



December 2021

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Happy Holidays!

Principal's Message

The spirit of giving is evident throughout the hallways of Earl Marriott, with school and community events celebrating the holidays and encouraging support of others. Our Leadership class has been working throughout this month to hold our **Annual Food Drive**. This year, many of our staff, student clubs and parents sponsored families in our community, supporting with gifts and food over the holidays.

There are few things that lift the spirit more than the beautiful **Winter Music Concerts**, and this year was no exception. Our students were extraordinary in each performance on Dec. 14th and 15th. Thank you to our Music Directors Mr. Rutley and Ms. Hermann, for this wonderful start to the season. Our Theatre students also demonstrated their talents at the **Annual One Act Play Festival** in early December. EMS Theatre is well known for its superior level of production, and we are full of anticipation for the return of the Spring Production. Thank you, Ms. Radcliffe, for all you and your students do to bring these productions to life.

Our Fall Athletics season has now come to a close, and, as I'm sure you have all heard, we had amazing success once again. Our Senior Girls' Volleyball played in the Provincial Championships last week. This great achievement of attending the Provincial tournament adds to the accolades received by all our Volleyball teams, Boys' soccer, Cross Country team, Swim team and our 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, and especially our Athletic Director Mr. Adam Roberts. Thank you to all the players and coaches for your time and effort.

Our last day before the break, **Friday December 17th**, we will be holding our **Annual Santa's Pancake Breakfast**, although this year we will be serving waffles. Students are welcome to come during their scheduled times, **Grades 8 – 10: 7:30-8:30 and Grades 11 – 12: 8:30 – 9:15**, for breakfast served by our staff and administration for a suggested donation of \$2. All proceeds from this event will go to the families in our community being supported by our school for Christmas. We are so excited to bring this tradition back to our school after an absence last year. This is a popular event, so we encourage you to come out early and not miss out on the fun of singing carols, and taking pictures with Santa. Students will be dismissed on the 17th at 1:52 pm, and busses will pick up from the school with the Early Dismissal schedule.

Upcoming in January

3	School Reopens
27 & 28	Completion Days
31	Semester 2 Begins



On our return in January, students and staff will begin preparing very quickly for the end of the semester. Please take a close look at the January calendar to mark down dates for the last day of Semester 1, the Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessment schedule and Completion Days. **This year, students will be in classes in full session until Wednesday January 26th, with Thursday the 27th and Friday the 28th as Literacy Assessment days for all Grade 10's, Capstone presentation days for CLC Grade 11 students, and as Completion Days for all students who need to take care of final assignments, tests and quizzes that must be finished before the end of Semester.**

For those **new to our school and all of our Grade 8 families**, the final week of term (Jan. 24th-26th) is often full of exams and final projects in many classes. The Thursday and Friday **Completion Days** are set aside for those students who require a bit of extra time or support to complete their work. **Students in Grade 8 and 9 only attend on those days if they have been called in by their teacher, or if they have requested to come in to finish a project.** Senior students may be scheduled for a Literacy Assessment, or CLC Capstone presentation. **Monday January 31st is the first day of a new semester, with new teachers and classes. Students can check their new schedules in January in their MyEd account.**

On behalf of the Earl Marriott staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the opportunity to relax with family and friends,

Sincerely,

Claudine Davies

Principal Earl Marriott Secondary

Bell Schedule for Friday, December 17th

7:30 – 9:15	Breakfast with Santa including games and music
	Grade 8 – 10: 7:30 – 8:30 (Block C starting at 8:35)
	Grade 11 – 12: 8:30 – 9:15 (Shortened Block C, 9:15)
Period 1 (C)	Grade 8 – 10: 8:30 – 9:42 am
	Grade 11 – 12: 9:15 – 9:42 am
Period 2 (D)	9:47 – 10:53 am
Lunch	10:53 – 11:35 am
Period 3 (A)	11:35 – 12:41 pm
Period 4 (B)	12:46 – 1:52 pm
Dismissal	1:52 pm

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January 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 22 Winter Break
2 Winter Break	3 ABCD School Reopens	4 BCDA	5 CDAB	6 DABC	7 ABCD	8
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16	17 ABCD	18 BCDA	19 CDAB	20 DABC	21 CDAB	22
23	24 ABCD	25 BCDA 5:00pm Film Studies Screening Night	26 CDAB	27 Completion Day	28 Completion Day	29
30	31 ABCD Semester 2 Begins	Feb 1	2	3	4	5

International Travel



The health and safety of our school communities is our top priority. **Anyone who is not fully vaccinated is not permitted to attend school for 14 days following arrival back to Canada from international travel (including the US).** There is an exemption for cross-border custody agreements as outlined in the fact sheet linked below.

