



# Earl Marriott Secondary

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## Principal's Message

To the EMS School Community,

Mariners from all corners of the school are hitting their stride in terms of learning, playing, performing, and engaging with the community. As we cross into May and accelerate towards yearend, we can see excellence and achievement on all sides. Since my last message, Mariners have participated in Waterloo Math contests, written the Advanced Placement Statistics 12 Exam, participated in the DELF exam for French Language Studies, and completed another round of Numeracy and Literacy assessments. All of this on top of the day-to-day learning that Mariners do in their classes. We celebrate them in their efforts and admire them for going above and beyond.

Mariners have also travelled around the globe in search of rich learning experiences. School trips to Costa Rica and France to expand language learning opportunities were well attended and represented the school well. Student athletes from EMS also joined an outside club to visit Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile. This once in a lifetime experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the EMS staff who worked tirelessly to make these experiences memorable.

Mariners also put on a wonderful spring musical, Matilda. Having seen it firsthand, this performance was exceptional. The entire cast sang, danced, smiled and wowed the crowd with their passion and spirit. We look forward to what next year has in store.

Finally, EMS will host its 51<sup>st</sup> Commencement Ceremony next week (May 21<sup>st</sup>) at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium. The entire staff congratulates the 300+ grads that will be crossing the stage into the next step of their lives. We are grateful for the many many hours of work of our volunteer team that come together each year to make this culminating event happen.

Let's finish strong, Mariners!

Sincerely,

Graham Magnusson

Principal

## May:

- 19 Victoria Day—School Closed
- 21 Commencement @Chandos Pattison Auditorium 7:00 pm
- 26 Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
- 29 Jr. Spring Dance 5:30-7:30 Gr. 8 & 9

## Upcoming in June:

- 4 Duke of Earl
- 10 Spring Band Concert
- 11 Winter/Spring Athletics Banquet
- 13 Grad Sports Day
- 20 Last Day of Regular Classes
- 21/22 Grad Family Celebration/Dinner/Dance & Dry Grad
- 25 Summary of Learning Published
- 25 Student Recognition Night



A reminder to all of our 2025 graduates and their families that this year's Commencement Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at Chandos Pattison Auditorium. Students will need to arrive at the auditorium by 6:15pm; doors will open for families at 6:30pm and the ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Please ensure you are seated by this time so that you are not blocking the entrance processional of our grade 12s.

By now our students should have submitted the comment that will be read when they cross the stage at Commencement. Please check in with your student to see if they have completed this important step. Students who have not submitted a comment will have a generic one inserted for them. Information on the comment was provided at the grade 12 assembly on April 4 and posted on the Grade 12 Team.

Each graduate received three tickets in their homeroom block on April 28. One extra ticket will be available for a fee of \$5 on <https://surreyschools.ca.schoolcash.net/MainLanding.aspx/homepage> (May 5-9th). Additional tickets can be purchased from the office starting at lunch (first come, first serve) for \$5 (cash only).

Graduates will receive their cap and gown at school on the morning of Tuesday, May 20. There will also be a mandatory rehearsal during A block that day. Students should ensure that they are wearing their cap with tassel, gown and v-stole when they arrive at Chandos Pattison on May 21.

A frequently asked questions sheet with some tips for our students at Commencement have been distributed on the Grade 12 Team. It is very important that students check the team regularly for updates and information.

Students will be assigned into groups for crossing the stage the week before Commencement. Group lists will be posted in the office and graduates will be encouraged to check their group placement prior to the rehearsal on May 20. The order of students crossing the stage will be alphabetical beginning with "A".

We are looking forward to this special evening to celebrate our grade 12s as they prepare to leave Earl Marriott. Please direct all questions about the event to EMS office staff.

