



The Marriott Messenger

October 2017



October is a month that flies by in any high school, and Earl Marriott Secondary is no exception. It is the month when we dig in to all of the course work and activities that we have planned for the year, and we set goals and timelines for everything we want to accomplish by the end of the semester. The students of Earl Marriott are focused on their learning and are also busy planning activities and events to make our school fun and engaging for everyone. The next few weeks will be focused on midterm projects and post-secondary applications, but also on extra-curricular activities and fall sports. One of the best ways for students to get the most out of their high school years is by joining a club or team sport.

November Calendar

1	Take our Kids to Work Day - Grade 9 students
3	Non-Instructional Day
10	Non-Instructional Day
13	Remembrance Day Observed— no classes
15	UBC Parents Night – 6pm
22	Report Cards Published - Parent Portal
23	Grad Fashion Show
27	P.A.C. Meeting – 7pm

Earl Marriott has over 30 clubs that are running this year, and many of our teams have been bringing home banners and medals at tournaments and races around the Lower Mainland.

The staff of Earl Marriott continues to be engaged this school year in discussions and workshops centered around **curriculum changes**, which are now fully implemented in Grades 8 and 9, and being piloted in Grades 10-12. There are fundamental changes coming to the graduation program in British Columbia, and parents are encouraged to keep checking the curriculum website for up to date information (curriculum.gov.bc.ca). Families will notice some of the changes to the curriculum in the way students are asked to demonstrate their learning and how that learning is reported out to parents. At our Admin Day on Sept. 24th, we reviewed curricular change and the integration of Core Competencies (Communication, Thinking, Personal/Social). In October, many of our teachers went around the Lower Mainland to conferences and workshops.

Some of you will have noticed the large trailer in our parking lot on Oct. 16th and 17th. We were fortunate to have been chosen as a location for the Global Development Exhibition, as it goes across the country. Students were given workshops in both English and French over two days in this moveable exhibition space. Thank you to Ms. Bakgaard for her initiative in bringing us this great opportunity. Parents can check out the exhibit online at <http://together.akfc.ca/>.

1. Parents should have received the first **interim reports** from Term 1 last week. This first interim is an early indicator of work habits that are being demonstrated in the classroom. The interim may not necessarily reflect an established work habit, but it can be used as an early indication of attendance concerns or areas in need of improvement. Parents may follow up the interim report with an interview to check on their child's progress to date and discuss strategies for support. **Our first formal report for the year will be on November 22nd.** We have added to this newsletter a parent MyEd BC Portal Guide. Please keep it handy as a reference to the many times you will need to access the portal for report cards, course selection, checking absences, etc.

Our first **Parent Interviews** were held on Thursday Oct. 19th. It was a very well attended evening and our Leadership students did an excellent job helping out and keeping things moving. Thank you to all the parents who came out to meet with the teachers. If you were unable to attend, and have a concern or question, please contact the teachers through email.

This month has been an important one for **Grade 12 students** and their parents.

- Our PAC has sponsored a visit from Options Solutions on Tuesday Oct. 24th at 7:00 pm. This workshop is for both parents and students and focusses on the journey of post-secondary entrance, applications and scholarship research.
- Grade 12 students have been attending ongoing visits from post-secondary institutions. A calendar is located on our website. Thank you to our career centre staff who bring in representatives from all of the major universities and colleges to speak with our students. In addition to these university visits, students have been attending last day of the month Friday lunch sessions on Grad information, including post-secondary decision making and dealing with the stress of deadlines and applications.
- Grade 12 students will participate in the next two major social events of the year: Grad Fashion Show on Nov. 23rd and Grad Cruise on Nov. 30th.

Fall sports are well underway at Earl Marriott. I would like to thank all the coaches that have stepped up this fall and given our athletes the opportunity to compete. School Athletics doesn't happen without the support of many volunteers. Our Volleyball teams and Cross-country team have both moved forward in their divisions. Our Senior Boys

Parents are reminded that the next two Professional days will be on **Friday November 3rd and Friday November 10th**, prior to Remembrance Day on Nov. 11th. November 3rd is a day recently added by the Ministry of Education and the District to address implementation of the new curriculum. Plans are well underway for our Remembrance Day Assemblies on Thursday Nov. 9th, and we look forward to this solemn and respectful occasion at our school.

