



# Earl Marriott Secondary

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## Principal's Message:

On behalf of the entire staff of Earl Marriott Secondary, I am delighted to welcome everyone back to school. I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer, and that you are looking forward to a year of new learning and experiences.

School will be starting on **Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>** with homeroom (Block C) for students in **Grades 9 - 12** at 10:00 am. You should plan to be at school for about a half hour on Tuesday.

Students in **Grade 8** will meet on the Main Field at **10:30 am**, directly north of the parking lot, to find their **Semester One, C block** teacher and class. Grade 8 students will then have a tour of the school, a run through of all their classes, check out their lockers, and end the morning with a Grade 8 celebration. Grade 8 students should plan to be at school until 1:30 pm.

On **Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin classes for Semester One at our regular start time of 8:35 am. Please check the website daily for up to date information on school opening, and any changes that may happen due to Provincial Health Orders. **At this time, there is a Provincial Health Order for Mandatory Masks for all staff, students and visitors to the school.**

**This school year we will be returning to the Semester schedule, with 4 classes each semester. Please check out the bell schedule on our website. For those students who have never experienced the semester system, each day you will have 4 classes: Blocks A, B, C and D. Each day of the week, these classes will rotate so that you start each day in a different class. A school bell schedule can be found on our website and in this newsletter.**

This summer newsletter is full of information to help you make the return to school a positive experience. Please take the time to read it carefully as it contains schedules for our opening day, and our school and district calendar. It also includes information on procedures for booking a counsellor appointment on line for timetable concerns, on line locker registration, school fees and how to access your provincial exam results. **Counsellor appointments can be accessed Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> on line, and Locker Signup begins on Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> for Grade 12, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> for Grade 11, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for Grade 10, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> for Grade 9 and Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> for Grade 8 students.** School newsletters are not mailed home, but can be accessed online at [www.surreyschools.ca/earlmarriott](http://www.surreyschools.ca/earlmarriott). Please confirm that we have your correct contact information including a family email address so that you can receive updates throughout the year.

### Newsletter Content:

- School Opening
- District and School Calendars
- Bell Schedule
- Counselling Information
- Bus Information
- MyEd BC Quick Reference
- School Fees/Cash Online

I would like to welcome our graduating class of 2026. We want you to know that we are thrilled to have you as part of Earl Marriott Secondary. You are joining a school with a tradition of personal excellence and strong commitment to school and community. If there are any questions you have about our school opening, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school or check our website. Our goal is to ensure that you have all of the information you need to make a good start.

A special welcome back to our graduating class – **The Class of 2022**. As the most senior students in the school, you have an important role to play in the school culture. You provide both leadership and motivation to the student body. Make this year one that you will remember for the positive experiences you had, both as an individual and as a grad class. You have tremendous potential, so study hard, set goals for yourself and enjoy your final year. Once a Mariner always a Mariner!

Grade 12 Parents: be sure to take note of an upcoming events– **Grade 12 Parent Information Night on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm on Microsoft TEAMS . A link to this meeting will be emailed to all Grade 12 parents.** We encourage you to come to all events to receive important information required for school life and post-secondary planning.

Earl Marriott parents, we really need you to get involved in all aspects of our school, including the Parent Advisory Council. Your involvement is most welcome and necessary. To ensure that you are up to date with everything happening at Earl Marriott Secondary, please check our website regularly and sign up for alerts. We are also sending out current information and updates regularly through Twitter: @earlmarriottsec. Our PAC meetings are generally held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the library, or on Microsoft TEAMS. The first meeting this year is on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to come out!

On behalf of the Administration Team, Ms. Occlshaw, Mr. Haffner and myself, we welcome you back to school on September 7<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to a wonderful year.

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal

Earl Marriott Secondary

## **School Opening**

### **Tuesday, September 7th, 2021**

**Grade 9 -12s:** Report to Homeroom (Block C class) @ 10:00 am with pen and paper  
(Subject teachers will advise students of required supplies)

**Grade 8's:** Welcome to Earl Marriott! We look forward to officially welcoming you as Mariners on Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please meet with your Homeroom teacher (Block C) on the Main Field at 10:30am. Look for the students with signs, or ask one of our volunteers where to go. Follow your homeroom teacher into the school, where there are a number of activities planned for you including a class run through of all your classes, a school tour, some time to practice opening your locker, the chance to meet your classmates and teachers, and a BBQ. Please remember to bring a pen or pencil with you that day. Activities end at 1:30pm. We're looking forward to the start of a great year. See you all then!

