



# 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. This year, the month seemed to go even faster, as we quickly realized how the first term was more than half way through. The speed with which the quarter system passes is something that we all are coming to terms with as 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 first term on Nov.13<sup>th</sup>.

Parents should have received, through MyEd, the first **Point of Progress reports** for Term One. This first report is an early indicator of work habits that are being demonstrated in the classroom. The report may be used as an early indication of attendance concerns or areas in need of improvement. We would encourage you to have a conversation around the information in this first point of progress, and establish a goal for the end of term. Parents may follow up the report by contacting teachers directly via email or phone. **Our first formal summative report for the year will be on November 20th.**

### We have a few important dates for the month of November:

Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – Professional day

Mon. Tues., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies

Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal for Assessment

Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> – School Completion day – most students are not in session unless requested

Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – First day of Quarter Two

Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – Reports will be available thru the MYED portal

This month, the admin team visited all of our Grade 8 classrooms to welcome them to our school, and talk about some of the things they may notice that are different from elementary school. Our **School Completion Day**, which happens at the end of each term, is an opportunity for students who need the extra time, to come in and complete missed assessments or complete activities or projects that need a finishing touch. Students are required to come in if requested by a teacher that day, as it is part of the instructional hours. Students who have completed all work may not need to be in attendance on **Friday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## Upcoming in November

- 6 Professional Day—no classes
- 9/10 Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremonies
- 11 Remembrance Day—no classes
- 12 Early Dismissal 1:25 Srs / 1:55 Jrs
- 12 Quarter 1 Ends
- 13 Completion Day
- 16 Quarter 2 Begins
- 20 Report Cards Published in MyEd
- 30 Virtual PAC Meeting



One of the best indicators of student success is class attendance. Our staff believes that consistent attendance is the key to success, and reflects a student's investment in 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 total 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.

Fall sports are well underway at Earl Marriott, even though they look a bit different than from years past. Our coaches in **Football, Volleyball and Cross Country** have all been offering skills practices to smaller groups of students. Thank you to our Athletic Director, Mr. Clift, and his team of coaches for their work in bringing these activities into the school. They are working closely with the District and BC School Sports to provide activities within the parameters set by the Provincial Health Officer. Please follow @earlmarriottathletics for more information.

Since our last newsletter, the school participated in a Terry Fox Run by Cohort, sponsored by our Student Leadership class, which raised over \$3,000 for the Terry Fox organization. Thank you to all those who ran and also to those who participated in the daily activities. Next month we will be able to report on the start-up of our lunch time **Cohort Intramural program** for Grades 8 and 9.

This week, we are hosting the **Grad Spirit week**, culminating in our **Annual Hallowe'en dress up day on Friday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**. Despite not being able to gather for the noon hour Hallowe'en costume parade, our Student Council will be hosting a costume contest through the cohorts. Our Grad Council has been meeting as a group, and coming up with ideas for this year that can meet the guidelines for Health and Safety. We continue to move ahead in our planning (requesting Grad gown information, arranging Grad photos, selling Grad wear), as we look to see how our Grade 12's can be celebrated throughout the year. We remain flexible for the end of the school year, and we encourage our Grads to continue in all of the regular tasks for this important transition year. Information comes out regularly through @emsscholarships and is posted on our website. This newsletter contains several announcements for post-secondary virtual information sessions. It is important to keep moving forward and to plan for the future.

I am encouraged by all of the great activities that are on the calendar for the next month, especially the costume contest on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony. 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

**Mari-Time**



**@EarlMarriottsec**



**November 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 Assessments					
	10 - Evaluation		10 - Evaluation		Non-instructiona	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Remembrance Day - no	Early Dismissal / Last Day for	Completion Day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Quarter 2 Begins				Report Card 1 Issued	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5
	PAC Meeting					

## Tips for a Safe Transition to Quarter 2 Classes

November 16<sup>th</sup> marks the first day of Quarter 2 classes, so it is a good time to review some of our school's health and safety protocols.