Sadly, we said goodbye this month to Mr. Scott Martens, our BASES teacher. Mr. Martens has been at EMS for several years and taught in many departments. We welcome Mr. Frank Ellestad to his new role. Mr. Ellestad is a familiar face at EMS, but he looks forward to his new position working with our BASES program.

I am excited for all of the great activities that are on the calendar for the next month, especially the Hallowe'en Fashion Show on Oct.31st. Make sure you have downloaded our school App, Maritime, and joined our school on Twitter for the most up to date information on everything that is happening at the Home of the Mariners.

Sincerely,

Claudine Davies

Proud Principal of Earl Marriott Secondary



Student Fees Online

A friendly reminder: Pay your student fees online

This is a reminder that student fees and Grad fees for the 2017/2018 school year are due to be paid. If you have not done so already, please pay your fees as soon as possible via the online payment system. **Visa and Mastercard will be accepted as of November 1st!**

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

You may also pay with cash or cheque (payable to Earl Marriott Secondary) at the school. Student fees for the 2017/18 school year are \$15, and Grad Fees (Grade 12 students only) for 2017/18 are \$50.

Online Payment—How to Register:

Step 1: Please click on this link: <https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>

Step 2: Register by selecting the “Get Started Now” and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the “click here” option, login in.

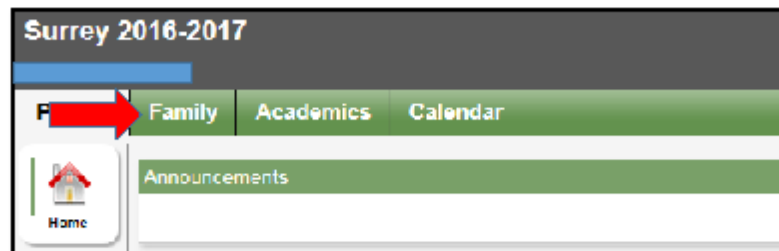
(If you have any questions during the registration process or while paying for items, please select the SUPPORT option in the top right hand area of the screen).



MyEducation BC Parent Portal Quick Reference Sheet

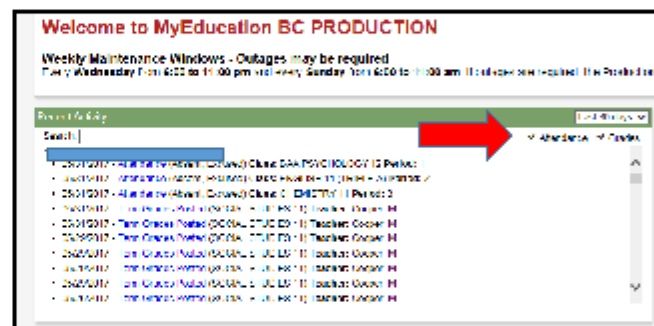
I have two children at Earl Marriott. Can I view both of children's profiles?

Yes! Click on the **Family** top tab to ensure that both of your children are linked to your account. If you are not seeing all of your children, please contact the school for assistance.



How can I check my child's attendance?

On the **Welcome** page, you will find the box below named **Recent Activity**. You can see Attendance and Recently Posted grades in this box. Just click in the box corresponding to the item you want to see.



Where can I see my child's current timetable (schedule)?

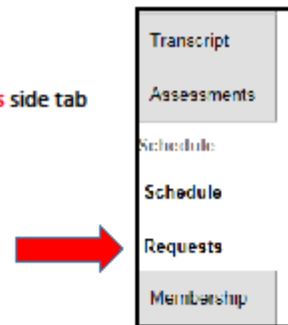
Click on the **Family** top tab (as shown above) and select the student who's schedule you would like to view. Then you'll click on the **Schedule** side tab. A list of current classes the student is enrolled in will show. To sort and view the current order of classes, click on the header of the Schedule column and then the Term column.



