8:00pm  
HOSTED AT EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL  
4901 Rutherford Rd. Woodbridge



\*ABOVE ARE SOME OF OUR CONFIRMED REPRESENTATIVES\*

JUMP START YOUR POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

# 2023



# IGNITE FAIR

POWERED BY

# VOLUNTEER TORONTO

Ignite Fair is Canada's largest youth-run volunteer fair, dedicated to connecting people with volunteer opportunities offered by various organizations in their communities.

## November 25th

1pm - 3pm

### Lansing United Church

49 Bogert Ave, North York

 @ignite.fair

visit [ignitefair.com](https://ignitefair.com) for more info!