- In the mornings, each student enters the building through a designated entrance determined by the location of their morning class. Please check your Q2 classes to determine the appropriate entrance.
- All **First Floor Classes** enter through the school's main entrance and follow the directional arrows to find their classroom. First floor classes include: rooms 101-120, BAND, WW1, WW2, MTL, AUTO, DFT, LIB, GYM, & TH
- All **Second Floor Classes** enter through the South **East** Stairwell off the bus loop. Second floor classes include rooms 201-220.
- All **Third Floor Classes** enter through the South **West** Stairwell off the bus loop. Third floor classes include rooms 301-322.
- Students are reminded that they will be expected to continue wearing masks upon entry to the building and at all times in high traffic areas, and anytime they engage with individuals outside of their learning cohort where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Please maintain proper hand hygiene by washing hands frequently throughout the day, and remember to use the hand sanitizing stations upon entry to the building.
- Please continue to perform Daily Health Checks to monitor for symptoms of illness and stay home when you are sick.



### Morning Drop-off at School

We have been noticing an increasing amount of congestion in the front of the school during the morning drop-off and would like to ask for everyone's cooperation to help ensure a smooth and safe start to the day.

Please allow a few extra minutes in the morning to arrive early to school. The main entrance to the school is open early and the bus loop entrances are opened at 8 am each morning for your convenience. Students are welcome to enter the building and wait in their classrooms before school.

If you are dropping off your child in the bus loop along 16<sup>th</sup> avenue, we ask that you pull ahead to the end of the bus loop where the drive widens to allow for cars to stop safely without blocking the through traffic.

We would also like to request that students keep their bag with them in the car so they can exit the vehicle without having to enter the trunk for their backpack as this prolongs the amount of time the car is stopped in the drop-off zone.

We ask that parents remain in their car during drop-off to avoid driver's side doors blocking other cars from continuing past while you are in the drop-off zone.

Please feel free to use one of the available parking stalls in the main parking lot if the driver needs to exit the vehicle to access the trunk or assist the child. The bus loop is reserved for quick drop off only.

Please yield to school busses at all times, and quickly vacate the bus loop if your vehicle is blocking their ability to pull over and unload the bus.

Finally, thank you for observing the cross walks where students cross onto the property. We hope that these enhanced drop-off measures will help keep the sight lines clear so students can safely cross to access the building.

## Daily Health Check

Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

\*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

**A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor’s note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.**

**Graduation Assessment Exam Schedule November 2-6, 2020 – (Numeracy 10)**

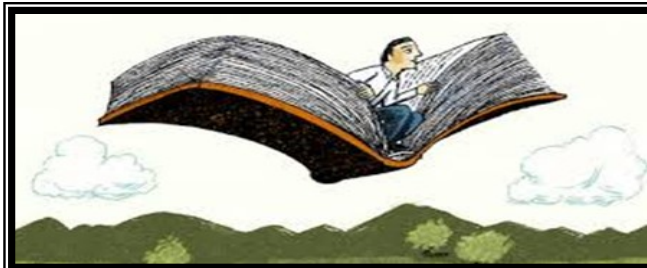
- The following schedule indicates when Grade 11 students will write their Numeracy Assessments, based on their current Q1 – A – Block teacher, during the week from Monday – Thursday, on November 2-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 12's have been scheduled to write on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, so classes will not be impacted. Grade 12's will be scheduled to write based on their current Q1 – A-Block teacher, as well.
- AM exams will start at 9:00 a.m. – PM exams will start at 12:15 p.m.

	Session	Room	Monday	Session	Room	Tuesday	Session	Room	Wednesday	Session	Room	Thursday	Session	Room	Friday – (Grade 12' Only)
AM 9:00	1	303	S. Campbell	7	303	J.Pesut	12	303	J. Lewis	17	303	A. Van Weerden	21	303	Ewacha, Ganshorn, Van Weerden, Mackay-Dunn
9:00	2	313	S. Rai	8	313	B. Krembenios	13	313	Rutley/ Hermann	18	313	R. Schmidt	22	313	Mr.Rodgers, Oamen, Sahota, Mrs. Rodgers, Lewis, Rutley
9:00	3	307	Ewacha, Speechley, Ho, S. Gill	9	307		14	307			307		23	307	Schmidt, Knapp, Fraser, Radcliffe
PM 12:15	4	303	S Van Hulsentop	10	303	K. Fraser	15	303	J. Lee	19	303	C. Radcliffe	24	303	
12:15	5	313	S.Rodgers	11	313	S. Ganshorn	16	313	D. Buller	20	313	Harrison/ Dennill	25	313	
12:15	6	307	Siebert, Tancowny		307			307			307	Mackay-Dunn, Liang, Johnson	26	307	