For more information, see this [International Travel & School Fact Sheet](#).

Are you ready for the HO, HO, HO-LIDAYS?



Come out to the EMS Annual Pancake Breakfast!

When? Friday, December 17

Grades 8-10 7:30 –8:30 am

Grades 11 & 12 8:30-9:15

Where? The Cafeteria, Front Foyer and Main Gym

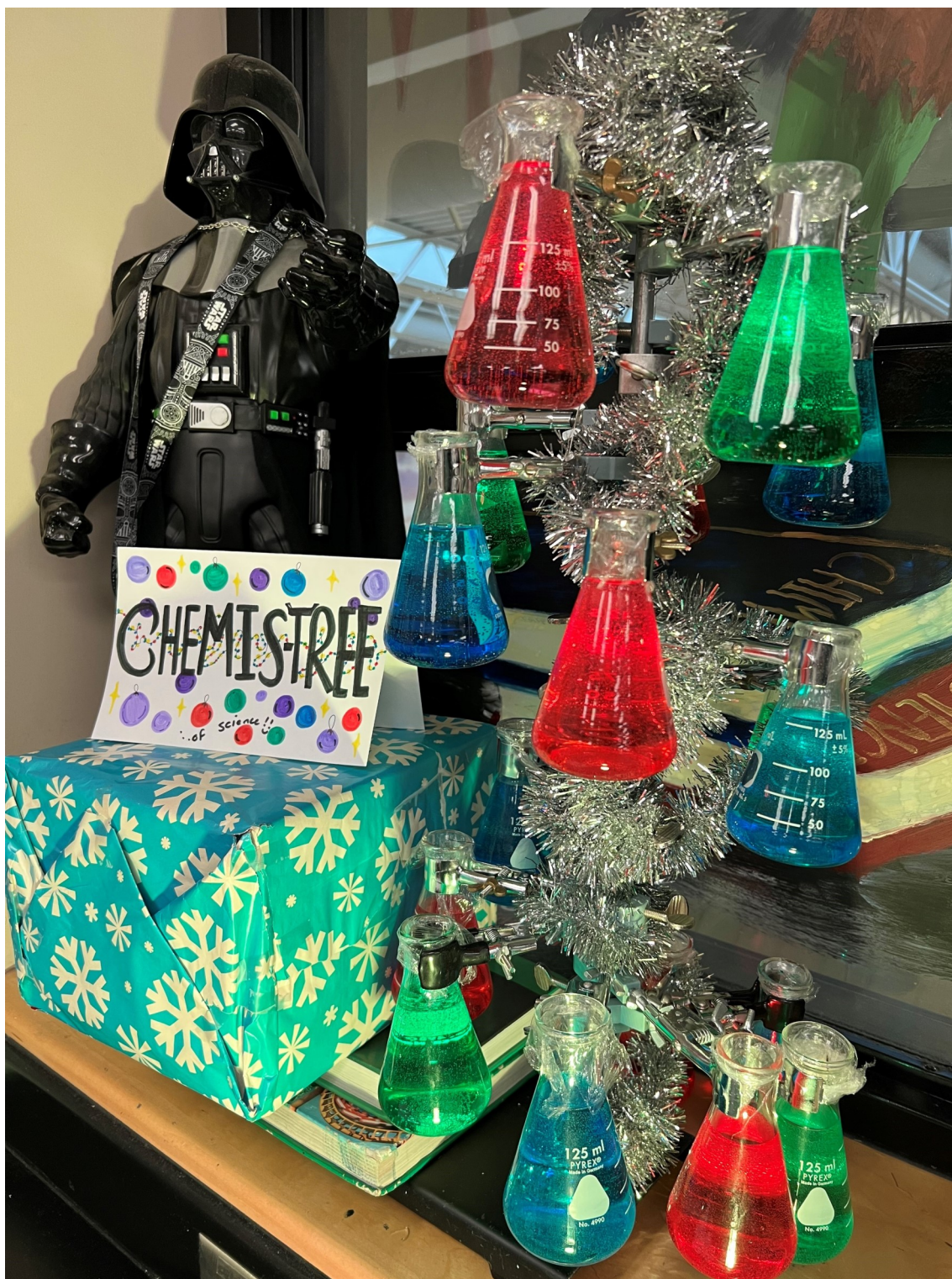
What? Enjoy delicious waffles, sausages & hot chocolate

Don't forget to wear an ugly holiday sweater or pajamas!

