



# Earl Marriott Secondary

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## Principal's Message

This has been the most unusual month of April in the history of Earl Marriott and I am so in awe of the resilience and flexibility shown by our entire community. We are now well into **Week Five of our on-line learning**, and everyone has risen to the challenge. I am so grateful to all of our teachers and staff for the additional hours they have put in to create activities and lessons that work in a virtual environment for their students, and for the effort and learning it has taken to reach out and engage all their students in TEAMS and online platforms. Thank you to the parents who have shown us only kindness as we moved forward, and who have given encouragement and supported our students in their homes to make this all work. Most of all, thank you to our students, who are engaging and continuing to do their best work, despite having lost the richness of everything that a real school community brings. We know that this is not what you were expecting when you began your year, and we are so proud of how you are stepping up and doing what needs to be done to move everyone forward and keep everyone safe.

You will be receiving the third formal report card, the first for Semester 2, which will be posted for students and parents in MyEdBC on **Thursday, April 30th**. This year, all students will be working in their online classes until **Friday, June 19th**, with an opportunity for **completion activities with their teachers June 23rd<sup>h</sup> –26<sup>th</sup>**. Completion days are opportunities for students to complete missed exams, and finish off assignments. There are no scheduled Provincial assessments this year, other than Grade 12 students who have not completed their Numeracy assessment. Students should now be communicating with their teachers about how they can engage in their classes until the end of semester, and meet their personal goals for the year in the best way possible. Please use all of the supports available through the school and on-line to stay focused and organized. If there are any questions or concerns about your son or daughter's progress, please contact your teacher directly through email.

There were many events on our school calendar that have now passed us by, and many more to come where we will not be able to gather as we typically would. Our staff is busy planning for a virtual event for our Graduates, to honour them and celebrate this moment in their lives. We hope that it will be a day to remember, if not exactly like they had imagined. It is important to remember that, despite all of the loss, things are moving forward as they should for many of our students and our Grade 12's in particular. We have received news that several of our students have been offered tremendous scholarships, and this month many have received letters of acceptance to University and post-secondary programs. Stay tuned for more information to come on your **virtual Commencement...**

Please read through this very abbreviated newsletter for more information on retrieving your **locker items**, information on Grandview Secondary and more. The teachers will be engaged in online conferences and workshops on the **Pro D Day, Friday May 1st**, and will not be available to meet online or respond to questions.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all in person again in the building. You are missed by everyone here. With all our best wishes for you and your family as we move through this together,

Ms. Claudine Davies

Proud Principal of Earl Marriott Secondary

## Message from our Counsellors:

Dear Earl Marriott Secondary Students and Parents,

The Earl Marriott Secondary Counsellors are thinking of our students and their families during this difficult time. Given our current circumstances, there are many stresses and worries for families and students and mental health is of utmost concern. We recognize that with school closure, students may be feeling a wide variety of emotions. If your son/daughter or your family requires support through these unprecedented times please do not hesitate to reach out to your EMS counsellor. There are resources and help available.

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### Locker Cleanout

Student lockers are going to be cleared out this week. Contents will be made available to students on May 5th, 6th or 7th, depending on the zone that the student's locker was in. Please see the Story on the school website for more information.

**Timetable and Registration 2020/2021** – We are continuing to move forward with our timetable building for Sept. 2020. All of our students chose their courses and received a verification prior to Spring Break. The timetable is being constructed and information will be shared to students on the same timeline as every year. We are also meeting online with our Elementary teachers and Admin to prepare for the welcome of our Grade 8 students next year. As always, if you have concerns or questions about your courses, please contact your alpha counselor. Students and families new to the Earl Marriott area may complete a registration form online, which can be found on our website.

**Grandview Secondary** – For Grade 8 and 9 students who will be attending Grandview Secondary in September 2021, please watch for a letter coming soon inviting you to participate in live links to a power point, FAQ and way to ask more questions directly to your new principal, Mr. Darren Bedard. There will also be an opportunity to join a joint parent/staff transition committee. The PAC will send you an email with an invitation looking for 1-2 volunteers for join in on this work. The transition committee will form an important part of the new school start up.



# EMS YEARBOOK

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## SUBMIT YEARBOOK CONTENT

### CURRENT TOPICS:

~ EMS IN QUARANTINE ~  
(WHAT IS YOUR LIFE LIKE NOW?)

~ HOBBIES / SKILLS ~  
(TRYING ANYTHING NEW?)

~ EMS PETS ~  
(WHO IS KEEPING YOU SANE?)

~JUNIOR AND SENIOR SURVIVAL KITS ~  
(WHAT IS IN YOUR KIT?)



# *EMS Grads!*

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

## **INSTAGRAM**

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## **CAPTURING MEMORIES**

While we are all separated the Yearbook team is still hard at work capturing YOUR grad year memories.

Please keep an eye out on Instagram for contests and submission ideas!

Right now **email** in photos for:

1) Grad Sibling Photos

2) Formal Outfit

(Ex. You looking fabulous next to a beautiful shrubbery)



# Parent Advisory Council

EMS is an amazing school – Students are supported by their teachers, administration and parents. We want to thank everyone for their support, patience and kindness during these unprecedented times.

## Grandview Transition Team

We are looking for parent volunteers to help form the transition team for the new Grandview Highschool. September 2021 is the currently scheduled opening for the new high school, and we are actively looking for parents who would like to participate on this committee. There will be a limit to the number of participants so please contact PAC if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

## PAC Donations

A huge thank-you to all the parents who donated to the PAC. These funds have been a valuable help to students at EMS. Your financial support both big and small helps the PAC support those students who most need our help. The fabric of EMS is made up of a wide range of caring and thoughtful individuals, it is with your support and the skill of the teachers and administration that our EMS community will continue to send wonderful young women and men out into the world beyond high school.

## Yearbooks

This year's grad class is not like the past, kids unfortunately will not have the same events and social interactions as their peers have had in previous years. The teachers, administration, parents, and students are all working to find a way to make the close out of high school life as meaningful as possible within the constraints of the current social distancing requirements. One way to help is to ensure the yearbook is filled with rich and colorful photos of the kids. As such the yearbook committee is actively calling for submission of additional photos so please submit your best pictures for all to enjoy and remember the good times at EMS.

Any other comments, issues, topics or concerns please do not hesitate to contact PAC. Our last PAC meeting of the 2019/2020 school season is a virtual meeting at 7pm on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope everyone who is interested will be able to join.

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