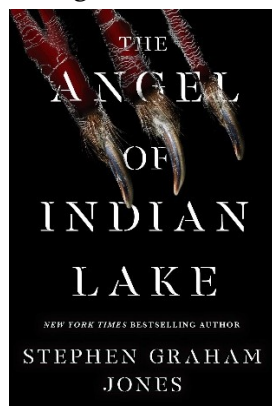




# EMS Learning Commons

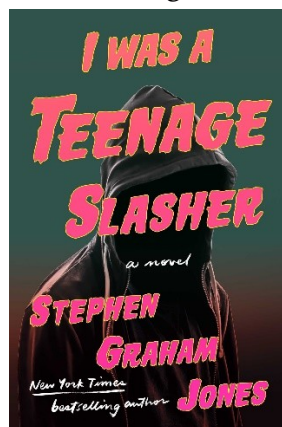
## New Books

### The Angel of Indian Lake



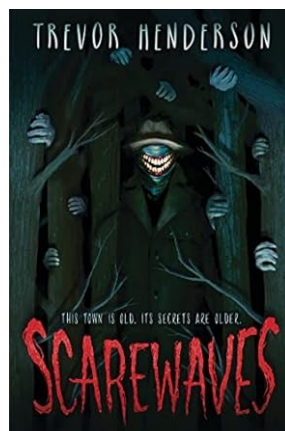
It's been four years in prison since Jade Daniels last saw her hometown of Proofrock, Idaho, the day she took the fall, protecting her friend Letha and her family from incrimination. Since then, her reputation, and the town, have changed dramatically. There's a lot of unfinished business in Proofrock, from serial killer cultists to the rich trying to buy Western authenticity.

### I was a Teenage Slasher



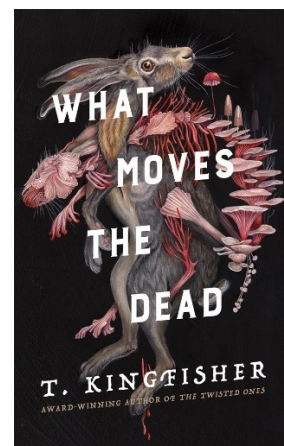
A bloody, subversive and darkly funny story of sympathy for the devil as the New York Times-bestselling author turns classic slasher cinema on its head—perfect for fans of Riley Sager and Grady Hendrix.

### Scarewaves



Internet horror superstar Trevor Henderson is famous for his ghastly creations and hair-raising creepy-pastas. Now he brings that talent for the terrifying to this debut middle-grade thriller. *You don't stay out after dark in Beacon Point...*

### What moves the Dead



When Alex Easton, a retired soldier, receives word that their childhood friend Madeline Usher is dying, they race to the ancestral home of the Ushers in the remote countryside of Ruritania. What they find there is a nightmare of fungal growths and possessed wildlife, surrounding a dark, pulsing lake.

## **Mr. Jaggernathsingh's Student of the Month and Semester Program**

Mr. Jaggernathsingh's Student of the Month Program:

Each month, a student in each of Mr. Jaggernathsingh's classes is selected as the Student of the Month. The student stands out as exceptional by exhibiting excellent work habits, completing their homework, and making very insightful contributions to class discussions, and is a role model and leader in the class. Congratulations to the following students who have received the Student of the Month Awards:

February:

Block A - Career Life Education 12 - Shania F.

Block C - Social Studies 8 - Sari S.

March:

Block A – Career Life Education 12 – Rasika W.

Block B – Social Studies 10 – Evy W.

Block C – Social Studies 8 – Stella W.

Block D – Social Studies 8 – Avril R.

Each student has had their picture taken, and the photograph is proudly placed on Mr. J's Wall of fame in our classroom for all to see!

It's that time of year again! Registration for bus students for next school year will open **April 15** and runs until **June 30th**. **PLEASE NOTE:** You must register EACH year for your students. The registrations are NOT automatically rolled into the next year.

Please see the attached informational PDFs for the families of all students that may require busing in September.

Students who reside **OVER 4.8 km** from their catchment secondary school would be eligible for free busing (conditions apply).

**Bus registration will be open online from April 15 to midnight June 30.** Registrations received July 1 and later will be processed beginning September 15.

Information for **families** can also be found in the [Student Busing Information for Families](#) document which is also located on the Student Bus Services webpage of the Surrey School District website.

**If you have any questions, please direct them to Transportation.**

[FACL-Transportation-mail@surreyschools.ca](mailto:FACL-Transportation-mail@surreyschools.ca)

Have a wonderful day!



April 7, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be aware of the school bus registration process outlined in this letter and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document attached.

