



# EARL MARRIOTT GRAD 2017

## Information Package

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# Expectations to Graduate

Congratulations for reaching the final stages of high school life! Grade 12 is a time of significant decision-making, learning, and celebration.

We look forward to your final year at EMS and know that it will be exciting and memorable. Like every graduation class, I challenge you to demonstrate leadership with the rest of the student body at the school. Your leadership and citizenship will help define the culture of our school community.

We also continue to challenge all students to consistently strive to be their best. In order to participate in the Graduation activities, EMS grads must be in a position to pass their courses and meet Ministry of Education Graduation requirements by the end of the school year. Student attendance and behavior throughout the year is also taken into consideration. **It is our expectation that all student debts, including the \$50 grad fee (covering the cost of venue rental, gowns and grad composite photos) be paid.** We expect senior students to demonstrate leadership and good judgment in the classroom, hallways, and at school sponsored events.

The graduation events during this upcoming year are intended to build community among the members of the **Class of 2017** and to contribute to the development of positive school culture and traditions. It is very important that we remind parents and grads that **all events organized and sponsored by the school must be alcohol and drug free.** Everyone should understand that this is for the safety of students. Students must behave appropriately and act with good judgment at all times.

**All students participating in grad events should be aware of the consequences if they are involved with drugs or alcohol. They face suspension from school and put their participation in future grad events, including the Dinner/Dance, in jeopardy.** This has significant implications for students, families, and other members of the grad class. It is our hope that students, fully aware of the consequences and the reasons behind school policies, will make good choices.

In the past, some members of Earl Marriott Graduation classes have planned their own “Grad Activities”. Some activities have been unsafe, have directly interfered with learning, and have tarnished the reputation of our graduating class and school. The school does ***not*** sanction these activities. Such activities have included:

- Wearing inappropriate “Welcome Grade 8s” t-shirts
- Milk Drinking/Vomiting Contest
- Grad Class Ski/Snowboarding trips to any mountain (S-TRIP)
- Grad Class trips out of country, i.e. Mexico, Hawaii (S-TRIP)
- Grad Class camping in Sept/May
- Grad Class “run-through/kidnapping”.

We discourage students from participating in these activities and will not permit their organization within the school.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the school’s administration. In addition, please refer to the website [www.earlmarriott.com](http://www.earlmarriott.com) and our twitter feed @EarlMarriottSec or @GradEMS for information on upcoming events. Don’t forget to download the “Mari-Time” app for your phone and subscribe to the “Grade 12” class to get all the latest notifications regarding grad and other school events.

Lastly, make sure your graduation plans include our EMS Dry Grad celebration. “Dry Grad” is a very positive, fun and safe celebration for our graduating students and takes place after the Dinner-Dance. It is highly supported by the school and a wonderful way for students to end the year.

 , Principal

# Grad 2017 Important Dates

September 30, 2016	Mariners Game
November 3, 2016	Boat Cruise
November 5, 2016	Dry Grad Test Drive Event
November 23, 2016	First Report Card
November 24, 2016	Pasta Night
December 1, 2016	Grad Transition Booklets Due
December 8-16, 2016	Grad Photos (book online)
Nov 30-Dec 2, 2016	Grad Transitions Extravaganza
January 24-27, 2017	Semester 1 Provincial Exams
February 10, 2017	Final Report Card: Semester 1
February 22, 2017	Grad Fashion Show
April 25, 2017	First Report Card: Semester 2
May 13, 2017	Plant, Manure, Trunk Sale
May 16, 2017	Duke of Earl
May 24, 2017	Commencement (Chandos Pattison Auditorium)
June 23-27, 2017	Semester 2 Provincial Exams
June 24, 2017	Family Reception/Grad Banquet/Dry Grad
July 6, 2017	Final Report Card Pick Up

## Graduation Transitions 12 Requirement

**Grad Transitions 12 is a required course for graduation.** The purpose of this course is to encourage students to reflect on their interests and the skills and the knowledge they have acquired during their high school experience, and then to make some concrete plans for after graduation.

