



# Emily Carr SS e-Newsletter



4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

September 15, 2023

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**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

## Message from Administration!

We made it through another week of school! The school has become busy with events and activities. Students are encouraged to listen to morning announcements, follow us on social media and/or view the television screens for updates on what is happening at school.

Please join us for our first school council meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023 in the school library. If you are interested in being a member on school council, please complete the attached form and return it to [Tanya-Lynn.Paul@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Tanya-Lynn.Paul@yrdsb.ca) or send it with your student to school on Monday.

As a reminder this newsletter will be sent out every week with updates and reminders. Please stay tuned!

## Contact Us

Phone 905-850-5012

Extensions

Reception 0

Attendance 1

Guidance 3

[emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto: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](#)

Lisa Rapisardi (co-chair)

Andre Tsopelas (co-chair)

## Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

## Trustee

[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)

PERIOD 1	8:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
PERIOD 2	9:25 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
<b>PERIOD 3 - LUNCH</b>	<b>10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>
PERIOD 4	12:05 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.
PERIOD 5	1:25 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.



## School News

### Action Required: Start up information

The YRDSB has sent online start-up forms to be completed by families. These forms require your attention. Please review the below forms:

- Start-up permission form
- Student information consent form
- Request for faith accommodations

### Action Required: Completion of applicable medical forms

Please ensure that any applicable medical forms are completed for this school year. Please refer to the email sent earlier this week from Emily Carr Secondary School.

### 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.

### Grade 9 Camp Coyote - Wednesday, September 20

We are looking forward to a great day for our grade 9s. Please complete the permission form through School Cash Online. Grade 9 students should wear comfortable/athletic clothing and running shoes as they will be active all day. Students are responsible for their own lunch and water. We will provide some snacks. There is no cost to the event.

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### Friday, September 15

- Rosh Hashanah

### Monday, September 18

- School Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Library

### Thursday, September 21

- Photo Day (please see attached for friendly reminders)

### Friday, September 22

- P.A. Day

### Monday, September 25

- Yom Kippur

### Thursday, September 28

- Terry Fox Day (rain date Sept. 29)

## 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

### YRDSB safety week

YRDSB Safety Week is September 25-29.

### Emergency preparedness drills

Throughout Safety Week, we will be participating in Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and Bomb Threat Drills. Staff will share procedures that should be followed with students. These drills help students become familiar with the procedures should something happen at school.

### A Message from the Special Education Department

The Special Education Department would like to welcome everyone to the 2023-24 school year! We hope your child(ren) had a great first week at school.

1. We are in the process of assigning a SERT to each student in the department. This process should be completed this week. Once completed, SERTs will reach out to students by email to let them know who they are, and will meet with them face-to-face over the coming weeks. You will also receive an email from the SERT introducing themselves.
2. Your child's SERT will be creating their IEP. IEPs are updated every year. New IEPs will be distributed by Oct. 18th. You will receive an IEP Consultation Form in your SERT introduction email, should you wish to provide input to your child's IEP.
3. Your child's SERT should be their (and your) main point of contact, however your child may be supported by other SERTs in the department (ex; in class, in the resource room). Should your child require anything outside of their regular support, they should reach out to their SERT for assistance (by email or phone or by booking an appointment with them).

*We recognize that not all families will have children that have been identified as requiring special education support. We want to ensure that we do not miss any families who are new to Special Education or may be in the process of accessing support.*

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## Updates from Guidance

The Google Form for **course change requests** is now closed. Counsellors are continuing to work on student requests and we would like to remind students and families that these changes can take some time. Students should continue to follow their assigned timetable and check their gapps emails for responses from the Guidance team. Thank you to everyone for their patience as we work to support all students.

**Guidance appointment bookings** will open the week of September 25th once all students are fully timetabled. Students will be able to book appointments through TeachAssist. Instructions on how to make appointments are posted on the Guidance tab of the ECSS website and in myBlueprint under the heading "RESOURCES". Students are welcome to stop by the Guidance Pop-Up Shop outside of room 129 before school or during lunch should they require support.

### **\*\*NEW: YRDSB COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENT POLICY UPDATES**

Students will continue to be responsible for obtaining pre-approval for any activity that they are considering for this graduation requirement and all community involvement hours must reflect YRDSB's values and priorities. We hope that the changes to the policy will encourage more students to engage in community involvement activities that align with YRDSB's strategic priorities. Additionally, if students choose to do more than 40 hours, they must receive pre-approval from their guidance departments due to the Board's insurance policy. Please note that concessions made during the pandemic to allow students to receive credit for 10 hours of paid work and activities in the home are no longer in place.

[Hyperlinked](#) is more information about eligible and ineligible activities for Community Involvement hours.