Registration for district school bus service for the 2025-26 school year will be April 15 to June 30, 2025.

Applications must be completed via the on-line application form which can be located on the Surrey School District website **Student Bus Services** here: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/32325/student-bus-services>

If you do not have access to complete the on-line form, please speak to your school office.

**Please note: The application process will close after the deadline date of June 30, 2025.**

**Registrations received after that date will be processed beginning September 15 and will be subject to a waitlist.**

#### **District Bus Service Eligibility**

Students who are residents of the cities of Surrey or White Rock and who meet the following criteria, will be considered eligible for district school bus transportation to and from their catchment school. This will apply to all students regardless of their busing history.

- 1. Kindergarten to Grade 3**

Students who live in a residence that is located **more than 4 km walking distance** from their *catchment* school.

- 2. Grade 4 to Grade 12**

Students who live in a residence that is located **more than 4.8 km walking distance** from their *catchment* school.

- 3. Sale of Bus Passes**

**If seats remain available** courtesy rider passes will be considered for purchase by resident students who are not otherwise eligible for transportation as indicated in 1. and 2. above. Purchased passes are subject to the conditions outlined in the FAQs document and may not be assigned prior to school start. Students will be contacted by their school if they have been awarded a seat. Families must make alternate transportation arrangements until a seat is awarded. The pricing is \$300/year per student. Siblings will be charged \$150/year.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Attached with this letter and available on the Surrey Schools website is a two-page document of frequently asked questions that pertain to district school busing. Please read through this document and ensure you are familiar with the information provided. More information can also be found in the [Student Busing Guidelines for Families](#) located on the Student Bus Services webpage.

Additional questions can be directed to your school office, directly to the Transportation department email at [FACL-Transportation-mail@surreyschools.ca](mailto:FACL-Transportation-mail@surreyschools.ca), or by phone at 604-572-0500.

Kind Regards,

Amar Nijjer  
Manager Transportation Surrey School  
District #36



## School District No. 36 (Surrey) District Bus Services FAQs

### Who is eligible for free busing?

Transportation is provided free of charge to eligible students in the following categories:

- Grades K-3: Students that live in a residence that is located **more than 4.0 kms** from their **catchment** school.  
Grades 4-12: Students that live in a residence that is located **more than 4.8 kms** from their **catchment** school.

### If my child is not eligible for free busing, is there a paid option to ride?

Courtesy rider passes may be purchased by students who are not otherwise eligible for free transportation **if seats remain available**. The pricing is \$300/year per student. Siblings will be charged \$150/year. Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> the school will contact the family if their student has been awarded a seat.

Purchased passes are subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Established routes cannot be altered to accommodate purchased pass holders. Students that do not live along the current bus path will have to make their way to the nearest stop.
- 2) The availability of purchased seats on the bus will be determined after all "eligible" students have been accommodated and may not be assigned prior to school start. Families must make alternate transportation arrangements until a seat is awarded. Any available seats for purchase will be assigned in the following priority to those that have applied by June 30:
  - a) Farthest distance from the school
  - b) Youngest student
  - c) Outside of catchment

In the event a student is assigned a seat after payment has been made but the seat is subsequently needed for an eligible rider, the student will be removed from the bus and prorated fees will be reimbursed.

- 3) Those that apply **after June 30** will be processed beginning September 15 and put onto a secondary waitlist to be awarded a seat only once an available spot has been established. Award process will begin after October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4) The fee for a pass is a yearly fee, regardless of use or the number of school days in each month. Fee payment must be provided to the school office in advance of bus service. Payment options can be discussed with the school principal or vice principal.
- 5) Bus passes must be used for **all** trips, tapping when getting on and off the bus.

### What if my child is not eligible for free busing but I can't afford to pay the fee?

Bus fees can be paid as a one-time payment, or monthly installments arranged at the school level. In the case of financial hardship, families must contact their school principal to discuss options.

### How many Courtesy Rider Seats will be available?

There will be a **limited number of seats available** for purchase. Routes will be determined based on the numbers and locations of **eligible** riders. Only if buses are not at full capacity will there be extra seats available and offered to paying courtesy riders.

