



## The Marriott Messenger

### September 2017



Welcome Earl Marriott students and families! We have had a busy start to the school year, as so many aspects of school life get up and running. It is so exciting to have the building full of people eager to learn and get involved in school life. Earl Marriott Secondary is known as a place where people work with energy and dedication, and the pursuit of personal excellence is evident in our classrooms, extra-curricular programs, and athletics.

Thank you to all of the parents and students for their patience as we adjusted to a new timetable, sorted out bus schedules and got students into classrooms. Our school size has come in as predicted, with the latest count at 1858. There have already been many events and presentations to start off the year. This month, we hosted our Aboriginal Parents and students at a reception, met with our Grade 12 parents to get them started on post-secondary applications, had our first Dry Grad Parent meeting and hosted the French Immersion Parents Information Night. Our hard-working PAC held its first meeting of the year and welcomed new families to our school. Please continue to check our website regularly for the most current information on events and messages from the school and make sure that we have an email for your family to receive notifications notifications.

[www.surreyschools.ca/earlmarriott](http://www.surreyschools.ca/earlmarriott)

Families can also get up to date information from **Twitter @EarlMarriottSec**, and by **downloading our free App, Mari-time**.

#### October Calendar

4	Photo Retakes
9	Thanksgiving—No classes
18	Interim Report Card
19	Parent/Teacher Conferences – early dismissal
20	Non-Instructional Day
30	PAC Meeting
31	Halloween Fashion Show

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Our **Annual Clubs Day** will be held on **Friday, September 29th** at lunch. A full list of clubs can be found on our website, and the Daily Announcements can now be read on your phone through Mari-Time. The participation in this event is always phenomenal. Students can sign up for activities in everything from technology, physical activity, social responsibility, academic and environmental clubs. It is wonderful that so many of our students want to participate in extracurricular activities and so many staff are able to give their time in support. Thank you to our Student Council for hosting this event. The next Big Event on the school calendar is the **Hallowe'en Fashion Show, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**, a great tradition at EMS.

This year we will be close to 360 graduates. I want to thank our Grade 12's for the maturity they have already demonstrated this year in becoming active around the school. On Tuesday October 24th, 7:00 pm, the **PAC will be hosting a presentation from Options Solutions**. Be sure to attend this evening presentation to help you get started on post secondary applications and scholarship research. Grads and Parents can also find Graduation information on the website under the Parents' tab. Our **Grad** committee is already very active and the first grad event, **The Mariner's Game**, took place on Friday, Sept. 22nd.

Parents, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at the first Parent Teacher meetings on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. At any time, if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, email your teachers for information. Our staff email list can be found on the EMS website.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Claudine Davies  
Proud Principal  
Earl Marriott Secondary

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# 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

<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).



# Yearbook

Development of the 2017-2018 version of the Earl Marriott yearbook is well underway. Your child may have already noticed our Yearbook photographers at many school activities and functions 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.

There are three easy ways to order a yearbook:

- 1) Directly through Jostens: [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)
- 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.

In addition to the yearbook, customers may also consider extras such as protective covers and personalization directly through the Jostens website.

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

# Club Fair

On Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> at lunch, Earl Marriott's Student Government Club hosted the annual Club Fair in the gym. This was a great opportunity for all students to find out about the clubs that are currently on-going at the school. If students are keen to start a new club, they can see Mme Amyotte in room 109 for more information on how to get started. Additionally, students should be reminded that it's never too late to join a club; clubs usually welcome new members at any point throughout the school year, so please encourage your son or daughter to get involved!

Please see a list of clubs on our website: [Extra Curricular - Clubs](#)

## Options Solutions Post-Secondary Workshop

Canadian Post-Secondary Admissions Workshop, Options Solutions, presented by your EMS PAC.

This event is open to students grades 10 through 12, and their parents. Join us in the Theatre on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 pm.

Many students and parents find the Canadian university admissions process confusing and difficult to navigate. Options Solutions' President Melinda Giampietro and Educational Consultants Monika Gay and Michelle Robertson aim to demystify this process by giving students and parents the knowledge and tools to make informed choices. With a presentation that features hands-on participation, the workshop will instill confidence in students, preparing them for the important decisions that lie ahead.

# EMS Spirit Wear

See the attached link to order EMS Spirit Wear. Show your school spirit by wearing your EMS clothing every Friday!