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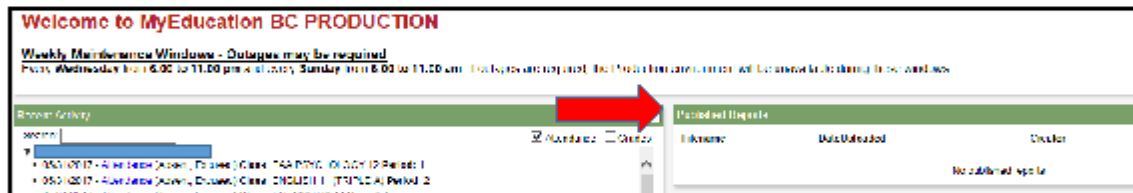
Where can I see my child's course requests for the next school year?

Follow the instructions to see the course requests as above. Click on the **Requests** side tab and you will see the list of courses for next school year.



Where can I see my child's report card?

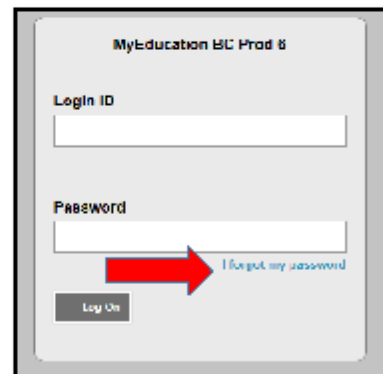
On the **Welcome** page, you will be able to view report cards for all children linked to your accounts in the **Published Reports** section. Reminder to save and/or print the PDF to your computer for future reference as it will not be saved long term in the Portal.



I have forgotten my password – HELP!

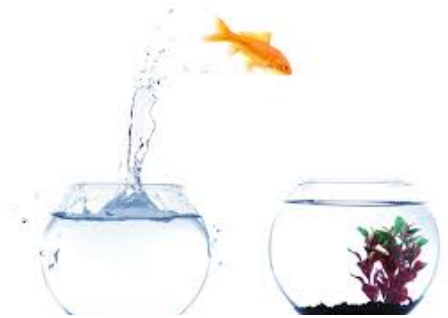
On the login screen, you will see **I Forgot My Password** under the text boxes. Click it and you will be directed to reset it. You will be asked for your Login ID and primary email (which will be the same) and the security question you chose when you first logged on.

An email will then be sent to your primary account to finish the process of resetting your password.



Moved?

Please check your contact information on the Parent Portal and advise the office of any changes in addresses, contact numbers or emails.



Grad Events

Upcoming Boat Cruise – November 30

Our online reservation system goes live November 1 at 9:00 am. Once you've made your reservation, you will have a week to submit your forms and pay for the ticket! This is an EMS Grad event only! Ticket reservations are from Nov 1-9.



Grad Transitions:

Trio Packages DUE Dec.1st

Interview Extravaganza is Dec 6-7-8th in the Library.... Be sure to sign up November 14-15-16 during lunch time.

Grad Fashion Show:

EMS grads are working hard to prepare for this years' fashion show fundraiser! The theme for the show is "smells like team spirit", which should appeal to those of us parents who graduated in the early 90's. The event is always a huge success and a whole lot of fun, with live entertainment, silent auction, concession and the opportunity to see your graduate and their friends walk the stage representing 15+ vendors. From bridal boutiques, to sports outfitters, to every day fashions we will be representing stores from all over the lower mainland. there will even be an opportunity to bid on grad dresses generously donated by Bisou Bridal. These dresses are worth \$400+ so you will NOT want to miss this. Tickets will be going on sale mid November for \$20 for general seating and \$40 for VIP front row seats. VIP seats will need to be purchased early as they are quick to sell out!



Date: November 23rd

Location: EMS gymnasium

Time: doors open for silent auction at 6:00 and show starts at 7:00

Grad Prank Letter:

In past years, there have been troubling incidents of unsafe behaviour and acts of vandalism involving youth in our neighbourhoods participating in reckless events, often characterized as grad activities. Please find the 2017-18 Grad Prank Letter for distribution to parents [link](#)

Halloween fireworks safety

Every Halloween, children and adults are seriously injured and sometimes killed by fireworks.

According to Surrey and White Rock city bylaws, **it is illegal for any person to be in the possession of fireworks of any kind.**

The only exception is for persons who have a valid federal supervisor's certificate from the Explosives Regulatory Division of Natural Resources Canada. However, city permits must be obtained and other restrictions still apply.



The penalty for violating the bylaw is a fine of up to \$5,000 and seizure of the fireworks.

