

## **Earl Marriott Secondary**

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### Principal's Message

The students and staff of Earl Marriott Secondary are well on their way with **Semester Two**. Congratulations to everyone for all of the hard work that went into studying for final assessments, finishing final assignments and wrapping up Semester One courses. The final days of January were filled with presentations and demonstrations of learning, students completing final assignments on Thursday and Friday. I am overwhelmed with the level of commitment and passion with which everyone at the school goes about their day.

Provincial Assessments were cancelled two days prior to the exam schedule in January. They will now be re-scheduled for April and June of this year. Students in French Immersion will not be writing the Grade 12 exam this year. A letter to parents

#### **Upcoming in March**

10 — Interim Report Card published in MyEd
 Mar. 14—25 Spring Break/School Closure
 31—Early Dismissal @1:52 P/T Interviews



from the Ministry is attached to this newsletter. Students who were scheduled to graduate in January 2022 should not be affected by this cancellation. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your counsellor or administrator.

We are currently completing our **course planning** with students for the 2022/2023 school year. All students are completing their course selections this year through the student portal on line. The final day for course selection on line was Friday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. If you missed registering for courses next year, please see your counsellor. Parents can view the course descriptions on our website with their child. This is a good opportunity for everyone to review goals and plans for the upcoming year, as well as celebrate and focus on a strong finish to the current school year.

An interim for Semester 2 will be available through MyEd BC on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. This is an early indication of any difficulties with work habits. **Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:30 pm with an Early Dismissal at 1:52. Opportunities to sign up for interview times will be available on our website in early March. Before too long, <b>Spring Break** will be here **March 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**. Students return to class **Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Our Grade 12 students are in the midst of plans for their post high school year. A tremendous amount of work goes on to ensure that students are able to successfully transition to post-secondary. We hope to have information and confirmation regarding in person Commencement and Grad Activities prior to the end of March. Under the current conditions, it is looking very hopeful that all activities will be able to occur. Students in Grade 12 should plan for a full commencement in June. If you have not already done so, please send your Grad comments in to the office, and complete the final assignments for CLC 12 on line. If you have any questions, please contact the main office. Our Dry Grad parent committee is continuing to host several fundraising activities in the next few months. Please help this hard-working group put on an exciting event for our Grads by supporting their events.

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Since the last school newsletter, there have been many other exciting events at the school:

- I would like to welcome our newest staff members who joined the Mariners this February: Ms. Perl (Careers, Math), Mr. Auriel-Voigt (Careers, Drama), and Mr. An (ELL, International).
- Our Winter Sports are in the final stages of their season. Thank you to the coaches who have worked tirelessly to motivate and prepare our young athletes, particularly with the restrictions to Tournaments and spectators. There have already been callouts and meetings for our Spring sports, including Rugby and Track and Field. We encourage all students to find teams and clubs to join, as we open up our activities.
- Our Cafeteria re-opened after a year-long closure. We welcome our new staff, and thank them for providing this service to our students and staff.

Our next newsletter will be issued in April. I wish all our students and families a happy, restful Spring Break. Let's also hope for sunshine and warm days, we are ready for it!

Sincerely,

**Claudine Davies** 

Principal École Earl Marriott Secondary









#### **Attention Graduates!**

Your Commencement Ceremony will happen in one form or another on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2022, so it is really important that you submit your crossing-the-stage comment of one to two sentences as soon as possible. Please submit your comment via the Google Doc (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dMsYlh4Pd5PpAbpblgjfZD\_gfiBvPOheKsXz\_dudQZ4/edit?usp=sharing) that Mrs. Beveridge sent out to you this past semester via email. If you are unsure what post-secondary institution you will be attending until the spring, there will be opportunities to update your comment after you have submitted it. Please make every effort to get your Commencement comment in by FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022. If you have any questions about what to write, please see Ms. Bakgaard in room 206, or Ms.

#### **Exiting EMS Parking Lot**

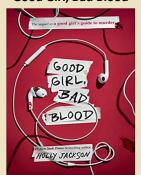
Reminder that left turns are not permitted when leaving the EMS parking lot at both exits. This causes traffic to back up at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.





# EMS Learning Commons New Books

#### **Good Girl, Bad Blood**



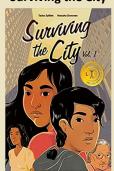
Pip is *not* a detective anymore. With the help of Ravi Singh, she released a truecrime podcast about the murder case they solved together last year. The podcast has gone viral, yet Pip insists her investigating days are behind her. But she will have to break that promise when someone she knows goes missing.