# Please remember your masks!



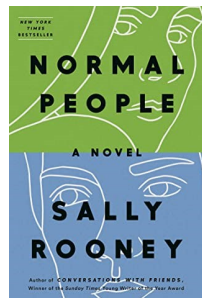
Please remember to wear your mask every day. The office staff have been handing out about 25 masks on a daily basis to students who have forgotten their masks at home. A good plan is to have an extra mask in your backpack that you can use if you have forgotten or misplaced yours.



## EMS Learning Commons

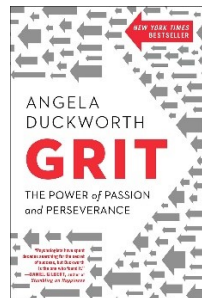
### New Books

#### Staff Favourite!



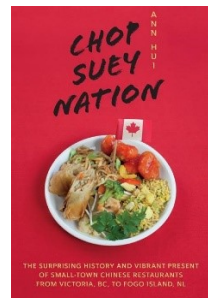
Normal People – Sally Rooney explores the subtleties of class, the electricity of first love and the entanglements of family and friendship.

#### Exciting Read!



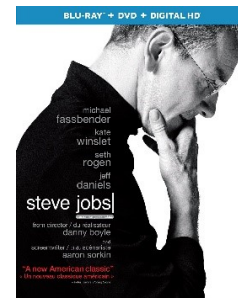
Grit – Angela Duckworth. What are the best predictors of success? IQ? Grit?

#### Coming Soon!



Chop Suey Nation – Stories from Chinese food Restaurants from across Canada.

#### Audio Books & DVD's:



Steve Jobs – Apple Founder, Biography on DVD/Blu Ray, featuring Jeff Daniels & Seth Rogan.

## Counselling News

As we prepare our graduating class of 2021 for their future plans, counselling will be sharing post secondary information with students on Instagram @EMSCounselling. We invite students and parents to follow along for important information and dates. It's an exciting time for our grads with lots of information to navigate.

Student/families with questions or concerns can also connect through email with your alpha counsellor.

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# HALLOWEEN WRITING CONTEST

Our annual Hallowe'en Writing Contest was a great success. The English

Department would like to congratulate grade 8 student Avery Bertoia for her winning entry. Her suspenseful short story, "Love", was inspired by the scary scene set up by Ms. Sahota's English Studies 12 students. After reading dozens of Grade 8 and 9 entries, Avery's was selected as the winner based on her vivid, descriptive language and intriguing storyline.



## GRADE 12 STUDENTS

There are a few grads who still have not submitted their heights so that we can order Commencement gowns for them.

Parents, please ask your son or daughter if they are getting emails from Mrs. Beveridge in the office. Three requests (one that included parents) have been sent to the grads. If your child has not been receiving emails, please contact Mrs. Beveridge in the office so that we can check our information in MyEd. You can also email her at:

[beveridge\\_t@surreyschools.ca](mailto:beveridge_t@surreyschools.ca)

Here is the link to a google doc for submitting heights (in cm).

<https://bit.ly/3n6SNhn>



## INTRAMURALS

The Rec Leadership 10 class along with the Athletic Leadership 11/12 class will begin offering Lunchtime Intramurals to individual Grade 8/9 Cohorts starting Wednesday October 28th. The leadership program is excited to offer this opportunity to our younger grades in an effort to build school community and culture in a safe and engaging way. First up is a PHE class favourite, Letendre Ball (form of California Kick Ball), moving forward we are looking to offer activities such as Handball, Volleyball, Basketball, Yoga and Fitness Sessions and another PHE favourite "Jingle Jangles". We have provided a survey for each class to complete and will look to offer activities that interest our student community.



