

EARL MARRIOTT SECONDARY

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

Message from the Principal:

To the Earl Marriott School Community,

Welcome back to the 2026-27 school year! On behalf of EMS staff, I hope you and your family had a restful and relaxing summer. We know that students are excited about their courses, their teachers and getting back to see their friends. The School Team is already back and working hard to help make this happen. Ms. Sandhu, Mr. Hill and I return as part of the Leadership team for EMS this year. Together, we send a special welcome to our new grade 8 Mariners, the graduating class of 2031. We are also excited for this year's grads, the class of 2027. We know this year will be the culmination of all your hard work.

This newsletter contains vital information to help the first few days and weeks go smoothly. Below are a couple of things I wanted to draw attention to.

Help and Support from the Admin Team

My vice principal partners Ms. Pam Sandhu and Mr. Virgil Hill are expert managers of student needs and excellent problem-solvers. So that they can get to know student situations more deeply, they generally mind students according to student last name. Mr. Hill minds A-K and Ms. Sandhu minds L-Z. **If you have specific questions or concerns regarding your student, please do reach out to them.** While parents and guardians are always welcome to contact me, my familiarity with specific student situations is not as deep and I frequently defer to my partners for their expertise.

If your question or comment relates to a school-wide process or practice, please do connect with me anytime.

School Communications

This year, as last year, students will be frequently contacted and receive communication through *Microsoft Teams*. Students should already be part of a grade team and are advised to have the MS Teams app open on their device with notifications turned on. Event information, important dates, activities, and opportunities will all be posted on this grade team. When there is a school wide announcement, it too will be sent out to students through MS Teams. Grade 8 students will be added to the Grade 8 Team in the first week of school.

School newsletters are not mailed home, but can be accessed online at www.surreyschools.ca/earlmarriott.

Please confirm that we have your correct contact information including a family email address so that you can receive updates throughout the year. Student Information Verification Sheets will be coming home on Friday, September 11th. **If you need to update information, please add current details to this sheet and have your student return it to the main office as soon as possible.**

Support from our Office Team

Our Office Team is here from 8am to 4pm to support school operations, see to the upkeep of our building, manage correspondence, and answer your questions. They are delighted to answer your phone calls during this time. Phone messages left outside of school hours will be returned the following day as best we can. We are all grateful for their help and support each day. ***They are absolutely deserving of our respect. Hostile and aggressive behavior and phone calls will not be tolerated.***

Sincerely,

Graham Magnusson (He/His/Him)

Proud Principal/Fier Directeur

School Opening

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Grade 8s: Arrive @10:00

Grade 9-12s: Report to Block B @11:00 am

11:00 am Grades 8-12 Timetable Rotation (B, A, D, C) 10 minutes each block

11:05 am—11:15 am Block B

11:20 am—11:30 am Block A

11:35 am – 11:45 am Block D

11:50—12:00 pm Block C

Students who do not attend on the first day of school are often assumed to not be returning to EMS. As we have waiting lists for certain electives, your child's absence may result in their space in a course being reissued to another student. Please notify the office if your child will not be in attendance.

Grade 8's: Grade 8s will get a special mailout with their schedule ahead of time, please arrive to school for 10am. Students will be welcomed into the theatre @ 10:15am. After a short assembly, students will meet their Block B teacher to be led through the block rotations.

We're looking forward to the start of a great year. See you all then!

***In preparation for the first day, students are to login to MyEdBC to view their current schedules**

****If they have forgotten their passwords, please follow the password reset instructions (found on the following page)**

FORGOT YOUR MYED PASSWORD?

STEP 1



DO NOT USE YOUR CELL PHONE!



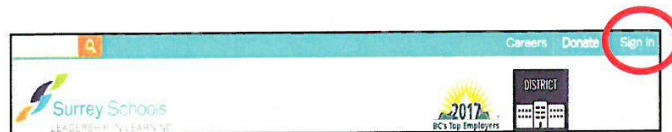
USE A COMPUTER!

STEP 2

1. GO TO MYED BC
2. LOGIN ID – YOUR STUDENT NUMBER
3. CLICK “I FORGOT MY PASSWORD”.
4. MYED WILL EMAIL YOU A NEW TEMPORARY PASSWORD

STEP 3

1. LOGIN TO YOUR EMAIL
2. YOU WILL SEE AN EMAIL FROM MYED BC
3. THIS EMAIL WILL HAVE YOUR TEMPORARY PASSWORD.



STEP 4

1. GO TO MYED BC
2. YOUR LOGIN ID IS YOUR STUDENT NUMBER
3. TYPE IN YOUR NEW TEMPORARY PASSWORD SLOWLY!

STEP 5

1. MYED WILL ASK YOU TO CHOOSE A NEW PASSWORD
2. **READ EXACTLY HOW MYED WANTS YOU TO PUT IN YOUR NEW PASSWORD!**
3. **SLOWLY TYPE IN YOUR NEW PASSWORD!**
4. WRITE YOUR NEW PASSWORD DOWN & KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE!

Criteria to reset a new Password must be followed:

- 8 minimum, 14 maximum characters
- 1 capital letter, 1 lowercase letter
- 1 number
- 1 special symbol or character: # or \$ or ! or @
- Your password cannot contain, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id or sequential letters or numbers
- Samples of acceptable password:
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Counselling Department

ANY and ALL course requests must be done through the Electronic Course Request Change Form using the following link below:

[Course Change Request for September 2026 – Fill out form.](#)



Course changes will ONLY be accepted until September 4th using the QR code.