### What schools receive bus service?

Only schools with eligible riders living outside the walk limits have been scheduled for bus service. Schools that qualify for transportation service in the upcoming year are:

Douglas Elementary	Earl Marriott Secondary	Fraser Heights Secondary
Grandview Heights Secondary	North Surrey Secondary	Salish Secondary

### How does my child know where and when to catch the bus?

Route schedules for students will be provided to the school office for distribution to students. Those eligible students with confirmed seating for the start of school in September will be able to get their schedules at their school during the last week of summer break before school begins (usually Thursday or Friday).

### How does my child receive a bus pass?

Bus passes are issued to all approved riders that are eligible for free busing, and to approved fee paying riders once a seat has been assigned and payment is made. Bus passes are sent to the school office for student pickup. Students may be asked to use their route schedule letter as proof of seat assignment until bus passes are ready.

### Why does my child need to show a bus pass every day?

It is imperative to maintain an accurate list of students riding the bus for the safety and security of all riders, and to adhere to the laws and regulations that apply to the operation of a school bus. Using a bus pass confirms to the driver that the student is registered and authorized to ride the bus. It will enable us to have an accurate record of all students on the bus in case of an emergency and it will also allow us to monitor the number of students riding the bus. We can then maximize route efficiencies and provide opportunities for more students to ride where space is available.

### What happens if my child does not have their bus pass?

**Forgotten Pass:** If the bus pass is forgotten on a given day, the student will be permitted to board the bus **on the ride to school** by simply providing their name to the bus driver so their attendance can be recorded. **In the afternoon the student must obtain a permit from the office to provide to the driver for the ride home from school.** Continued failure to produce a bus pass will be reported to the school principal and the student may be refused a ride.

**Lost, Demagnetized or Damaged Pass:** If a student requires a replacement bus pass all replacement cards will incur a **\$10.00 fee**. Students need to report their lost card to the school office as soon as noticed and will need to obtain a temporary access permit from the office until the replacement pass arrives. Students are not allowed to ride the bus in the afternoon without a bus pass or permit.

### Can my child bring a friend home with them on the bus?

Friends are not permitted on the school bus.

### How will I know if my child's bus has been delayed?

You can subscribe to your child's bus route number on the Groups page of your school's "app" to receive notifications that pertain to that bus. When a bus is 10 minutes or more behind schedule a notification will be sent to the affected route numbers. Please note: this app is not available for Douglas Elementary.

### Do I have to register my child every year?

**Yes.** All Students must complete an on-line registration form each year to see if they qualify to ride the bus. If completing the PDF form, the Passenger Guidelines on the form must also be acknowledged and agreed to as part of the registration with a signature from parent and student. **Registrations are due by June 30 of each year.**

### When can I register for busing for the upcoming school year?

Busing Registration for the upcoming school year begins April 15 of every year. If registered by June 30, eligible riders will be assigned a seat for September, and fee-paying passengers will be eligible for any remaining available seats beginning October 1.

Please note: Fee paying seat assignments will not be in place for school start and families must make alternate arrangements until a seat is awarded. Those that did not register by the June 30 deadline will be placed on a secondary wait list to be determined **after** October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Where can I find more information about bus service?

Information can be found in the **Student Busing Information for Families** document which is located on the Student Bus Services webpage of the Surrey School District website at: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/32325/student-bus-services>

### What about students with Diverse Abilities and Needs?

Students with a designation may be eligible for free busing on First Student buses. Please contact your school principal for more information.



The Dry Grad Parent Planning Committee wants to extend a huge thank you to the EMS community for all your support. We have just two last fundraisers planned to raise money for Dry Grad:

### **ShopFunds Gift Cards**

Pre-purchase your regular gas and groceries by purchasing gift cards through our ShopFunds fundraiser. There are many options to choose from including Save On Foods and Superstore along with other fun options like restaurant chains, Best Buy, Starbucks and Tim Hortons just to name a few! You receive the full value of the gift card you purchase and we receive a small percentage from ShopFunds! Gift cards make easy end of year gifts for coaches and teachers as well. Orders are open now on [Munch a Lunch](#)

### **Blaze Pizza (Grandview Corners)**

Order pizza between 4 and 8pm on May 15 and June 5<sup>th</sup> and say you are with Earl Marriott Secondary.



