

Emily Carr Secondary School Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

November 22, 2024

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School Council Poinsettia Fundraiser

Emily Carr's School Council will be hosting a Holiday Poinsettia Fundraiser. To support Emily Carr's School Council, please visit School Cash Online for more details.

Grade 8 Open House

Grade 8 Open House - will be held on Thursday, December 5, between 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Grade 9 Math EQAO

Grade 9 Math EQAO will be taking place Wednesday, January 15, 2025 and Thursday, January 16, 2025 for any students taking grade 9 de-streamed Math during semester one.

Semester 1 Final Exams

Semester 1 Final Evaluations will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 to Monday, January 27, 2025. Tuesday, January 28, 2025 will be held for rescheduled exams and credit recovery. Please see the attached notice regarding Final Exam Policies and Procedures.

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 families to engage with their child's education. Please visit the included link: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/4373>

Food Donations

Emily Carr Secondary School is looking for non-perishable food donations (eg. pasta sauce, pasta, canned vegetables) to distribute to families in need throughout the school year. If you are able, please help by dropping off your non-perishable food item donations to the main office. We appreciate your continued support to our school community. A HUGE thank you to all the families who have already contributed!

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

Students can vote now for Student Trustees

Students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity January 13-17 to participate in voting for the student trustee candidate who will represent our geographic area of the school board.

How to Vote

All students in Grades 5-12 will receive an email in their GAPPS account. The email will include a link to a Google site where they will find information about candidates in our area, and a link to a form where they can submit their vote. One candidate will be selected by students to represent each of the four areas of the school board in the final vote. In the final vote, scheduled for February, students can vote for two candidates who will represent them during the next school year.

Student Trustees

Student trustees play an important role representing students in the school board. They network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. This is an important opportunity for students to participate in the student trustee elections and vote for the students who will represent their voice, so we encourage students to check their email and take the time to vote.

Learn more about the role and the election process at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Recently, York Region District School Board launched its new Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Developed by the Board of Trustees and based on feedback from staff, students and community, it lays out three priorities:

- Student Achievement
- Health and Well-Being
- Human Rights and Inclusive Education

The plan aims to build unity while helping students to achieve excellence by promoting and supporting high expectations for all, building healthy environments and positive relationships and learning and growing together while affirming our diverse identities. This plan will guide the collective work of the board for the next 4-5 years and we look forward to sharing its success with you in the coming months. To learn more about the Multi-Year Strategic Plan please visit www.yrdsb.ca/MYSP

Important Dates

Grade 8 Open House - December 5

Winter Welcome - December 12

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

Coyote Pride

As members of our school community, it is important to treat our school with respect and care. Our school property, including washrooms, classrooms, hallways, libraries, and outdoor areas, are vital for a positive learning experience.

Please remind your child(ren) to:

1. **Keep Areas Clean:** Dispose of trash in garbage bins properly and tidy up.
2. **Handle Equipment with Care:** Use school materials and equipment responsibly to ensure they remain in good condition.
3. **Respect Shared Spaces:** Be considerate of others when using common areas such as school washrooms. Our washrooms are shared spaces that need everyone's cooperation to maintain.
4. **Report Issues:** If students notice any damage or need assistance, please report it to a teacher or staff member.

By following these guidelines, we can create a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

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.

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Updates from Guidance

The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Team are excited to invite secondary school students and their caregivers to attend a Post-Secondary School Information Night hosted by APSIP, the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program. Students and families will have the opportunity to engage with a collective of recruitment representatives from Colleges, Universities, Polytechnics from across Ontario and Quebec. Please join us to explore the many programs and pathways to reach your career aspirations and find the program that's right for you. Please refer to the link in the flyer below to register.

Date: Monday, December 2, 2024

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning - 36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill

Western University will have a representative at ECSS on December 6th during the lunch hour to answer any questions students may have about programs or opportunities. Students can stop by the table outside of the cafeteria to speak with the Western expert.

George Brown College is offering their **AUTUMN WEBINAR SERIES**. Students and families can register for virtual evening sessions on ***How to Pay for College & University (OSAP)***, ***Discover Apprenticeships & Skilled Trades***, & ***Discover George Brown Programs and Pathways***. Please refer to the flyer below for more detailed information.