#### The Art of Pokemon



A collection of beautiful full-color art from the artist of the *Pokémon Adventures* graphic novel series! In addition to illustrations of your favorite Pokémon, this vibrant volume includes exclusive sketches and storyboards, four pull-out posters, and a brandnew manga side story published in English for the first time!

#### **Surviving the City**



Tasha Spillett's graphic novel debut, *Surviving the City*, is a story about womanhood, friendship, colonialism, and the anguish of a missing loved one. Miikwan and Dez are best friends. Miikwan is Anishinaabe; Dez is Inninew. Together, the teens navigate the challenges of growing up in an urban landscape.

#### **Symptoms of Being Human**

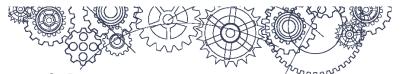


Riley Cavanaugh is many things: Punk rock. Snarky. Rebellious. And gender fluid. Some days Riley identifies as a boy, and others as a girl. But Riley isn't exactly out yet. And between starting a new school and having a congressman father running for re-election, the pressure—media and otherwise—is building up in Riley's life.

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	ABCD	BCDA	CDAB	DABC Interim Report Card Published	BCDA			
13	14	15	16 School Closure Days	17	18	19		
			CDAB	DABC				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
			Spring Break					
27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2		
	ABCD 7:00pm PAC Meeting	BCDA	CDAB	DABC Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences				

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# A parent's/guardian's guide to the cancellation of the French Immersion 12 Assessment for the 2021/22 School year (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12))

#### Background and what occurred

British Columbia's French Immersion programme allows students to earn dual diplomas, receiving both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique. In order to graduate with both diplomas (often referred to as Dual Dogwoods), French Immersion students must meet specific course requirements, and also write provincial assessments in Literacy 10 and 12 (English), Numeracy 10 (English or French), and l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12° année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12). The LTF12 assessment has two distinct components: an oral component and a written component. The oral and written components are administered at different times. The French Immersion Literacy 12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12° année – Français langue seconde – immersion) was scheduled for first administration in January 2022.

Over the past few months, grade 10 and 12 provincial assessments have been impacted significantly by work force capacity issues and the ability to address technical issues within the electronic assessment system. The capacity issues for the Ministry and e-assessment service provider teams have been exacerbated as of late by COVID-19 Omicron variant. Due to these ongoing impacts, the Ministry made the difficult decision to cancel the January administration of all grade 10 and 12 provincial graduation assessments. Approximately 1000 French Immersion students took the oral component of LTF12 in the four days before the January session was cancelled. No students have taken the written component, which was canceled along with all other assessments.

A decision was subsequently made to maintain the April 2022 and June 2022 sessions for all graduation assessments except for l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12<sup>e</sup> année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12).

#### Why is the LTF12 Assessment cancelled for 2021/22?

The decision of when to provide courses taught in French for French Immersion students is scheduled at the school level, and in many cases all courses in French are completed in the first semester of the grade 12 year, or occasionally even in grade 11. As many French Immersion students do not have the opportunity to use French beyond their courses, it is of most benefit to students that they take the LTF12 assessment as soon after completing all their French courses as possible. In addition, if students are not currently taking any courses in French, they do not have access to teacher support in preparing for the LTF12 assessment.

Due to the language loss concern for those who have completed all their French language courses by January (which is approximately 59% of all French Immersion students), the Ministry of Education does not expect this group to write LTF12 in any further sessions offered in the 2021/22 school year. Requiring some students to write the assessments and not others based on when courses are offered would create inequity and therefore, in fairness to all students, the decision has been made to cancel LTF12 for this school year and to provide all Grade 12 French Immersion students in 2021/22 with an exemption for this assessment.

The Ministry recognizes the hard work French Immersion students put into their course of study and that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment for this school year is not ideal. As well, those students who completed the oral component prior to the January cancellation may feel that their efforts are not valued. However, after discussion with various groups, including Principals and Vice Principals and French Immersion teachers, it was



decided that providing an exemption for all students was the best solution, providing the greatest fairness to students.

## All students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (other than LTF12) will receive Dual Dogwoods.

With the decision to cancel l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12° année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12) for the 2021/22 school year, all students who successfully complete their graduation requirements (both course work and graduation assessments other than LTF12) this school year will be granted the Dual Dogwoods.

#### What Assessments do French Immersion Students require in 2021/22?

Along with their course requirements, French Immersion students must complete the following graduation assessments:

- Literacy 10 (English)
- Numeracy 10 (English) or l'Évaluation de numératie de la 10<sup>e</sup> année (French)
- Literacy 12 (English)

It is important to note that the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12° année – Français langue seconde – immersion) is for the 2021/22 school year ONLY and that this assessment will be a requirement for Dual Dogwoods for the 2022/23 school year and subsequent school years.