Please check your MYEDBC daily to see if any changes have been made to your schedule. If no changes have been made, please follow the schedule posted on your account.

- **Students who need to see their counsellor for mental health concerns are welcomed right away!**
- **Counselling appointments for any other reasons will not be available until September 14th. These appointments can be booked using the QR codes located outside the counselling area for each individual counsellor.**

Counsellor	Student Last Names	Email Address
Mr. Haynes	A-Fo	haynes_a@surreyschools.ca
Ms. Kim	Fr-Li	kim_a@surreyschools.ca
Ms. Sall	Lo-Sa	sall_s@surreyschools.ca
Ms. Lo	Sc-Z	lo_m@surreyschools.ca

STUDENT TIMETABLES

All returning students will be able to access their 2026-2027 timetable on the MyEdBC portal. Once in the portal, click on the top tab>Family>left side tab>Schedule. When the schedule appears, click in the “schedule” heading and then the “term” heading to view your schedule in the correct block order.

Parents will log on with their email and students will log on with their student number.

Grade 8 and new students will have their timetables mailed to their home address.

STUDENT PARKING

Please note: The school has assigned a limited number of parking stalls available to **Grade 12 students that hold their N license as of September 11th, 2026**. We do not reserve spots for future drivers.

A student parking pass is required and costs \$10. Due to demand, parking passes are assigned using a lottery system. To enter the lottery, watch for an email containing the link that is sent the week of September 8-11. Names will be drawn on September 15 and those students selected will receive a confirmation email.

A waitlist is available for students who do not receive a pass and parking is reviewed in January 2027 as more passes become available due to students relocating, attending off-campus district programs or graduating early.

Street parking is available for those students without an EMS parking pass.



LOCKER SELECTION

Sign up for lockers will begin on **Monday, August 31st** @ 12pm using the schedule below:

Grade 12 – Monday, August 31st @ 12 pm

Grade 11 – Tuesday, September 1st @ 12 pm

Grade 10 – Wednesday, September 2nd @ 12pm

Grade 9 – Thursday, September 3rd @ 12pm

Grade 8 – Friday, September 4th @ 12pm

(Student number is required to log in. This number can be found on the schedule that was mailed out).

Click on the following link and log in. <https://ems.lockerassignment.com/>

You will need your **EMS student number** and birthdate **to log in**.



PLEASE NOTE: NEW BELL SCHEDULE & BLOCK ROTATIONS FOR 2026/2027



Earl Marriott Secondary Bell Schedule 2026-2027



(8:25 Warning Bell)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 – 9:54	A	B	C 8:30-9:40	D	A-D
9:54 – 9:58			9:40-9:44		
9:58 – 11:22	B	A	D 9:44-10:55	C	A-D
11:22 – 12:07	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch 10:55-11:40	Lunch	Lunch
12:02 - 12:07			11:35-11:40		
12:07 – 1:31	C	D	A 11:40-12:50	B	A-D
1:31 – 1:36			12:50-12:55		
1:36 – 3:00	D	C	B 12:55-2:05	A	A-D
	(Day 1)	(Day 2)	(Day 3)	(Day 4)	(Weekly Rotation: Days 1-4)

FAQ: Why are Smart Glasses prohibited at EMS?

1. What exactly counts as "Smart Glasses"?

Smart glasses are any eyewear equipped with electronic features beyond standard vision correction. This includes frames with:

- **Cameras** for photos or video.
- **Microphones** and speakers for calls or AI interaction.
- **Heads-up displays (HUD)** that project information onto the lens.
- **Examples** include Meta Ray-Bans, Google Glass, and various models by Oakley or Solos.

2. My child needs these for their prescription. What should I do?

If your child requires a specific technological aid for a **documented medical or accessibility need** (e.g., visual impairment assistance), please contact us. We will work with you to find a solution that meets their needs while maintaining the privacy of our school community.

3. What if the camera isn't being used?

Because it is impossible for staff to monitor whether a device is actively recording, streaming, or accessing AI during a lesson or exam, the policy applies to the **possession** of the device on campus, regardless of whether the features are turned on.

4. How does this differ from a smartphone?

While smartphones also have cameras and AI, they are visible when in use. Smart glasses allow for **"perspective recording,"** which can capture video or audio at eye level without the subject's knowledge. This creates a unique privacy risk in locker rooms, washrooms, and private classroom discussions.

5. Can my child wear them if they promise not to use the "smart" features?

To ensure fairness and consistency for all students, we require that these devices remain at home. This prevents any confusion during assessments and protects your child from the liability of accidental recordings or academic integrity concerns.

6. Will the school confiscate them?

Our goal is to work with families. If a student is found wearing smart glasses, they will be asked to store them securely in their locker or the main office for the remainder of the day. Repeated instances may result in further discussion with parents regarding the **Code of Conduct**.



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NO E-SCOOTERS ON CAMPUS



For the safety of our students and staff, e-scooters and other powered personal mobility devices are **NOT permitted** on school property at any time.



**LEAVE IT AT HOME.
KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.**

GET HERE YOUR WAY!



WALK

Great for you and good for the environment.



RIDE YOUR BIKE

A healthy, active and fun way to get to school.



TAKE TRANSIT

Perfect for longer journeys—sit back, relax and arrive ready to learn.



Together, let's keep Earl Marriott
SAFE, RESPECTFUL & RESPONSIBLE.

