



DATES AT A GLANCE

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| Sept. 5 | Labour Day - No School |
| Sept. 6 | PA Day - No Classes |
| Sept. 7 | First Day - Grade 9s |
| Sept. 8 | First Day - Grade 10 - 12 |
| Sept. 12 | School Council Meeting with Grade 9 Information Night |
| Sept. 16 | Photo Day |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I am excited to and honored to be serving the Emily Carr Secondary School community as Principal and look forward to meeting our students and families over the coming months.

Welcome to our new ECSS students and families, and welcome back to those who have been part of the community over the past few years. We hope that your summer has been a good one and that you had an opportunity to reconnect and rejuvenate. We look forward to a new year of learning, social connections, school events and new memories. I also look forward to meeting families as we host new and exciting events for our students and community.

I also want to thank our office staff and caretaking staff who worked through the summer to ensure a successful start to our school year.

We invite you to join us for our first School Council meeting of the year on **September 12, 2022 at 7:00pm** in the library. Elections for the school council positions will take place at this meeting. If you are interested in serving on school council please complete the form included in this bulletin and return to the main office. We encourage you to come out and get involved. Our administration team strives to provide information to help families to support their children through a home/school partnership.

Families are encouraged to stay connected with their child's teacher throughout the school year. Teachers can be reached via email using the format (firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca) or by calling the school and leaving a message in the teacher's voicemail.

It is a privilege to be the Principal at Emily Carr. I look forward to working and learning alongside our staff and students this year. From what I have seen so far, we have an amazing school community!

I look forward to a successful year at ECSS.

Ms. Tanya-Lynn Paul

Principal

SCHOOL START UP FORMS

Please note that school start up forms will be emailed to students's GAPPs accounts the week of September 12th. Please access these forms and complete so that our school has the most up to date information.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

emily.carr.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca

Meeting Dates:

Monday Sept. 12, 2022
Monday, Nov. 21, 2022
Tuesday Feb. 21, 2023
Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023

ATTENDANCE email:

emilycarrss.attendance@yrdsb.ca

SCHOOL email:

emily.carr.ss@yrdsb.ca



HELPFUL LINKS:

[ECSS Website](#)

[YRDSB Website](#)

[ECSS Twitter](#)

[ECSS Calendar](#)

[ECSS Instagram](#)

[York Region Public Health](#)

[Tips For Speaking With Your](#)

[Child - COVID-19](#)

[Mental Health Supports](#)

[School Mental Health Ontario](#)

2022-2023 SCHEDULE

Please note our schedule for September 2022:

| ECSS 2022-2023 | | |
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| SCHEDULE | START | END |
| Homeroom | 8:00 a.m. | 8:05 a.m. |
| Period 01 | 8:05 a.m. | 9:20 a.m. |
| Period 02 | 9:25 a.m. | 10:40 a.m. |
| Period 03 - LUNCH | 10:45 a.m. | 12:00 a.m. |
| Period 04 | 12:05 p.m. | 1:20 p.m. |
| Period 05 | 1:25 p.m. | 2:40 p.m. |

ON-LINE OPTIONS

Hybrid options for this school year are no longer available. Requests to have your child 'log in to a class virtually' because of short term medical issues, being out of the country, or any other situation will not be available.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FEE

Co/Extra-curricular activities build school spirit, foster a sense of community, and a sense of fulfillment and well-being. The Student Engagement Fee subsidizes or cover costs associated with activities such as:

- School Events – e.g. Semi-Formal, Prom etc.
- Assemblies – e.g. Holiday Assembly, Guest Speakers, Remembrance Day
- School-Hosted Events – Post-Secondary Fairs, etc.
- Student Leadership – Student Council Events, LEAD (Leaders in Equity and Diversity) Events/ Workshops, Mental Health Events/Workshops, and Social Justice Events
- Club and Council Events – Peer Assisted Learning (PALs), Arts Council, Music Council, Student Council, Theme Days, Club Fair, and a variety of clubs

These events/activities are made possible with your support. The ECSS Student Engagement Fee costs \$40.00 and also offers discounts for involvement in student council activities and extracurricular events. The Student Engagement Fee is available through [School CashOnline](#).

CAFETERIA SERVICE

Service in our cafeteria is expected to begin on September 12th. It will be serviced by Chartwells. As we receive more information about the menu we will communicate with our students and families.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

More information will be shared during our classroom start-up presentations

Daily screening questions:
(to be completed each morning)

[COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/)
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Students should continue to self-screen every day before attending school using the COVID-19 school and child care screening tool, but are not required to complete the screening confirmation form.

If you are feeling unwell or if you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to school, inform the school and get a COVID-19 test.

The use of a mask is not an acceptable measure to attend or remain at school for those who are symptomatic.

Main Office:

To reduce crowding in the main office, students and permitted visitors are requested to wait in the hall to be called into the office.

Hand Hygiene:

Hand hygiene will be encouraged throughout the school day. A hand sanitizing station will be placed at all entrances and in classrooms. It is recommended that students not bring their own hand sanitizer to school for issues of quality, fragrance and management of potential hazards.