#### What about Post-Secondary Institutions?

Consultation and discussions with post-secondary institutions confirm that admissions will not be impacted by the cancellation of the LTF12 assessment (l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde – immersion) and the exemption provided to graduating French Immersion students for this assessment.

To: All EMS Families

Subject: EASTER PURDY's Fundraiser for EMS Dry Grad 2022

Attachment: Easter Purdy's Seasonal Catalogue 2022 and order form

Good afternoon, Earl Marriott Families,

The EMS Dry Grad Committee is doing an Easter Purdy's Fundraiser for the 2022 Dry Grads!

We are offering Purdy's chocolates in time for Easter! The attached catalogue showcases a wide selection of some Purdy favourites along with some Easter highlights. We would like to welcome the EMS community to all participate in placing an order and helping support the 2022 Grad Class.

It's simple to do!

ORDER ONLINE: https://fundraising.purdys.com/1383237-93565

CAMPAGIN NAME: EMS Dry Grad 2022

**CUSTOMER NUMBER: 60053** 

- Sign in or create a new supporter account either by clicking the above link or by visiting fundraising.purdys.com
- 2. If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number 60053
- 3. If you're signing into an existing account (i.e. you've ordered from Purdy's in the past), enter the customer number 60053 into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in
- 4. Click on JOIN CAMPAIGN

PLACE AND PAY ORDERS ONLINE BY: March 29, 2022 (Payment by Credit Card Only, Cheques and Cash will not be accepted)

PICK UP ORDERS ON: Second week of April, TBD

LOCATION: Earl Marriott Secondary, Room TBD

If you have any questions, please contact the EMS Dry Grad Committee at emsdrygrad2022@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**EMS Dry Grad Committee** 



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#### **HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER**

Shopping online is the best way to support your local fundraisers and enjoy Purdys chocolates at the same time!

Remember your campaign's customer number:

If you don't have the campaign's customer number, please contact your Coordinator.

Visit fundraising.purdys.com to place your order.

#### THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO JOIN

With the link shared by your Coordinator, enter your email, and click "JOIN A CAMPAIGN".

If you are a Returning Customer, you will automatically join this campaign as a Supporter after you enter your email.

If you are a New Customer, a registration form will appear after you enter your email. Please fill out your information.

2 Sign in or Register at fundraising.purdys.com

If you are a Returning Customer, sign in and join with the Customer Number.

If you are a New Customer, click Register, choose "Register as a Supporter", provide the Customer Number along with your information, and click "JOIN A CAMPAIGN".





#### **Bunny Bag**

A cute collection of some of our most popular Easter treats. Individually wrapped.

24113 | 210 g | **\$20** 





#### **Hoppy Easter Gift Tin**

Freshen up your treats with our beautiful Easter themed gift tin, packed full of our bestselling chocolates. 23444 | 20 pc | **\$25** 



#### **Easter Basket**

An Easter must-have. Includes a white chocolate Bunny Lolly, a milk chocolate Bunny Lolly, a Topsy Bunny, a Crisp Egg, and a 3-pack of milk chocolate Yolk Eggs.

23427 | 330 g | **\$23** 



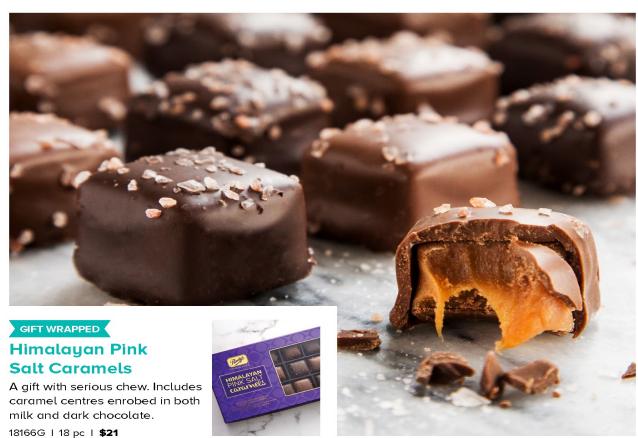


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- Shipping is free to BC (excluding VOT, and VOL postal codes), AB, SK, MB, and ON.
  To QC, the shipping fee is 2% of total product value.
  To NB, NS, PE, NL, and VOT, and VOL postal codes,

- To YT and NT, the shipping fee is 10% of total product value.
  To NU, the shipping fee is 30% of total product value.