



## The Marriott Messenger

January 2018

### Welcome to 2018!

It is already a great new year for the Mariners! This is always a busy time in our Athletic Department with tournaments and games for all of the basketball teams. Our Fall Athletics season has now come to a close, and, as I'm sure you have all heard, we had amazing success. Congratulations to our Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams for both winning Bronze at the Provincial Championship in a nail biting closing weekend. These great achievements add to the accolades received by our Jr. Boys Volleyball, Cross Country, Swim team and our Grade 8 Football team. We are so proud of all their hard work and success this season. All of our Fall teams have brought us reason to celebrate the great Athletic program here at Earl Marriott. Thank you to all the players and coaches for your time and effort.

We are excited to be bringing social media safety presenter, the **White Hatter**, to our school on **February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

*"(the White Hatter) programs are not just about social media and internet safety, they are also about digital literacy and the challenges surrounding privacy (our digital dossier), cyber-bullying, sexting and what all can do now to protect their digital footprints, so that their current online activities do not have a negative outcome on future college, university or job opportunity."*

In addition to the presentations to students that day, our PAC has generously supported a Parent Presentation. More information on the parent presentation can be found at:

<http://www.personalprotectionsystems.ca/internet/internet-safety-parents.html> We will be sending information on Parent Evening tickets at the end of the month. Watch our website, or download the MariTime App for more information.

As the end of this semester approaches, everyone is busy finishing assignments and projects, and studying for final exams. **This year, students will be in full session until Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>, with Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> as a Completion Day for students who need to take care of final assignments, or tests and quizzes that must be finished before the end of Semester.** Students will be requested by their teachers to attend on the 25<sup>th</sup> and/or 26<sup>th</sup> if needed. Teachers will be speaking to students if they are required to come in and complete work. If you are unsure whether your child's attendance on this day is being requested, please have them speak to their teacher.

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**This year, there are only two Provincial Exams: English 12 on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and FRAL 12 on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.** This exam date and time is set by the Ministry of Education and cannot be adjusted. Please ensure that your son or daughter is aware of the exam schedule and arrives on time to write the exam.

Many of our Grade 11 students, who are currently enrolled in a math course, will be writing the new **Numeracy Assessment exam** as part of the new Graduation Requirements. These exams will take place on **Monday Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>.** Please check our website for a full schedule and more information about this assessment.

**Semester 2 begins on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Semester 2 schedules will be handed out in the last week of January. It is hard to believe, but we are already speaking with students about **Course Planning** for next year. Our first Parent Evening for Grade 7 students was on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The **Course Planning Evening for parents of Grades 8 – 11 will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Students will be completing their course selection on line through the student portal of MyEdBC the week of Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. Parents can ask their child to go online with them to review their course selection choices. Of note this year are the changes in curriculum for students entering Grades 10 – 12 next year. This brings new courses to our school, along with **new requirements for Graduation.**

Of course, our Grade 12 students are focused on making choices for their first year out of high school. Information continues to come from our counseling department, and is posted on our website. We will be sending Graduation Ceremony information home in the Spring, but parents and families should mark down **Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Commencement Ceremony) and Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Dinner/Dance)** as important dates not to miss. One of our annual Grad events, the **Grad Pasta Dinner**, takes place on **Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.** Your Dry Grad committee has a number of activities and fundraisers planned for the next few months, so please check to see where you can help out and support Dry Grad.

We have a few staff changes and additions for Semester 2. I would like to thank and recognize **Ms. S. Dawson** for her dedication to our students over the past decade. Ms. Dawson began her retirement from the LST dept. on Dec. 1st, and we wish her all the best in her new adventures. We are so grateful for the commitment that she has made to our students and school, and we will miss seeing her each day. There are a number of additions to our staff in Semester 2 that we will introduce in our February newsletter.

On behalf of the Mariner staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. There are so many opportunities in our school community and I encourage you to get involved and find your passion in 2018.

Sincerely,  
Claudine Davies  
Principal École Earl Marriott Secondary

# Upcoming Events

## January

- 8 School Reopens
- 16 Career Ed. Information Night
- 16 Grade 7 Parent Evening
- 24 Semester 1 Ends
- 29 Semester 2 Begins

## February

- 3 South End Summit Band Concert
- 8 Semester 1 Report Cards
- 8 Hair Drive



### **Career Education Information Evening – January 16 @ 7:00pm**

There are many amazing opportunities available to Earl Marriott students for their grades 11 & 12 years. Parents and students are encouraged to attend our Career Education Information night on January 16 at 7 pm in the Career Centre to learn more about the four co-ops available at our school, as well as over 15 District Partnership programs. The co-ops provide students the chance to study for one semester in a cohort with similar academic interest while enjoying career exploration for six weeks. For the Partnership Programs, the district has partnered with several local colleges, BCIT, KPU and VCC, to provide students interested in becoming skilled tradespeople the opportunity to complete Level 1 training with the possibility of beginning an apprenticeship. All of our programs provide fabulous career exploration opportunities, hands-on learning, camaraderie and a bridge between their current high school studies and the real world.

### **Hair Drive – February 8**

On February 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a team of hairdressers at EMS to cut hair so that students & teachers may donate their hair to Wigs for Kids. This service will be free of charge. Monetary donations will also be collected for this worthy cause.