**We will be accepting non-perishable food donations & toonies
for the Food Bank**



Mr Gill's Chemis-tree





2022-23 Surrey Schools calendar

Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

Sept. 6, 2022	Schools open
Sept. 26, 2022	Non-instructional day
Oct. 10, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 21, 2022	Non-instructional day
Nov. 10, 2022	Non-instructional day
Nov. 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2, 2023	Winter break
Jan. 3, 2023	Schools reopen after winter break
Feb. 20, 2023	Family Day
Feb. 24, 2023	Non-instructional day
Mar. 13 - Mar. 17, 2023	School closure days
Mar. 20 - Mar. 24, 2023	Spring break
March 27, 2023	Schools reopen after spring break
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
May 5, 2023	Non-instructional day
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
May 29, 2023	Non-instructional day
June 30, 2023	Administrative days/schools close

Total days in session: 180

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per *School Act and Calendar Regulation*:

Students in Kindergarten: 848 hours of instruction

Students in Grades 1 to 7: 873 hours of instruction

Students in Grades 8 to 12: 947 hours of instruction

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2023-24 Surrey Schools calendar

Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

Sept. 5, 2023	Schools open
Sept. 25, 2023	Non-instructional day
Oct. 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 20, 2023	Non-instructional day
Nov. 10, 2023	Non-instructional day
Nov. 13, 2023	Remembrance Day
Dec. 25 - Jan. 5, 2024	Winter break
Jan. 8, 2024	Schools reopen after winter break
Feb. 19, 2024	Family Day
Feb. 23, 2024	Non-instructional day
Mar. 18 - Mar. 22, 2024	Spring Break
Mar. 25 - Mar. 28, 2024	School closure days
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday
April 2, 2024	Schools reopen after spring break
May 3, 2024	Non-instructional day
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day
May 27, 2024	Non-instructional day
June 28, 2024	Administrative day/schools close

Total days in session: 182

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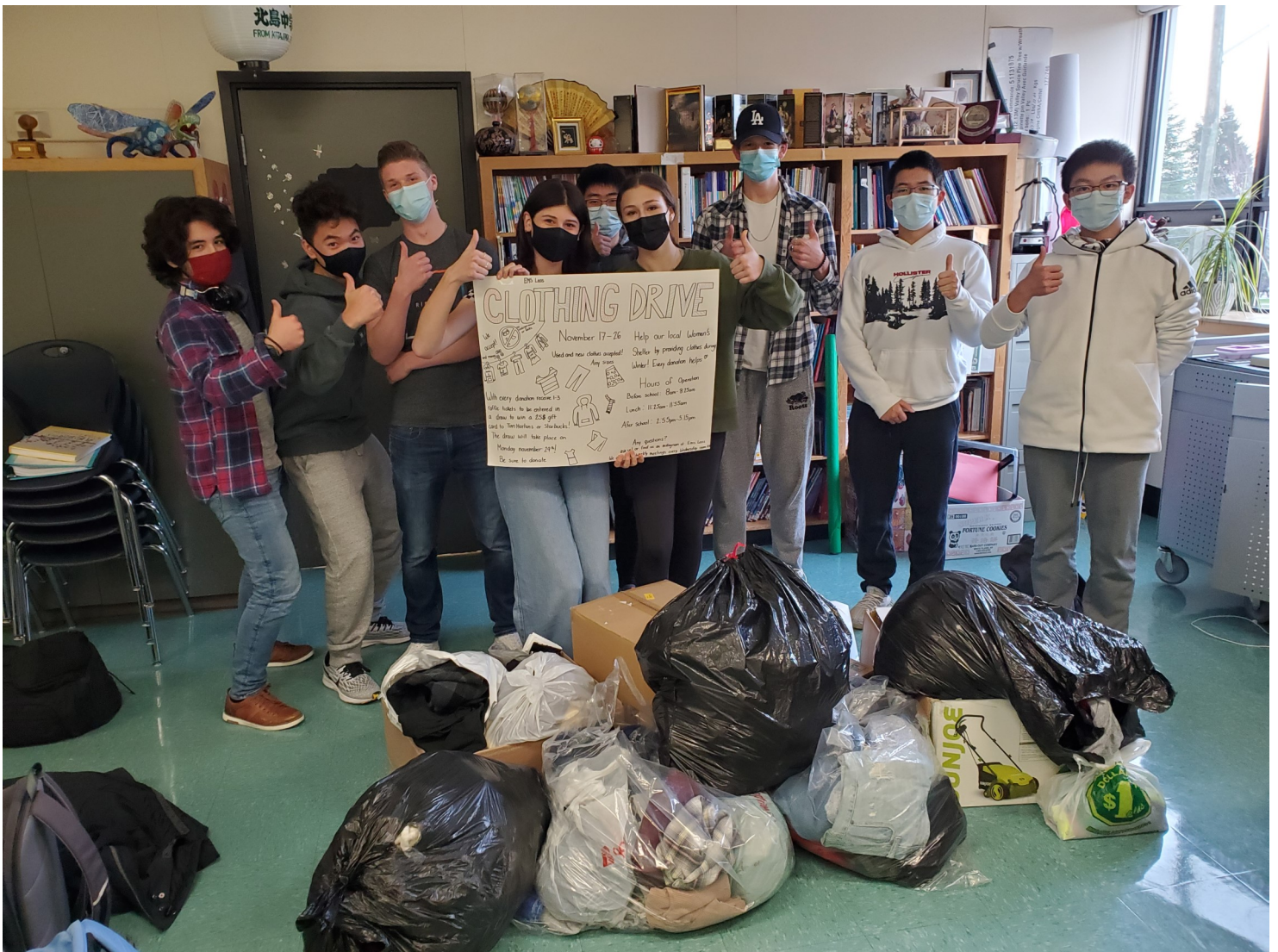
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Thank you to The Surrey Central Lions Club, Barry Shiles (LEO advisor) and The EMS LEOs for supporting our Christmas events with several very generous donations.