Students who do not register with their Homeroom teacher on the first day of school are often assumed not to be returning to EMS. As we have waiting lists for certain electives, your child's absence may result in their space in a course being reissued to another student.

# Counselling Department

The Counselling Department has four counsellors this year, three full time and one half time. The following are the Counsellors and the alpha that they are responsible for. Please ensure that you contact the appropriate alpha counsellor (last names) for concerns/issues.

Karen Reilly-Clark	A-E	<a href="mailto:reilly-clark_k@surreyschools.ca">reilly-clark_k@surreyschools.ca</a>
Sandra Kelly	F-Jod	<a href="mailto:kelly_s@surreyschools.ca">kelly_s@surreyschools.ca</a>
Sharon Sall	Joh-P	<a href="mailto:sall_s@surreyschools.ca">sall_s@surreyschools.ca</a>
Min-Chee Lo	Q-Z	<a href="mailto:lo_m@surreyschools.ca">lo_m@surreyschools.ca</a>

## News from the Counselling Department: Schedule Changes

Counsellors have been working since May on incomplete schedules. There is little room or opportunity to change schedules, and as such, please do not assume you will be able to make changes to your schedule.

Prior to school commencing, counsellors will be available for appointments to review **incomplete schedules** the week of August 30th. Of note, **incomplete schedules** are those that have fewer than 8 classes.

### Counselling Appointments: Aug 30- Sept. 3

Short (10 minute) appointments for current EMS students are available on the dates listed below. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early—this will help us to keep appointments running on time.

**Mon, Aug 30:** All students

**Tue, Aug 31:** All students

**Wed, Sept. 1:** New Registrations (am) / All students (pm)

**Thu, Sept. 2:** Staff Professional Development Day / no appointments

**Fri, Sept. 3** New registrations – morning (am)/ All students (pm)

### Counselling Appointments: Booking On-line

Appointments are to be booked on-line starting Sunday, August 29th at 8:00 am. Log on to: [ems.counsellorappointments.com](https://ems.counsellorappointments.com). If needed, follow the instructions under "Help".

## STUDENT TIMETABLES - Coming soon!1

All returning students will receive a message from the school when families will be able to access their 2021-2022 timetable on the MyEd BC portal. Once in the portal, click on the top tab>Family > left side tab> Schedule. When the schedule appears, click in the "schedule" heading and then the "term" heading to view your schedule in the correct block order.

Parents will log-on with their email and students will log-on with their student number.

Grade 8 students and new incoming students will have their timetables mailed to their home address.

## SCHOOL FEE COLLECTION

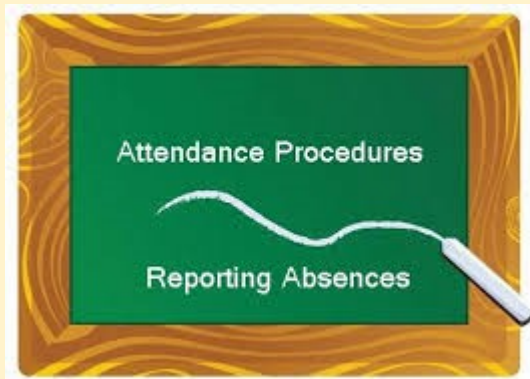
This year, we will be collecting our student fees using the school district's secure online fee payment system. We encourage families to log on to our system early.

Please find a current school fee schedule in this newsletter. We would appreciate your attention to this responsibility as soon as possible.



## STUDENT DEBTS

Students will be assessed a cost for lost or damaged school property (books, lockers, sport jerseys, etc.) Charges are based on the replacement cost of the item. Students must return the same textbook to receive credit, so avoid lending textbooks and label your text with your full name and student number.



## ABSENCES AND LATES

Students are expected to be at school and in class on time. It is the student's responsibility to be punctual for all classes.

- ABSENT *or* LATE - Parents are asked to phone the school in the morning.
- Students showing any symptoms of illness must stay home.

## VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME

Students away on extended vacations (4 or more days) during school time must complete an extended absence form, available in the office, before departure. The school is not in a position to grant permission to any students to miss school for an extended holiday period, and it is important to be aware of the possible effects on achievement. Further, it is not required that teachers provide work for students on vacation.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: MEDICAL ALERTS



A Medical Alert condition is defined as a physician diagnosed, potentially life threatening condition such as:

Diabetes	Epilepsy
Severe asthma	Serious Heart Conditions
Blood clotting disorders	Anaphylaxis (history of severe allergic response)

Parents are responsible to update the school with any medical issues. In emergency situations, a parent/guardian (or the emergency contact) shall be contacted and the student taken to a hospital. As per District policy, we are unable to provide students with any over-the-counter medication (eg. Tylenol, Advil).