Parents/guardians are asked to have their students (who are applying to postsecondary programs at colleges or universities in Ontario) **check their OCAS and/or OUAC accounts** this upcoming week. ECSS has completed the upload for first semester midterm marks for all students. If students notice any mark discrepancies, or if they notice any courses that appear that should no longer be there, they are asked to contact their guidance counsellor or speak to our Guidance secretary, Mrs. Norouzzadeh.

The **full disclosure** date for this semester is Wednesday, November 27th. Grade 11 and 12 courses that are dropped after this date will appear on the Ontario Student Transcript with their most recent mark. If senior students are concerned about midterms achievement and postsecondary pathway programs, they should schedule an appointment with their guidance counsellor to discuss options prior to Monday, November 25th.

Upcoming **Ontario Universities' Fall 2024 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 OUInfo to applying through the OUAC.

January 2025 Exam Schedule Information for Students and Families

Please find the **January 2025** calendar for the examination period below. The exam period is determined by the YRDSB/approved by the Ministry of Education; students are expected to be present for all exams.

Here is our January exam schedule below for **students in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12:**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20	21	22	23	24
Regular Instructional Day Credit Rescue Gr 11/12	Regular Instructional Day Credit Rescue Gr 11/12	Period 1 Exam Culminating Activities	Period 2 Exams Culminating Activities	Period 3 Exams Culminating Activities
27	28	29	30	31st
Period 4 Exams Culminating Activities	Rescheduled Exams and Credit Recovery	Semester Feedback Day: Modified Schedule, students attend half day (students in DD and ASD Community Classes attend full day	Instructional Day and Wrap Up	PA DAY - no students attend school on this date

- **A more detailed exam schedule with course and room numbers will become available by late November**
- **SEVERE WEATHER:** Information regarding bus cancellations, inclement weather, and school closures will be posted on the York Region District School Board website. If an Inclement Weather Day occurs during the scheduled exam period of January 22 to January 27, forcing the cancellation of all exams on a given day, the day for rescheduling those exams will be Tuesday, January 28. Exams will begin at 8:30 a.m.
- **Students in the DD and ASD Community Classes** will attend full days, following their regular schedule during the exam period.

Exam Policies and Procedures:

- **Please review the following exam policies and procedures to support the exam period**

ABSENCES

- Illness and court appearance are the only two valid absences during exams. If you are unable to be present for an exam, you must present a medical certificate or a court order. Failure to do so will result in a mark of zero for the exam and may jeopardize your credit. A court order must be presented prior to the writing of an exam so that alternate arrangements can be made. The medical certificate must be presented to the Vice-Principal as soon as possible, or at the latest, prior to the end of the exam week, so that exams may be rescheduled.

LATE ARRIVAL

- If you arrive up to 30 minutes late, you should go directly to your exam room. You will only be given the remaining time for the exam. If you arrive more than 30 minutes late, you should go to the Main Office to speak to a Vice-Principal.

EXAM WEEK

- During exam week, you are required to be at school only when you are scheduled to write an exam or culminating activities. To see your teacher for extra help, you must book an appointment in advance. Students may study quietly in the library, or in small groups in the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to be in the halls, or to go to their locker when exams are being written. The cafeteria server will be closed during exams.

EXTRA HELP

- Students seeking extra help must book an appointment with their teacher(s) in advance. As students are not permitted to be in the halls during exam times, appointments should be scheduled outside of exam hours.

DURING AN EXAM

- Textbooks to be returned should be placed on your desk. Other books, pencil cases, jackets, bags, notebooks, etc. are not allowed in the exam room.
- Electronic dictionaries, cell phones and other electronic devices (i.e. watches that connect to phones) are not to be used during an exam. Cell phones must be shut off and out of sight during exams.
- Students may not communicate or share resources with any other students once an exam has begun.
- Students must remain in the exam room for the entire duration of the exam.

EXTRA TIME

- Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Multi Language Learners (MLL) who have the accommodation of extra time, may continue their exams with their teacher or be escorted to the provisions room (room 116). Arrangements must be made in advance with the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) for any student with an IEP who wishes to begin their exam in the provisions room.

Family Dashboard



Main

Home

Apps

Welcome to the YRDSB Family Dashboard

Home

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.

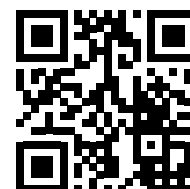
Setting up your account

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 www.yrdsb.ca/family-resources and click on the Need Help button for the Family Dashboard.



WHO WE ARE?

