

# Earl Marriott Secondary

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# **Principal's Message**

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. 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.

Following the Admin Day on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, our staff has been looking at a different focus area from the Code of Conduct each month, to support students in their learning. This month, we are focusing on Attendance. Our staff believes that consistent attendance is the key to success, and it is a reflection of a student's investment in

### **Upcoming in November**

- 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal
- 8 Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- 9 Pro-D no classes
- 12 Remembrance Day Observed
- 14 Grade 9 Take Our Kids To Work Day
- 14 Early Dismissal
- 22 Report Cards Published
- 22 We Day
- 22 Grad Fashion Show
- 30 Grad Transitions Written Work Due

their learning. At the school, we are committing to speaking with students and encouraging them, communicating to parents when there is a concern, and following through with support when needed. Parents can expect phone calls or emails from the school when classes are missed, and a letter from the administration when there have been more than 4 days of unexcused absences. We encourage families to contact the school whenever there is an excused absence, or if there is a concern or question. Thank you for your support in helping us by encouraging your children to attend all classes, and by letting us know when they will be absent due to illness or an appointment.



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 at the Parent Teacher Conference day on Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Interview times may be scheduled on line. Check our website for details. This is a good opportunity to further check on your child's progress to date and discuss strategies for support. **Our first formal report for the year will be on Thursday, November 22nd.** 

This month will be an important one for **Grade 12 students** and their parents.

- The Grade 12's will be celebrating the first term of their Grad year at the Grad Cruise on Thursday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. On Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will participate in the Grad Fashion Show, a Mariner tradition. We encourage everyone to come out and support these events.
- 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 lunch sessions on Grad information, including post-secondary decision making and dealing with the stress of deadlines and applications.
- Oct. 23<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Post-Secondary Institutions Evening. This South Surrey event is being held at Earl Marriott this year. It is a great opportunity to meet with Faculty advisors and recruitment teams from the Universities and colleges. UBC will be coming to speak to students on Wednesday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Theatre.

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, Boys Soccer, Football, Swimming and Cross-country team have all moved forward in their divisions. Our Cross-country teams did exceptionally well in the Fraser Valleys and many will be heading to the Provincial Championships in Nanaimo. Parents can check the schedule for games and tournaments at emsathletics.ca.

Parents are reminded that the next Professional Day will be on **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, prior to Remembrance Day on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Plans are well underway for our Remembrance Day Assemblies on Thursday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to this solemn and respectful occasion at our school. Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> is also a non-instructional day.

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



#### New Cannabis Control and Licensing Act

Please be aware of the following violation amendments related to the consumption or possession of cannabis while at school, or on adjacent grounds. Students may be fined by RCMP in the following circumstances :

Vape cannabis or hold activated cannabis device in an outdoor public place	\$58
Smoke or hold lighted cannabis in indoor public place (school)	\$230
Vape cannabis or hold activated cannabis device in indoor public place	\$58
Smoke or hold lighted cannabis at bus stop or similar place, including an area abutting	
School property	\$230
Vape cannabis or hold activated cannabis device at bus stop or similar place	\$58

For more information, please reference <u>http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/documents/id/oic/oic\_cur/0529\_2018</u>

Smoking, vaping and the possession or use of cannabis while at school is a violation of the Code of Conduct.

# **English Department**



This picture was done as part of a submission for a multimodal final unit-project on the novel, *The Curious Incident of the dog in the night-time* for Mr. Winters' grade-9 English class. The story is about a 15-year old boy with autism, who takes it upon himself to solve a mystery involving his neighbour's dog. It was done on an ipad using a variety of techniques in art and technology. The various objects in this picture relate to character, themes, and events, which take place during the story. Enjoy!

# Fine Arts Department



By Vicki C. Grade 9

This is one of our projects we do in Visual Art 9. Students have layers of painting, printing, cutting out, gluing and drawing into the image to achieve this effect.

Kathy Manning



#### Scholarship and Post-Secondary Information

EMS hosts meetings for the latest scholarship and post-secondary information. The meetings are called GPS and they are held the last Thursday of every month during lunch in the Career Center. If you can't attend the meetings, take a look at the school website under Quick Links on the Counselling Department page, or sign up for the Mari-Time App. Next meeting time is October 25, 2018.

#### **Grad Fashion Show**

The first fundraiser for the 2019 Dry Grad is the Grad Fashion Show on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Doors open at 6pm with a silent auction and show starting at 7pm. There are over 100 Grade 12 students who are participating this year modeling clothing that ranges from the Running Room to David's Bridal. Please show your support for the Earl Marriott Graduating Class of 2019 and join us for a night of fashion and music at "The Colour of Fashion Time Machine"

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$40 VIP seating. They will go on sale November 8th.





The MariTimes Newspaper is in full swing with a great group of hardworking students. Our newspaper is published in print and online at <u>https://www.maritimesnews.com/</u>. Each issue includes world news, local news, school events, movie/TV/music reviews, horoscopes, a creative expressions section, and more! This newspaper is student -led and student-run, and we're always accepting articles, photos, and comments! Please contact Ms Ganshorn (sponsor teacher) for more information or to join this club.



The Grade 9, 10 and Sr. Wind Ensembles will be performing at the Bell Centre Theatre on November 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon till 230pm. The event is for the Surrey Band Review.











## Haida Gwaii—2019

Next May, our First Nation program is departing on an 8 day excursion to Haida Gwaii. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience. We will Kayak, Hike, visit Haida Carvers and a Zodiac expedition to Gwaii Haanas and the ancient Haida Villages. Don't miss out. Please see Mr. MacKay-Dunn or Dawne in the First Nation office. This is open to all students and we are limited to 18 students in total.

## Italy and Spain-2020



The Art Department will be starting to rally for our next Florence, Italy and Spain trip 2020. We love going to Florence since it is a total immersion into the Renaissance. Along with its historic architecture and art, students will be living the Italian way by staying with Italian parents in Florence for the week's stay. Students learn a little Italian as well at the International Language School in Florence. After Florence, we go on to Spain and this year we will be visiting Barcelona the home of Gaudi. Students who are taking Spanish can put their learning to practice while touring and living with Spanish parents just outside of Barcelona. We are hoping to get underway with a parent meeting in October. See Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Van Weerden or Mrs. Manning

## Ireland—2019

Earl Marriott students are invited to join Mr. Ewacha and Ms. Beveridge this Spring Break for an Irish tour to the Emerald island. Leaving on March 18<sup>th</sup>, we will spend 9 days touring the sights and sounds of Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Killarney. Some of the other locations we will be visiting along the way include, the Neolithic UNESCO Heritage site of Knowth, which contains structures that predate Egypt's pyramids. We will also explore the vast array of unique Geographical wonders like the scenic Cliffs of Moher, Connemara Park, the Ring of Kerry, and the "Wild Atlantic Way." For those who are intrigued by European Medieval history climb Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone, and spot the round towers which dot the countryside.