Personal Protective Equipment:

If you are choosing to wear a mask:

- Students are expected to provide their own face covering
- Masks are not to be shared
- Masks can be non-medical or cloth.
- The use of a mask is not an acceptable measure to attend or remain at school for those who are symptomatic

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

We are very excited to welcome students back! Please be aware of a few updates:

MyBlueprint and TeachAssist are not updated and student courses and timetables are not reflected accurately. Students will be receiving their final timetables in the next few days.

If you are trying to connect with a guidance counsellor regarding a timetable change, including a completed or incomplete Summer School course, please note that this hyperlinked [ECSS Course Change Request Form: September 2022](#), will be accessible on Thursday, September 8th and will



close on Tuesday, September 13th. Students can access this form by logging into their GAPPs account. Only course change requests that fulfill the criteria on the form will be attempted. In order to ensure a fair timetable change process, any course change request emailed directly or left on voicemail for your Guidance Counsellor will not be considered. Additionally, one or both of students' alternate course selections may have been used to ensure a complete timetable.

It is imperative for students and their families to appreciate that course availability is VERY LIMITED. Students will be notified of any course updates by way of their GAPPs email account.

Booking Guidance Appointments will begin once all students are fully timetabled and timetable updates are complete. This will most likely begin mid September. Instructions on how to schedule a Guidance appointment can be found in MyBlueprint under the heading "Resources", on the Guidance page of the ECSS website, and on the table of our Guidance Pop-Up Shop.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Guidance Counsellors will be supporting students whose last names fall into the following alphas:

Michael Fitzgerald A - C michael.fitzgerald@yrdsb.ca
Rosanna Milani D - N rosanna.milani@yrdsb.ca
Fiorella Finelli O - Z fiorella.finelli@yrdsb.ca

Should you require mental health and well-being resources, please visit the Guidance tab of the ECSS website and select "Community Resources" to access the ones you may require.

Everyone's patience, kindness, and understanding is needed as we are all working together diligently to support every student. Thank you.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Students are learning about about racism, discrimination and bullying and this learning will continue through the school year. Instances of racism, discrimination and bullying, are not acceptable and are addressed through progressive discipline.

Students also need to know about safe behaviours in schools including what not to bring to school such as vape products, drugs / alcohol, and weapons (including replica weapons).

REPORTING BEHAVIOUR

Standing up for one another and reporting when something does not feel safe is part of a caring and safe school environment. Students should report incidents that make them or others feel unsafe or uncomfortable including acts of racism, discrimination and bullying. Students can report incidents by:

- Telling a caring adult
- Using the YRDSB's "[Report It Button](#)" (located on our school website) YRDSB's online Report It button allows students and families to share information about inappropriate behaviour and/or incidents of hate or discrimination. Please see [this video](#) for additional information.
- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868)



MENTAL HEALTH

We want to stress with students the importance of connection as we return to school. Students are learning about who they can talk to if they need support. Positive mental health is closely tied to a sense of identity and safety for each individual. As such, mental health initiatives are aligned with equity and safety in mind which includes culturally specific supports. YRDSB student mental health services are delivered by Board social work and psychology staff. These services are accessible through the school principal. [Mental health resources for families](#) are also available on the Board website.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

We use a progressive discipline approach for inappropriate behaviour. This means we consider a range of options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices. In some cases, suspension or expulsion may be necessary. The Ontario Education Act and the Board's Caring and Safe Schools Policy (found on the [Board's Caring and Safe School Page](#)) outline the situations in which suspension and expulsion must be considered. These infractions are also outlined in the Guide to the School Year. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, information will be shared with the victim and parents/guardians of the victim to the extent that legislation allows.

TOBACCO/ALCOHOL/DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT

The use of tobacco, electronic products (such as [vaping](#), [electronic cigarettes](#) and related products) and/or student possession of alcohol/illegal and restricted drugs, including cannabis, are prohibited on school property or within 20 metres of school boundaries. This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services. A progressive form of discipline, including suspension from school and fines (up to \$5,000) may apply. In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA), exceptions are made for the traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality.

ONLINE SAFETY AND APPROPRIATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Students are reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools.

Students are reminded that threats and comments made online are taken seriously and may have serious consequences, including potential criminal charges. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board property, the school board works with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remains our top priority.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more details on each of these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for details and resources for families to continue the conversation.

Thank you for helping us create a caring, safe, and inclusive school community.



Student (PRINT) _____
Teacher (PRINT) _____
Grade _____

SCHOOL COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

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: _____

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
Signature: _____ Date _____

Please include a brief (4-5 sentences) biography of the candidate on the next page.

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

Please include a brief (4-5 sentences) biography of the candidate.