360°kids is dedicated to helping at-risk and unhoused youth by providing essential support services in housing, employment, health, and education. Through over 30 specialized programs, we empower young people to overcome adversity and achieve stability



OUR KEY PROGRAMS



Family & Natural Supports (FNS)

strengthens youth relationships with families and natural supports, equipping them with tools for conflict resolution. Through personalized case management, FNS aims to reduce youth homelessness and prevent entry into emergency housing

[LEARN MORE](#)



Nightstop

brought to Canada by 360°kids, provides emergency accommodation for youth forced to leave home, offering a safe, vetted volunteer's home for the night. This service prevents youth from sleeping in unsafe conditions or on the streets, ensuring a supportive environment in times of crisis

[LEARN MORE](#)



Supportive Housing for Independence through Nurture and Empowerment (SHINE)

program provides voluntary housing and support for youth ages 14-19 facing housing crises. With a focus on family reintegration, SHINE equips youth with life skills for independence when returning home isn't possible

[LEARN MORE](#)



Employment

offers young people essential training and skills to succeed in the workforce. Through six program streams and a holistic, empathetic approach, these programs help youth overcome employment barriers, fostering stability and long-term job retention

[LEARN MORE](#)



Counseling

services help young people move from past pain toward resilience. Through in-person and virtual sessions, youth receive consistent, empathetic support and learn new skills to manage life's challenges. Services are available at the Richmond Hill Youth Hub or through the "Let's Chat" Virtual Walk-In Clinic for accessible, free counselling across York Region

[LEARN MORE](#)



Outreach

connect vulnerable youth (ages 12-25) to essential services across the community. They build trust, assess needs, and provide referrals to support youth in achieving stability. Services, including counselling and case management, are free and tailored to individual goals, meeting youth where they are—in community spaces or their own homes

[LEARN MORE](#)

**END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS. YOUR SUPPORT BUILDS HOPE
AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE – BECAUSE
#EVERYKIDMATTERS**

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Lauri Hoeg

Waabang/Tomorrow

Post Secondary Information Night

In partnership with APSIP

DECEMBER 2, 2024

Dr. Bette Stephenson
Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Ave,
Richmond Hill

6:00–8:00PM

JOIN US!



<https://www.apsip.ca/>



First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Education Team
YRDSB



For more information:
Indigenous.education@yrdsb.ca



THE CITY IS OUR CLASSROOM



AUTUMN ANSWERS WEBINAR WEEK

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.

Evening Session:
TUES. DECEMBER 3 AT 6:00 PM

Lunch Session:
THURS. DECEMBER 5 AT 12:00 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:
MON. DECEMBER 2 AT 6:00 PM

Discover George Brown College

Certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, degrees...there are so many program types to choose from at college. Which one is right for you?

This 50-minute webinar will provide an overview of the programs that George Brown offers as well as the many pathways available for students to 'stack credentials' in order to achieve their academic career goals.

Evening Session:
WED. DECEMBER 4 AT 6:00 PM



Scholarship Application Workshop

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)

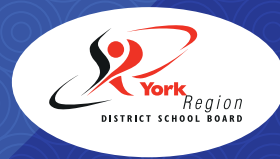
Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopDecember132023

To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.



Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, November 25, 2024
7:30 - 8:30 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:

- Highlights from our Graduation Coaches
- Presentation by YRDSB administrators and families on school engagement opportunities
- Upcoming school programs and events
- Question and answer session

Please register no later than November 20, 2024.

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



YRDSB FAMILIES OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-11

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

PATHWAYS TO SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Learn about:

- OYAP
- Pathway Planning
- Course selection for skilled trade careers
- Experiential learning opportunities

EXHIBITORS

Hear about career pathways and opportunities from:

- Industry partners and associations
- Colleges and Trade Unions
- Local Employers

IMPORTANT INFO



Monday, December 9, 2024



6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Richmond Hill High School
201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill, ON

REGISTER NOW



SCAN ME

yrdsb.cc/PSTTDec9





please join us for our
2nd annual

Winter Welcome



an evening of
the ARTS at ECSS

Thursday, December 12th, 2024

Emily Carr Secondary School
Doors Open at 6 pm until 8:30 pm

Performances by our
Music and Drama Departments
Visual Arts & Photography Displays
in the Cafeteria

Community Partners
Fundraisers
School Clubs
Bake Sale and Hot Chocolate



Donations for Yellow Brick House
Admission is free - Donations Welcome