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## YEARBOOK



## WELCOMES YOU TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

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We're here to share some exciting news with you regarding the 2021 yearbook. Guess what? ***You're officially on the yearbook staff!*** Yes, you read that right! This year, more than ever, we ask that you join us in helping to create the book.

### **What are some ways you could help us achieve this task? Consider:**

-Follow us on Instagram @ **ems\_yearbook**

-Email us at the following address: **submissions.emsyearbook@gmail.com**

-Join the EMS Yearbook Student Team at the Join Code: **rg9yud5**

-Capture CANDID moments and send them to us. By candid we mean non-posed.

-Student organizations definitely deserve some love: help us gather memories of meetings, practices or virtual events.

-Calling all athletes: we are talking about school sports or extracurricular sports. Share your stories and photos!

-Dressing up like Romeo and Juliet to perform a play via Teams? We need to hear about it! Participating in a team building experience involving a phone app? Tell us!

-If you or a parent you know takes pictures at student events, please email us.

-Take photos of ANYTHING that happens in your home that connects back to our school, whether virtually or in-person.

-We want to feature any students who are doing something awesome. Suzie is getting her pilot's license? Johnny was accepted to a really cool program for Latin? Alex is getting solving complex maths in their spare time? Email us!

**This yearbook is unique in that it will be created by the whole school. Thank you in advance for being a part of this historic year. Don't forget to reserve your copy at [schoolcashonline.com](https://schoolcashonline.com)**

Sincerely,

Ms. Knapp

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# Terry

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# Run



The Rec Leadership class would like to sincerely thank everyone for their participation this year. It was awesome to see those willing to participate come together to make a huge impact for cancer research and the honouring of a Canadian Hero!

Together we raised a total of \$3000... the largest total in recent memory, a tremendous accomplishment but one magnified during our current situation.

We would like to thank the teachers that welcomed the Rec Leadership class into their classroom and carry on a tradition that is so very important. Regardless of your involvement, each action has an impact on our students and carrying on the memory of Terry Fox.

Huge shout out to the top 5 classes:

5th Place - Mr. Murray \$160.45

4th Place - Mr. Lewis \$181.70

3rd Place - Mr. Shiels \$199.60

2nd Place - Mr. Clift \$269

And this year's winner and still champion....