## Numeracy Assessment

The following letter was sent home with students in grade 10 and 11 who will be writing the new Numeracy Assessment in the January sitting of Provincial exams:

Prior to the 2017-2018 Winter Break, your child was informed that he/she will be writing the Graduation Numeracy Assessment during the January sitting. What is the **Numeracy Assessment**?

This assessment is part of the new Graduation Programme in BC. In the past, these assessments were known as “Provincial Exams”, which were specific to a course and counted towards the final mark in the given course. The Graduation Numeracy Assessment is not linked to a specific course, such as math, however its roots are firmly set in the mathematics tradition, specifically in the concepts learned from kindergarten to Grade 10. Thus, the assessment result is not attached to any given course, rather it is reported as a measure of proficiency in numeracy. In terms of reporting, the Ministry will be employing a 4-point scale, and these results will appear on the student’s transcript as a number: 1 (Emerging), 2 (Developing), 3 (Proficient), or 4 (Extending).

Beginning this school year, students will have to complete the Graduation Numeracy Assessment as a component of their graduation requirement. This year, all grade 11, and some grade 10, students will be writing the assessment at Earl Marriott Secondary. (*Note: For the 2017-2018 school year, Grade 12 students will remain on the former graduation pathway; therefore, they are not required to write the numeracy assessment.*) In the future, prior to graduating, students in grades 10 through 12 will be required to write two formal assessments:

- 2017-2018 – English 12/Communications 12 AND the Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- 2018-2019 – English Language Arts 12 AND the Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- 2019-2020 – Graduation Numeracy Assessment AND Graduation Literacy Assessment.

In preparation for this assessment, teachers will be assisting students with understanding the experience. The assessment will be completed both on computer as well as on paper. Students will be asked to respond to 30 questions: 24 questions on computer and 2 questions on paper, followed by 4 (unmarked) reflections. As partners with you in your child’s academic success, we encourage you to sit down with your child to explore the website and practice the trial questions. Please see the following pages:

Information for Parents

- [https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation\\_Numeracy\\_Brochure.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation_Numeracy_Brochure.pdf)

Sample Assessment

- [https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/eexams\\_sample.htm](https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/eexams_sample.htm)

Regards,

Earl Marriott Administration

## EARL MARRIOTT PRESENTS



# JANUARY 16, 2018 GRADE 7 PARENT NIGHT JOIN US AT 6:00:

PRESENTATION IN THEATRE (TOURS TO FOLLOW)	SCHOOL TOURS (PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crescent Park</li><li>• Jessie Lee</li><li>• Laronde</li><li>• Pacific Heights</li><li>• Peace Arch</li><li>• Star of the Sea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hall's Prairie</li><li>• Morgan</li><li>• Rosemary Heights</li><li>• South Meridian</li><li>• Sunnyside</li><li>• White Rock</li></ul>

**BRING YOUR KIDS AND YOUR QUESTIONS!**



**Our Schedules**

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**Our Supports**

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**Life in Grade 8**

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**Supporting your  
child**

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**Hear from our  
current Grade 8's**

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# Departments

## Music

All music Parents and students, check out the Music Departments new website [marriottmusic.com](http://marriottmusic.com)  
Be sure to subscribe to the website to receive emails regarding all the latest news and updates for the bands.



# MariTimes Newspaper

The MariTimes Newspaper is zooming along! Our group of 28 students are creating and publishing every two weeks all year long. Check out [www.maritimesnews.com](http://www.maritimesnews.com) to stay up to date!



## *Little Shop of Horrors*

Earl Marriott Theatre Company is so excited to bring to our stage the outrageously funny, out of this world musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. This classic Broadway rock musical is a murderously funny parody of the great old sci-fi horror films of the 1960s. It is a dark and endearing tale that has had audiences screaming with laughter since its Off-Broadway debut in 1982. Filled with some of Broadway's favourite hit songs, this hair-raising show will have you tapping your toes and hooting with laughter.

The story of this award-winning musical comedy is definitely dark and totally compelling. Seymour Krelborn, a timid and awkward floral assistant, lives downtown on Skid Row and works at Mushnik's Flower Shop. Seymour is constantly berated by his boss and secretly in love with his sweet yet sad co-worker, Audrey. The two of them dream of a better life until one day, Seymour finds a strange plant after a solar eclipse and everyone's lives start turning around. It looks like the fast-talking and devious alien plant can make all of Seymour's wishes come true but only if he follows a diabolical and murderous plan. "Audrey 2" is no ordinary plant and she wants much more than just water and sunlight...she craves human blood.

*Little Shop of Horrors* is a high-energy musical full of laughs and tragedy and features our EMS Theatre Company actors, technicians and orchestra. Join us with Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik and the citizens of Skid Row here in our own Wheelhouse Theatre for this unconventional, killer comedy. You won't want to miss it!!

### **Warning:**

This show deals with mature themes, language and content.

Viewer discretion is advised, and children under 12 should only attend at a parent's discretion. As always, the decision is yours.

**Rating:** The movie would be rated PG-13 for its darker themes, language and occasional violence.

**Show Dates: April 25-28 and May 2-5, 2018**

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Curtain: 7:30 pm sharp!

Adults: \$17 Seniors and Students: \$15

\*Part of every ticket sold goes to Theatre Equipment improvements and student scholarships.

Tickets go on sale starting in March, 2018!