Service update



EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

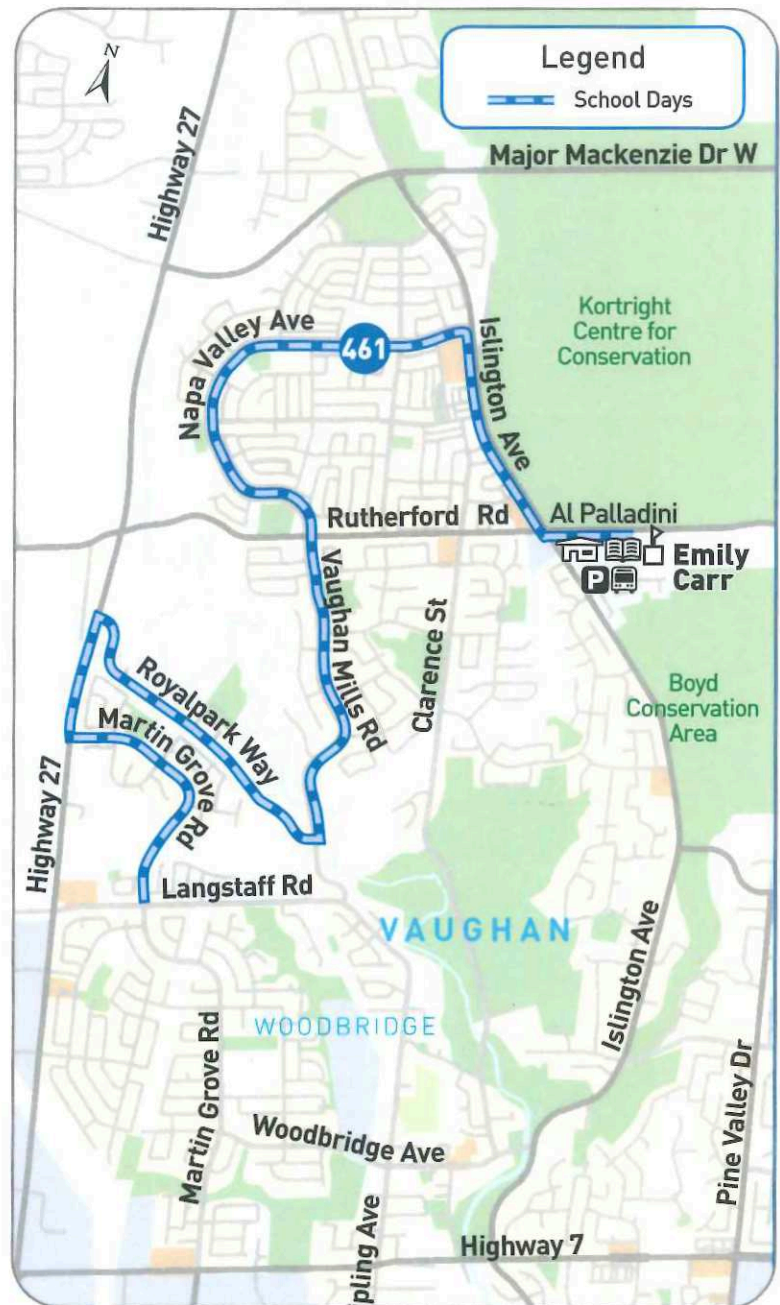
Post until: Sep 16

461 – Emily Carr School Special

Revised route and schedule:

- Route 461 will be extended to operate along Martin Grove Road to Martin Grove Road/Langstaff Road
- Schedules will be adjusted

Visit yrt.ca/ServiceChanges for more details or contact us using the information below.





Elementary Program (SK to Grade 8)

Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Elementary

Dear Students and Families,

We welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) program year and thank you for your continued support and patience.

We are also excited to welcome our students and families back to in-person instruction onsite for the 2022-2023 elementary program year. While we will be returning to the same ILIL school locations pre-pandemic, there may be some changes to the locations in which specific languages are offered.

***NEW* Elementary Online/Remote Options:**

To better serve our language learning community, we have added online /remote learning options on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Online learning does not require students and teachers to be face-to-face at a school site. Classes occur online using a synchronous and asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. Families will be contacted with updates as necessary.

All program updates will be made on our [Board ILIL program homepage](#).

Did you know research shows that speaking more than one language may:

- Deepen cultural awareness
- Enhance communication with people from diverse backgrounds
- Improve memory and concentration
- Enhance decision-making and multi-tasking skills
- Open future employment opportunities

International Languages Elementary Program, Resource Guide, Ontario Ministry of Education (2012)

Elementary Program Update and Registration

The first week of online classes will begin Friday, September 30, 2022. Please refer to our [ILIL Elementary Program](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information.

- Online registration is open and available to YRDSB and NON-YRDSB students:
 - Login here if you have an [existing Edsby account](#)
 - Or, to [create a new Edsby account](#)**NOTE: Use of a laptop or desktop is highly recommended. Edsby cannot support online registration from any mobile or tablet device.**
- Program Fee
 - In recognition of the continued hardships faced during the pandemic, the consumable/resource fee for the 2022-2023 will remain at \$10.00. This is due at the time of registration to be paid online via Edsby
 - International fee-paying visa students are required to pay an additional \$225 for registration, for a total of \$235.

Best regards,

The Indigenous Languages and International Languages Team

Phone Number: (905) 884-2046 ext. 242, Email: ILIL@yrdsb.ca

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