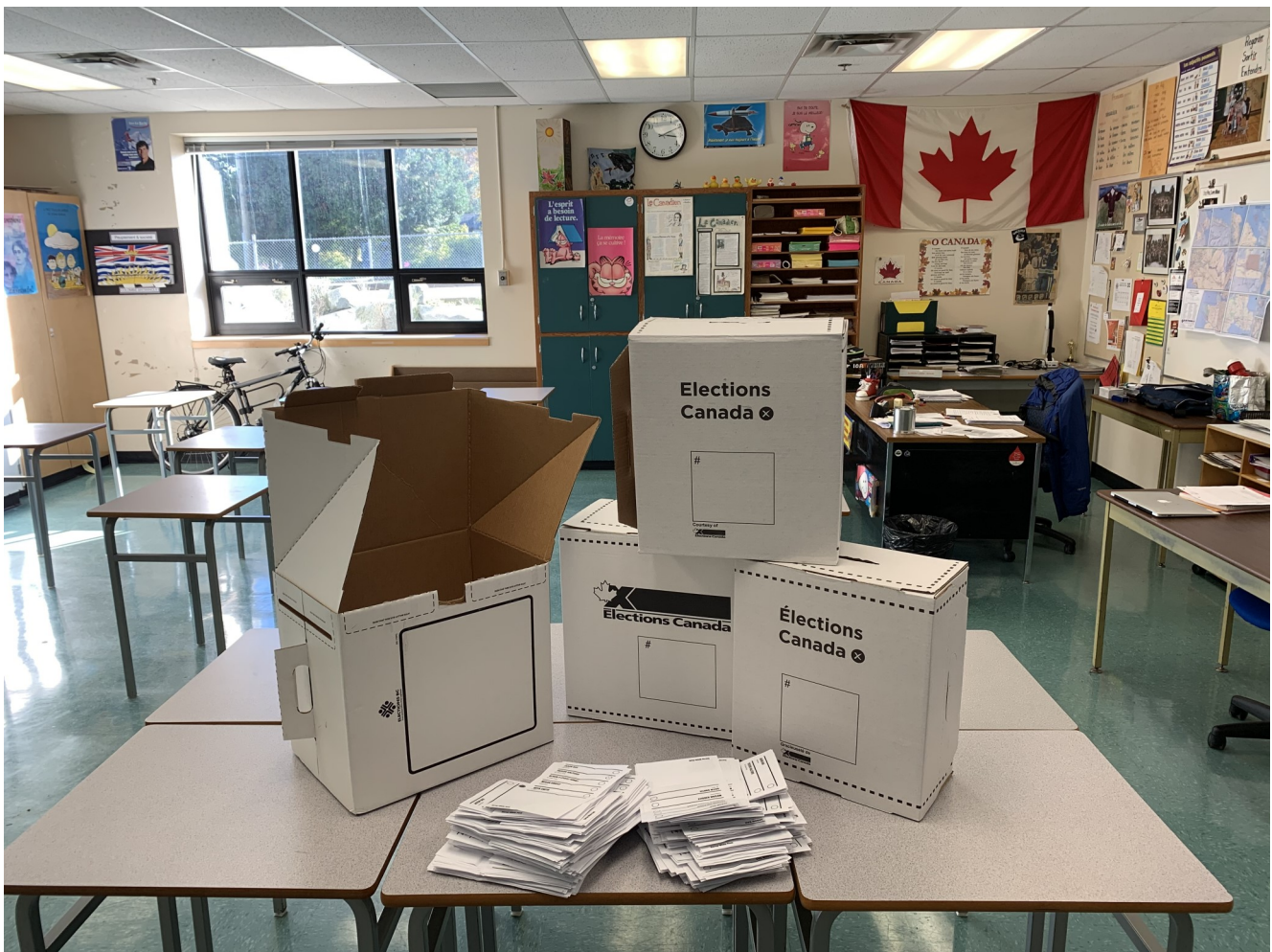
Mr. Gill - \$460.10

We would also like to recognize Ms. Wilkie, Mr. Collett and Ms. Gomez as their classes participated in the Daily 40 second challenge.



# STUDENT VOTE

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Grades 10 – 12 students once again participated in the BC Provincial Election Student Vote. Earl Marriott students have been participating in these mock Provincial and Federal elections since 2014. This year, 939 students cast their votes and elected Liberal MLA Trevor Halford, with 279 votes. In second place came Beverly Hobby representing the Green Party, with 253 votes, followed by the NDP with 224. The Libertarian party received 78 votes, while Independent Megan Knight earned 59 votes. It should be noted that 46 votes were spoiled – these spoiled votes could have made a difference in the final results, demonstrating just how important every vote really is. It is our hope experiencing this democratic process in high school will create a generation of active and engaged citizens in the years to come.



# Post Secondary Information

## UBC OKANAGAN ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE 2020

Learn how applied science is changing the world.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
5:30PM - 8PM (Pacific Time)

RSVP: [engineering.ok.ubc.ca/open-house](https://engineering.ok.ubc.ca/open-house)

Meet with professors, staff and students to explore everything UBC Okanagan's School of Engineering has to offer.

The online event will feature live presentations, plus interactive sessions with professors, students, and advisors. Explore our research labs, and learn more about our design teams and clubs (Motorsports, Concrete Toboggan, Aero Club, and more).

Bring your friends and family to explore live and recorded event.

## VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 7, 2020  
REGISTER: [DAL.CA/OPENHOUSE](https://DAL.CA/OPENHOUSE)

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## UBC Engineering & SALA Open House

Saturday, November 7, 2020

RSVP: [engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse](https://engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse)



# PARENTS AS EDUCATION AND CAREER COACHES - SURREY

## VIRTUAL ZOOM SESSION

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An interactive session designed to support parents in guiding their student in making informed decisions about their education and career choices after high school.

What you can expect:

1. Overview of all the resources available on EducationPlannerBC.ca
2. Discover the different pathways available for students
3. Supports available at post-secondary institutions
4. Tips on scholarships and financial aid
5. Q & A

Monday, November 16, 2020

6:30 pm - 8 pm PST

Registration is required. To register, [click here!](#)

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