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

**Organization name:** Earl Marriott Secondary Dry Grad

**Date:** May 15, 2025

**Time:** 4:00pm to 8:00pm

**Location:** Unit # 50 2433 161 A Street Surrey BC V3S 0M6

**Order Mode:** In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

**On line and App Code:** FUNDA

### TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

**In-Restaurant:** Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

**Online Orders:** Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **FUNDA** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation. **VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP & CARRYOUT.**

For orders on blazepizza.com or Blaze Pizza App **PROMO CODE: FUNDA**

**VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE.** For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.





*The Navigators*

# SCHOOL-WIDE

## Reading Challenge

- ☒ Any grade!
- ☒ Any book! (over 100 pages)
- ☒ Read books!
- ☒ Win prizes!
- ☒ Get smarter!



Did you know...

The **navigator** is the person who steers the ship or directs the driver.

The navigator is usually the **smartest** person in the group.



### Instructions:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Fill out the form for **every** book you read.
3. Check outside Room 105 every month for status updates.

**Questions? Ask Ms. Ganshorn in room 105 or email [ganshorn\\_s@surreyschools.ca](mailto:ganshorn_s@surreyschools.ca)**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

April 29, 2025

Our school has decided to host a **Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life** event for the second year to support Canadians in their cancer journeys.

Our event will take place on: June 6th from 3 to 9pm.

Relay For Life is a global movement to end cancer. It brings together students, teachers, family members, and friends to celebrate cancer survivors.

In fact, we are hoping that you may want to get involved as well, as you are an important part of our school community, and this is how!

1. Encourage your children to sign-up for this fun school-fair type event with so much more! The sign-up fee is only \$15 which provides a meal and snacks, fun activities, and a t-shirt.
2. You can donate online through our school Relay for Life website at [relayforlife.ca/emss](https://relayforlife.ca/emss) and help us reach our goal of **\$25,000**. Or donate to your child's personal link to contribute to their total – top fundraisers get prizes!

Please share the link to your friends and family, too!

3. If you, or someone you know is a Cancer Survivor and would like to be honoured at our event, use the same website to register and we would love to get in contact with you

Thank you for your time and please contact us if you would like to get involved in any other way or if you have any questions.

The best way to reach us is a Direct Message on Instagram @relayforlife\_ems  
Or by emailing Sydney Schierbeck at [syd.schierbeck@gmail.com](mailto:syd.schierbeck@gmail.com).

Thank you for supporting our cause!

Sincerely,

The Relay For Life Committee

School Newsletter

## Did you miss our Grade 9 immunization clinic?

If you did not get your Grade 9 vaccines at school, you can get them at one of the following:

- At school in Grade 10
- At your local public health unit. Please call the following number after April 15<sup>th</sup> to book an appointment:
  - 604-702-4906 if you live in Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz, and Hope
  - 604-476-7087 if you live in any of the other communities in Fraser Health
- From your doctor, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist. Call ahead and ask if this service is available.

All routine vaccines are free in British Columbia.

### How do I know if I am up to date on my vaccines?

Check your immunization records one of these ways:

- scanning this QR code to Health Gateway
- going online to [HealthGateway.gov.bc.ca](https://HealthGateway.gov.bc.ca)
- using the Health Gateway app



### What if I had vaccines but they are not on my immunization record?

If vaccines were given by a doctor, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist, they might not be on your immunization record. If your record is missing vaccines, please do the following:

1. Contact the health care provider who gave the vaccines and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
2. Report these immunizations online by either scanning this QR code or by going to [FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform](https://FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform).



For more information, please call your local public health unit or visit our website: [FraserHealth.ca/immunize](https://FraserHealth.ca/immunize).



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Public Health Units					
Abbotsford 604-884-3400	Agassiz 604-793-7180	Burnaby 604-918-7805	Chilliwack 604-702-4900	Cloverdale 604-575-5100	Guildford 604-587-4750
Hope 604-860-7630	Langley 604-539-2900	Maple Ridge 604-476-7000	Mission 604-814-5500	New Westminster 604-777-8740	TriCities (Port Moody) 604-949-7200
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