## STUDENT PARKING



As there is limited student parking at EMS, student parking is only available to grade 12 students and is on a first-come first-served basis in the designated student rows only. Students parking in Visitor or Staff Stalls (including near or around the portables) or parked illegally (including in the laneway behind the gym), may result in the student's car being towed at the owners' expense (minimum charge \$185.00). Parking at school is a privilege. Unsafe driving practices will result in this privilege being revoked. Grade 12 students with a valid drivers license and their "N" will be able to register via the student sign up system on September 23rd to obtain a parking decal.

### PARENT PARKING

Please be sure to park in the marked Visitor spaces only when you visit the school and then report to the office.

## LOCKER DISTRIBUTION

Our online locker distribution process will begin for Grade 12 students on August 30th at 10:00 am. Grade 11's will begin August 31st, Grade 10's on September 1st, Grade 9's on September 2nd.

Grade 8 students will sign up on September 3rd. Students will require their student numbers which will be arriving in the mail with their schedules sometime next week.

Go to <https://ems.lockerassignment.com/> to sign up.



## Coaches and Mentors Needed for our *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition Team

Are you an adult who has a passion for robotics? *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> programs are driven by the involvement of adults who inspire and learn alongside student participants. EMS is looking for a variety of technical and non-technical mentors to mentor the *Tech-Mates*, our



*FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition Team. The *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition Team is a team that operates as a cross-grade, extra-curricular team throughout the year with an intense build-season from January through to March. The regional competition is in March 2022.

The mission of *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

Mentors and Coaches are individuals from all backgrounds and disciplines who work with students to share their knowledge and guide them through the season. Many Mentors contribute on a weekly basis during competition season, or support the team with subject matter expertise on an as needed basis. Teams may have additional or more specialized roles or a combination of roles as needed. In addition, Mentors help to foster the idea of Gracious Professionalism<sup>®</sup> and have the students do as much of the work as possible.

As a Mentor or Coach of the Tech-Mates *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition team, you are, through the kids, the key ingredient in the success of our team. The time, responsibility and expertise of a Mentor or Coach will vary but the one constant is that you are bringing something to your team that they need to learn, grow and succeed. *FIRST* is more than just robots,

Who are *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Mentors and Coaches? Our team members say it best. A Mentor/Coach:

- Is any adult, teaching others what they know
- Brings either technical or non technical expertise to the team
- Provides the opportunity for students to learn directly through experiences
- Begins as a teacher, evolves into a colleague
- Knows that Mentoring and Coaching is about inspiring and guiding
- Provides students the environment to succeed
- Is patient, supportive, enthusiastic, compassionate and available
- Remembers what's important – it's about the kids and they come first

## Sample Mentor/Coach Roles

### NON-TECHNICAL:

#### Project Management Mentor

- Provides an overview of project management concepts for team
- Guides the team throughout the project life cycle

#### Scholarship Mentor

- Assist to educate students, Mentors and parents regarding scholarship opportunities available to *FIRST* students
- Coordinates applications for student/ Mentor nominations for awards

#### Marketing Mentor

- Provides a basic overview of Marketing concepts
- Assists students with development and implementation of a Marketing Plan in coordination with the development of a Business Plan

#### Finance Mentor

- Assist the team in preparing a Business Plan, financial planning/budget for the season
- Organize and assists with fundraising efforts

### TECHNICAL:

#### Robot Programming/Software Engineering Mentor

- Assist team members with writing code to control robot in C++, Java, Robot C or LabVIEW (depending on program)
- Maintains process focus

#### Electrical Engineer Mentor

- Assist team with wiring the robot's power and signal system
- Assist and instruct the team members in the electrical and electronics systems on the robot

#### Mechanical Engineer Mentor

- Provides assistance with design and construction of the robot
- Advise students on the safe use of tools and safety procedures

For more information on the *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition Program please visit [www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org) or check out our team website <https://8082techmates.wixsite.com/ems2020>

If you, or someone you know is interested getting involved as a coach or mentor, please fill out the form below .

<https://forms.office.com/r/PsmHUmgwxY>

