



Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



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**PLEASE
NOTE:**

Message from Administration!

Please take a moment to read through our school updates and reminders.

Have a great weekend!

ECSS Administration

School start up forms - MANDATORY COMPLETION

We ask families to ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information. This is important in case of emergency situations. If your contact information has changed, please notify the school office.

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions. **The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. [Tips are available](#) if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms.**

Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPS account. Elementary school students **do not** need to complete these student forms.

Contact Us

Phone 905-850-5012

Extensions

Reception 0


Attendance 1


Guidance 3

emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca

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

Halloween Reminders:

Hallowe'en may bring memories of dress-up parades, costume competitions, and classroom parties for some members of our community and carries a very different meaning for others. It is important for us to recognize that not all families celebrate and participate in Halloween. The reasons for not participating may include cultural beliefs, faith, socioeconomic status, and personal reasons.

The expectation is that costumes follow our board and school's dress code and are to be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's race, culture, ethnicity, or religious beliefs, should not be worn as another person's costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping.

Reviewing our practices through a critically conscious lens doesn't devalue our personal beliefs or past traditions. Interrogating how things "have always been done" is one of the ways we work to continue our commitment to inclusion.

Should your child wish to wear a costume to school, please discuss the following guidelines:

- No costumes that violate conditions of the ECSS appropriate attire policy
- No Halloween masks are to be worn, we need to see faces to know who is in the school building
- No Weapons and/or replica weapons should not be carried as accessories. Costumes also should not simulate a weapon or promote extreme acts of violence.
- No Costumes insulting to a particular ethnicity, religion or gender.
- No Costumes that promote the use of drugs or alcohol
- limit personal items being brought to school, costumes should be of simple design.

Also, if your child would like to participate, but not wear a costume; wearing orange and black or autumn colours is an option.

Please Remember:

This is still a school day. Students are advised to bring a change of clothing, in case their costume is deemed inappropriate by teachers or administrators or become distracting to the learning process. We are looking forward to everyone following the guidelines, coming up with creative costumes, and having fun!



Important Dates

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Saturday, November 11

- Remembrance Day

Sunday, November 12

- Diwali

Friday, November 17

- PA Day

Monday, November 20

- School Council Meeting

Thursday, November 23

- Semi Formal

Helpful Links

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

[Kids Help Phone](#)

[Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

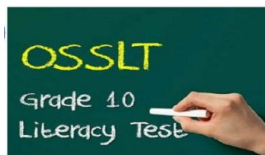
Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:

[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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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](#). In addition, we will be offering an After School Literacy Program, starting October 24th. If you are interested please see the information below and in order for your child to participate in this program, please complete the form below and return it completed to the main office by Thursday, October 19, 2023. If needed, the main office has hard copies of the form available for pick-up as well.

After School Literacy Program

The Ministry of Education has provided special funding for After School Literacy programs for students in Grades 7 to 12 to reinforce their reading and writing skills. The goal of this program is to build upon the reading and writing skills of students. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



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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.

Math Squared Club

A great learning opportunity for grade 10 students at Emily Carr Secondary School. Room 150 11:00am-11:30am. Please see the attached flyer!

Grade 8 Open House - SAVE THE DATE!

Grade 8 information night is on Wednesday, December 6 at Emily Carr Secondary School. Please see the attached flyer.

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 newsletter.

Sankofa Mentoring University and College Mentoring Session

Please see the attached flyer for more details.



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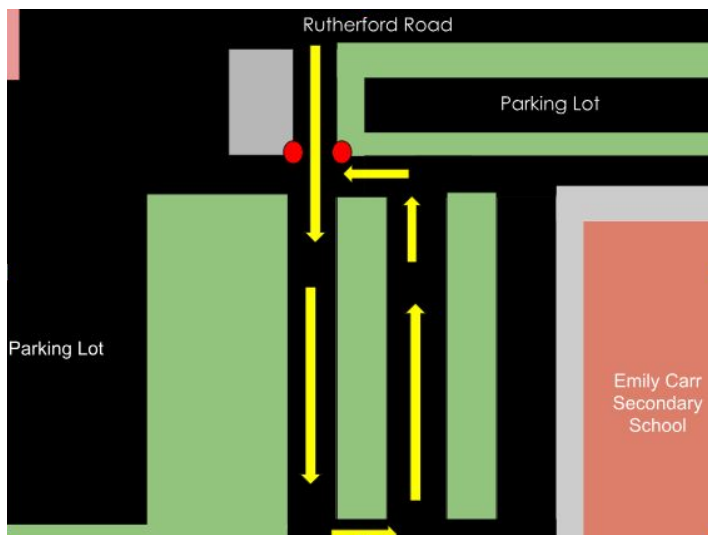
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School Safety

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

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.

REMINDERS:

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. 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.

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

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 OUInfo to applying through the OUAC.



Community News

- Click [here](#) for more information on the Level Up Skilled Trades Interactive Career Fair.
- Teen Book Club returns to Bathurst Clark library on Thurs. Sept. 21 at 7:30pm and can also be joined virtually (register on [Eventbrite](#)).

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**





York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities



SANKOFA MENTORING UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE INFO SESSION

FREE



Date: Saturday Nov. 11th, 2023

Time: 10:00 Am to 1:00 pm

Location: Bur Oak Secondary School
933 Bur Oak Ave. Markham Ontario



Want to get an understanding of the College and University process and system?



Want to know what mindset you should have going into College and University?



Want to know what opportunities exist to get into University or College?

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



<https://yraacc.ca>



gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca



647-425-5700



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

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.

We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these free virtual sessions!

November 7, 2023: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Game Bling: When Gaming Meets Gambling

This session explores unconventional forms of gambling available to minors, the signs of problem gaming and gambling and explores the potential risks of these activities. Parents will learn strategies on how to help your child make safe and healthy decisions and information on community support services will be provided.

November 14, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Gambling, Money and Decision Making: Financial Literacy and Gambling

This session discusses items of value used by youth to bet with, and analyzes factors leading them to participate in games of chance to make money. Financial risks of gambling will be explored while providing safety tips and information on community support services.

November 21, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Media Impact

This session will explore the increased youth exposure to gambling-related content on social media platforms while providing media safety tips for parents and information on community support services.

November 28, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Stigma and Gambling

This session will define stigma associated with gambling while providing factual knowledge and awareness to support a compassionate approach to reducing stigma and facilitating an open dialogue. Information on community support services will also be shared.

[REGISTER](#) Now For These Free Sessions Today!



These free information sessions are organized by York Region District School Board in collaboration with YMCA of Greater Toronto Youth Gambling Awareness Program (YGAP).

For more information please feel free to contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer at oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252.