Any fireworks brought on school property will be confiscated and students involved face suspension.

If you have any questions about fireworks use, please contact your fire department.

MariTimes Newspaper

Monday, October 16th marked the publication date of our FIRST issue of the MariTimes Newspaper.

The students have been working tremendously hard. We have a regular staff of about 25 students from grades 8 to 12, with additional occasional contributors.

The journalists will be working on the following columns for this and upcoming issues:

- World News
- BC News
- Community News
- Student Special Interest (EMS News)
- Fashion (including an outfit of the week – OOTW)
- “Expressions” Creative Writing
- Movie Reviews
- TV Reviews
- Book Reviews
- Music Reviews
- Theatre Events
- A Comic Strip
- Clubs at EMS
- Horoscopes
- Sports
- An Advice Column



The newspaper has an Editor-in-Chief (Abby F.), a Copy Director (Alison M.), an Editing Department (led by Grace K.), a Creative Expressions Editor (Katarina D.), a Marketing/Social Media Manager (Maddy K.), a Layout/Formatting Department, 22 Journalists, and 6 photographers.

The MariTimes will be published every two weeks, with a digital release Sunday evenings (<https://www.maritimesnews.com/>) and a paper release on Mondays. The students are FIERCELY proud of themselves. Our aim is to make the MariTimes a highly-anticipated and widely-enjoyed part of our school community.

Yearbook

Yearbook 2018 is in full swing and our students are working hard to publish yet another great edition. Your child may have already noticed our Yearbook photographers at many school activities and functions, as well as classes, capturing the moments that make our students, our school, our community so lively and inclusive. A yearbook celebrates and memorializes school life for years to come. **This year's book is again available for \$50 this semester**, a fantastic price considering the size of our school population. Please consider ordering early, as there will be a limited number of books available. Our group must decide on the number of orders well before Semester 1 has finished. The \$50 price will go up in Semester 2, so act now!

There are three easy ways to order a yearbook:

- 1) Directly through Jostens: www.jostens.com This is the best way to purchase, as there are customizable options online.
- 2) Through Earl Marriott's "School Cash Online" system: <https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>
- 3) Students may bring a cheque or cash in the amount of \$50 to the Yearbook room (120), preferably at lunch, after school, or during Block D. Receipts will be issued.

We are so excited about this year's edition. Thank you for your continued support. An extra "thank-you" goes out to all the students and parents who have already purchased a yearbook for the 2017-2018 school year.

Raymond Lee
Yearbook Advisor, 2017-2018

GRADE NINE STUDENTS

All Grade Nine Students Must Go to Work with a Parent or other Adult on November 1.

Please see the Career Center for More Information if you have questions.



November 1, 2017 | Take Our Kids to Work Day

Step into your future for a day!



Chef



Urban Planner



Mechatronic Engineer



Video Blogger

Career Centre

The Surrey School District has teamed up with the ITA and Trades Expo to hold a

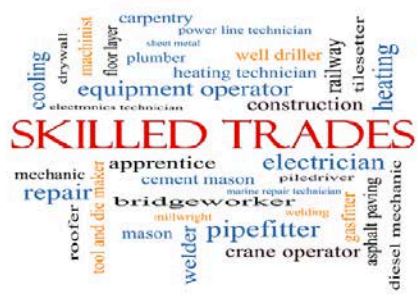
Careers in Trades Information Session for Parents and Students

Thursday, October 26th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm
at the Agriplex in Cloverdale.


Participants will have an opportunity to:

- * Tour the [Trades Expo](#) site and speak with exhibitors prior to the start of the actual event (October 27th and 28th)
- * Find out about opportunities in trades
- * Learn about Surrey School District Trades Training Programs
- * Meet prospective employers
- * Speak with recent trades program graduates
- * Obtain answers to all questions about apprenticeship training and trades careers

To register, click <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/careers-in-trades-information-session-tickets-3871909291>



SKILLED TRADES



TRADES EXPO

Fri, Oct 27 9:00 - 3:00pm
Sat, Oct 28 9:00 - 4:30pm

EMS Athletics

It has been a very successful fall season for Earl Marriott's athletics program. With only being halfway through the season, our Cross Country team have already awarded us with not only one but two Surrey banners to add to our collection. The senior boys volleyball team have had a great kick start to their season being ranked number one in the province and remained in the top 5 throughout all of their tournaments. The boys have shown as an immense threat to the rest of the teams and we are rooting for them all the way! Our success has yet to fall in the volleyball program as our senior girls have remained tough competitors by placing 3rd in their first tournaments of the season at Trinity Western and UBC. The team then came out with a tough loss placing 5th at the rigorous Best of the West tournament in Kelowna. The girls have shown tremendous potential and we cannot wait to see them continue their success.