The EMS LEOs organized a fundraiser and collected women's clothing for the Surrey Women's Shelter. Thank you to everyone who donated!



EMS THEATRE COMPANY NEWS!



Mainstage Production

EMS Theatre Company will be producing an exciting and adventurous full-length play in April, 2022. We are proud to be one of the longest running school theatre companies in Surrey and beyond.

Next year's show will mark our 45th year of major theatre productions. That is a milestone to celebrate!

The show title will be officially announced in January. Everyone is welcome to come and audition!

**AUDITIONS for our 2022 mainstage production will take place on
Wednesday and Thursday, January 5 and 6, 2022.**

- * Sign up for an audition outside the Fine Arts Room (119)
- * Prepare a 1-minute monologue – comic or dramatic - to perform.
- * Call Backs will take place on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.
- * Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-5:30 starting on Tuesday, January 18. You must be available for all rehearsals in order to audition and be cast in the show.
- * The show will run from April 25-29, 2022.

EMS Theatre Clothing

We have hoodies (\$35), t-shirts (\$15), long sleeved t-shirts (\$18) and masks (\$8) available for sale in the theatre. If you are interested, come see Ms. Radcliffe to select your size and then pay using school cash online. Wear our logo with pride!

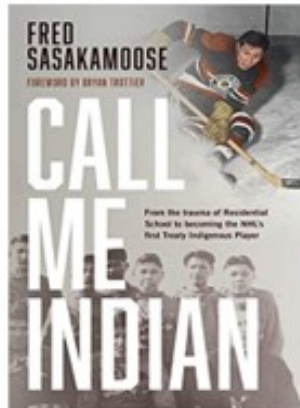
- * See Ms. Radcliffe in the Theatre if you have any questions.



EMS Learning Commons

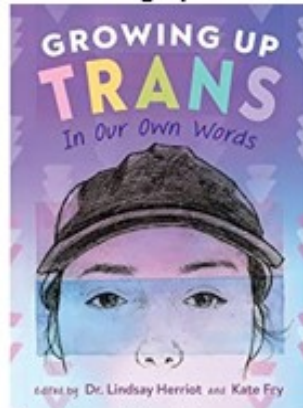
New Books

Call Me Indian



Fred Sasakamoose played in the NHL before First Nations people had the right to vote in Canada. This page turner will have you cheering for 'Fast Freddy' as he faces off against huge challenges both on and off the ice

Growing Up Trans



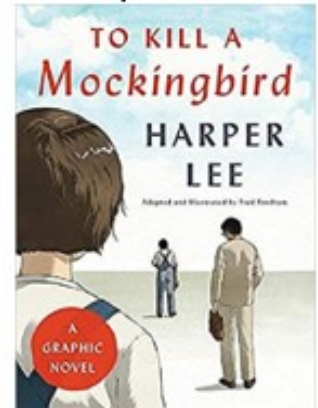
Growing Up Trans shares stories, essays, art and poetry created by trans youth aged 11 to 18. In their own words, the works illustrate the trans experience through childhood, family and daily life, school, their bodies and mental health.

Pet



A riveting and timely work answering the questions about how you go about the world when the world around you is in denial. Emezi's characters are diverse in race, physical ability and especially gender.

Graphic Novel:



To Kill a Mockingbird.... This gorgeously rendered graphic-novel version provides a new perspective for old fans but also acts as an immersive introduction for youngsters as well as any adult who somehow missed out on the iconic story set in Maycomb, Alabama