<https://marriottspiritwear17.itemorder.com>

# Winning Writers!

We're thrilled to announce that Earl Marriott Secondary have several student writers whose pieces were chosen by the BC Teachers of English Language Association for publication in Voices Visible, an annual BC-wide competition. They are recent graduates:

Brennan Little with 6 pieces

Cindy Zhang with 3 pieces

Claudine Paed

Isadora Kallina de Paula with 2 pieces

and our current grade 12 student, Jared Schellenberg with 2 pieces.

The publication will be available in June 2018.

Congratulations, writers!

# Locker Clean-Out

We still have locker items that were not picked up in June. Please claim in the office before next Friday, October 6. These items will be donated to charity the following week.

# Bonne rentrée à tous.

The school year in immersion is off to a great start. Welcome to our grade 8 students starting the five year secondary experience. Best of luck to the grade 12 students working to graduation with a double Dogwood in immersion.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the following :

**Learner support** is available at lunch hour

Madame Amyotte is in room 104 Monday, Wednesday and Friday for assistance in Math and Sciences.

Madame Hare is in room 106 and available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for French, Social studies, organisation, conversation and language activities.

The « **Francofun** » club is open for business on Thursday in room 108. Join the conversation, join the adventure. Find out about games, trips and enjoy the cultural activities.

Have a sweet tooth? The « **Crêperie Bohême** » 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.

**DELFL**, 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. Students will need to write a letter of candidature and pay a refundable deposit of 50\$ in the form of a cheque.



We hosted a parent information meeting on Wednesday, September 27. If you would like a copy of the document or have questions about the programme, please contact one of our teachers or Department Head, Madame Hare.





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SCHOOL TRIP

SUMMER 2018

Paris, Rome, Venice, Milan, Florence

Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, Ancient Roman Ruins,  
Gelato Tasting, Authentic Pasta Making, and more

See Ms. Bensley, Ms. McBride,  
Mr. Figueira, or Mr. Dawson to sign up!



*EMS is travelling to Europe in June of 2018!*

*Travel plans are to visit Paris, Milan, Florence, and Rome to sightsee and enjoy the heart of Europe with an emphasis on culinary treasures and historical sights.*

*If interested, please see the posters on the bulletin boards around the school and on the t.v. screens. Also watch for a meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October in Mrs. Bensley's cooking room.*

*For more details see Mrs. Bensley (Home Ec. Department Head, Mr. Dawson (I.T. Department Head), Mrs. McBride (Science Department Head), or Mr. Figueira (Social Studies Department Head).*

## **CPF-SURREY CHAPTER**

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a registered charity with a mission to *further bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French.*

Check us out at:

[www.cpf-surrey.com](http://www.cpf-surrey.com)

@cpf-surrey

**HELLO STUDENTS! HELLO PARENTS!**

**WANT TO TRAVEL TO HISTORIC QUEBEC CITY? WANT TO HAVE FUN? MEET NEW FRIENDS? WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE?**

Canadian Parents for French – Surrey Chapter (CPF-Surrey) is pleased to announce that its thirteenth annual summer exchange trip between Surrey and Quebec City in June/July 2017 was a great success!

CPF-Surrey is applying for another grant from **EXPERIENCES CANADA** for a fourteenth summer exchange to take place in 2018. Each student will be paired with a “twin” from Quebec City. First the Quebec students stay in their twins’ home and work to strengthen their English speaking skills. In the second half students travel to Quebec, to stay in their twin’s home and practice communicating in French. This trip is a wonderful cultural experience for both **French Immersion** and **Core French** students and **any** student who wants to experience another region of our great country.

Due to our partnership with **EXPERIENCES CANADA** we are once again able to offer three weeks of activities, accommodation, meals and flights for the very reasonable price of **\$975**.

The activities in 2018 will include 10 days of activities in the Lower Mainland including kayaking, hiking and a day in Victoria followed by 10 days of activities in Quebec City. Activities in Quebec include a visit to Valcartier-Waterpark, Old Quebec and much more. The exchange will tentatively begin the last week of June and end in mid-July, no dates confirmed at this time.

We are encouraging Secondary Students in Grade 8-11 interested in participating in this reciprocal home-stay exchange program between Surrey and Quebec City to contact us as soon as possible in order to register and begin the application process.

For more information please contact our Group Organizer, Charlene Dobie at 604-507-7179 or [sevecsurrey@gmail.com](mailto:sevecsurrey@gmail.com) or Nicolas Rebselj, Secondary French Immersion Teacher at [rebselj@shaw.ca](mailto:rebselj@shaw.ca)

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