For your convenience, the YRDSB Community Involvement form can be found [here](#).

Completed Community Involvement forms can be emailed directly to Mrs Catinella, Guidance Secretary, at [nadia.catinella@yrdsb.ca](mailto:nadia.catinella@yrdsb.ca) or they can be placed in the drop box located inside the Guidance and Career Education Office (room 129).

**The Study and Go Abroad Fair** is taking place in Toronto on October 1st at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. It offers students, parents, guardians, and educators another great opportunity to learn about undergraduate and postgraduate study options around the world (including Canada); whole degrees, certificates, and semesters abroad. Registration for this event is required. More information and registration can be found [here](#).



## Community News

- The York Region Presidents' Council (YRPC), the YRDSB's official student senate, invites all secondary students to their first General Assembly (GA) of the 2023–2024 school year. Secondary school students, please check your GAPPS accounts for more information.
- D&D Club returns on Sept. 9 and runs every other Saturday at 2:00pm at Pierre Berton (register on [Eventbrite](#)).
- Debate Club will return on Monday evenings, starting at 7pm on Sept. 11 at Pierre Berton (register on [Eventbrite](#)).
- Financial Literacy Bootcamp will guide students in stock market and budgeting simulations, taking place on Tuesdays at 7pm starting on Sept. 19 (register on [Eventbrite](#)).
- Virtual Reality Club returns to Pierre Berton every other Monday at 3:00 starting on Sept. 18 (no registration required).
- AmaZINE Tweens will guide students in designing their own mini-magazine, starting Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:00pm in the Maple Library (register on [Eventbrite](#)).
- Teen Book Club returns to Bathurst Clark library on Thurs. Sept. 21 at 7:30pm and can also be joined virtually (register on [Eventbrite](#)).

# Coyote *Camp*

 @ECSS Grade 9s



@ECSS  
Sept 20, All day @CARR



## ECSS Expectations for Photo Day

Please remember the following as you get ready for Photo Day this Thursday, September 21:

- Proceed to have your photo taken for your Student Card and the Yearbook with your assigned class
- If you miss your assigned time period, you can have your photo taken after school, up until 3:30 pm
- Guidelines that must be followed:
  - o Your face must be visible (no masks, sunglasses, costume makeup)
  - o Remove any hats (if you choose to wear a hat, the photographer may need to adjust the placement of the hat to ensure that there is a clear picture of your face)
  - o Clothing must comply with the expectations for appropriate attire (clothing must not have any writing or images depicting or promoting violence, weapons, drugs, cruelty, obscenity, racism, homophobia, sexism, inappropriate language or derogatory comments).





## ECSS School Council Meeting Agenda

*September 18, 2023 @7:00 p.m.*

<b>School Council:</b> <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx</a>	
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Speaker(s)/Notes</b>
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Review Minutes for Approval</li> <li>• <b>2023/2024 ECSS School Council Members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Chair:</li> <li>✓ Vice-Chair:</li> <li>✓ Secretary:</li> <li>✓ Treasurer:</li> <li>✓ Communications Representative:</li> <li>✓ Parent Representative(s):</li> <li>✓ Community Representative:</li> <li>✓ School Staff Representatives: Maryclaire Odorico</li> <li>✓ ECSS Administration: Tanya-Lynn Paul, Principal, Nadira Lawrence-Selan, Vice-Principal, Paula Borges, Vice-Principal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New Attendees (possible members)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Review and Approval of Minutes (April 19, 2023)</b></p>	
<p><b>September 18, 2023 Meeting Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for additional items:</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Student Council Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ECSS Staff Reports (Administration + Teaching &amp;/or Non-Teaching Staff)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VP Updates</li> </ul>	
<p><b>School Council Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council Policy Review</li> <li>• Election of 2023-2024 School Council</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2023/2024 School Council Meeting Dates</b> September 18, 2023; - Remainder TBD at first council meeting</p>	



Student (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

**Please submit this form to the school principal. The deadline for submission is at the start of the school year. Please contact your school for more information.**

**Please complete Part A or Part B**

### Part A: I am declaring my candidacy:

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council:

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is currently  
(print name of student) registered in Grade \_\_\_\_\_.

I am an employee of York Region District School Board. Yes                  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Part B: I am nominating a candidate

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for an elected position as a  
parent/guardian representative on the school council.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of nominee) (print name of student)

who is currently registered in Grade \_\_\_\_\_.

The person I have nominated is an employee of York Region District School Board. Yes                  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's

Date

Signature:

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***Please tell us about the candidate in 4-5 sentences on the back of this form.***

*Personal information is collected under the authority of the Education Act as amended, and will be used to manage the disclosure of individual personal information. Contact the school principal for more information.*

**File:** ADM-School Councils

Valid for 12 months after date of last use/application