Submitted by Ruby D.



French Immersion

AU REVOIR OCTOBRE



Interims went home and academic study is intense. Students are reading novels in French 11 and learning about Canadian Unification and the Middle Ages in Social Studies.

French immersion students use technology to present learning : Madame Gaumont's grade 10 students shared their talents and interests in a theme « A l'action »

Furthermore, quite a number of French immersion students visited the « Ensemble » mobile exposition that you may have noticed stationed in the parking lot this month. A message of awareness about our global communities.



Congratulations to Julia, recipient of the Basant Motors Scholarship. Grade 12's should be considering post secondary options and keeping an eye to opportunities for scholarships and bursaries. See counsellors for more information or seek and find on line.

Keep you eyes and ears open for the following :

Learner support is available at lunch hour and many students are taking advantage of this opportunity to eat, work and receive a helping hand. It's important to check in with your children, « how are they feeling, doing with learning? » Please contact teachers in a timely manner, we are here to support students and families.

	Madame Amyotte 108 maths et sciences	Madame Hare 106 langue et sciences humaines
MONDAY	X	
TUESDAY		X
WEDNESDAY	X	X
THURSDAY		X
FRIDAY	X	

« **Atelier Bricoleur** » got the creative juices flowing, students painted on wine glasses or canvas! The results were impressive. Save the date, next month, NOVEMBER 15 is for cooking and creating. Make a « croustade de pommes » and paint an apron. Bon appétit. Please preregister at the Club Francofun. Join the group on Thursdays in room 108.



The « **Crêperie Bohème** » will be back on site, NOVEMBER 20 Students can order and pay using their French language skills and enjoy one of many menu choices. This is an « on site » field trip for Immersion and Modern Languages. Students pay for their own crêpe.

DELF, have you heard? The international language competency opportunity for grade 12's is quickly approaching : November 17 is the first component. Interviews take place the following week. Add this to your calendars.

The Parking Lot: An Update

We are now two months into the school year, which means we are also two months into our newly harmonized schedule. When we first discussed making the change to a unified schedule, one of the concerns was the potential for added congestion in the parking lot.

Apart from the understandable hiccups associated with a new learning curve, we feel the transition has gone relatively smoothly. Moreover, we would like to express our gratitude to our parents for their patience, understanding, and support as we have worked through this process.

A few gentle reminders:

- The “Main Entrance” to the school is only for dropping off students, since it only accesses the bus loop/drop-off lane way.
- The Main Entrance “intersection” has two lanes merging into one: traffic coming off of 16th Ave heading west (turning left) into the bus loop/drop-off lane way AND traffic leaving the main parking area (turning right) to enter the bus loop/drop-off lane way (and exit the property onto 16th Ave).
- This “intersection” is controlled by a stop sign—this sign controls traffic leaving the main parking lot as it enters the bus loop/drop-off lane way; therefore, traffic coming off of 16th Ave has the right of way.
- When using the “Main Entrance”, please move through the “bus loop” area and drop off along the straight stretch of the lane way between the school building and 16th Avenue.
- If you happen to stop in the “bus loop”, please move all the way forward AND pull tight against the curb to allow other vehicles pass on your left.
- Please ensure all drop-offs are safe and efficient (re: quick).
- Note: With the bus loop/drop-off lane way, the busses have priority, so please be prepared to be moved or temporarily held-up as we guide the busses into their drop-off zones.



Tips/Hints:

- When dropping off or picking up your child, we suggest doing so off campus, either across the street (south side of 16th Ave) or at one of the nearby parks (Maccaud or Alderwood), thus reducing the congestion in the parking lot.
- If you are on site to pick up your child, we encourage you to use a vacant staff parking stall while you are waiting for your child, rather than create congested and unsafe line ups along the lane ways between parking rows.