Students must be able to demonstrate that they have met course requirements in the areas of ***Personal Health (Activity Log), Community Connections, and Career and Life*** through the completion of three, on-line



assignments. The culminating requirement is to present a *Graduation Transitions Plan* in an exit interview.

The assignments will be available in a **fillable** form by joining our **Grad Trans group** on **Edmodo**. **All three booklets must be submitted by Thursday, December 1, 2016**.

When all assignments have been submitted, simply book an interview during the Interview Extravaganza. Go prepared to the interview. Your interviewer must complete an interview checklist form at the end of the interview. The completed form must then be submitted to the office for us to record that you have met all of the requirements for the course.

**Your exit interview needs to be completed by the end of first semester (January 27, 2017)** in order for your final, first semester report card, to reflect that all requirements for **Grad Transitions 12** have been completed.

Students and parents who have questions about the **Graduation Transitions Plan** can email Mr. Adam Roberts at [roberts\\_a@surreyschools.ca](mailto:roberts_a@surreyschools.ca).



## **Grad Mariners Game and Boat Cruise Information**

These are the first two grad events that take place early in the year. Both are “grad only” events and there will be a limited number of tickets that go on sale.

The grad trip to the Mariner game will take place on Friday, September 30, with the busses departing the school at about 2:30PM and returning at approximately midnight. Students are responsible for their own dinner during this event.

The Boat Cruise, a semi-formal event that includes dinner and dancing, will take place on Thursday, November 3, with busses departing the school at 4:45PM and returning at approximately 10:30PM.

These events are now sold out!

**GRAD FEE OF \$50 MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO TICKET PURCHASE  
OF EITHER OF THESE TWO EVENTS!**

## **Grad photos**

Artona will be at EMS to take formal grad photos December 8 to 16, 2016. While purchasing grad photos is not mandatory, we ask that all graduates have their photo taken by Artona, wearing their gown so that this image is included in both the yearbook and on the grad composite photograph that each grad receives at Commencement. For more information on how to book your appointment, see the information at [www.artona.com](http://www.artona.com) , under Earl Marriott Secondary.





## Grad Council

Any student who is in grade 12 is welcome to attend grad council meetings during senior lunch in room 315 with Ms. Canino. Grad activities, clothing and spirit days are all organized through grad council and we are always in need of creative ideas.

## Grad Slide Show

We need your photos!!!! The grad slide show is one of the highlights of the Grad Banquet. Go through your old photo albums and send along pictures of you and your grad classmates from elementary school, playing on sports teams, junior prom, attending field trips, or just hanging out at school.



**Make sure that the photos are appropriate for a school sponsored event....no inappropriate content please!!!!**

## Yearbook Baby Pictures and Write Up

Grads! Please get your grad write-ups, baby photos, Junior Prom, and Back in the Day Photos prior to November 20, 2016. Grad write-up should be no more than 410 characters and can be submitted to [marriott.yearbook@gmail.com](mailto:marriott.yearbook@gmail.com). Keep your grad write-ups appropriate for school. They are all edited by the yearbook teacher and administration prior to publication.

Yearbooks can be bought online for \$50 (the beginning price has not changed for five years!) at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) or purchased at the office or School Cash online. Personalizations can also be bought online for your book of memories until the beginning of January, so don't delay!



## Scholarship and Post Secondary Information

EMS hosts meetings for the latest scholarship and post secondary information. The meetings are called GPS and they are held every third Friday during senior lunch in the Career Center. If you can't attend the meetings, take a look at the school website under Quick Links on the Counselling Department page, or sign up for the Mari-Time App!

Here are some scholarship websites to search:

- [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
- <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=C95FCF2519414C05AE4C332054C77EE2>
- <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/earlmarriott/Departments/Counselling/Pages/default.aspx>
- [www.bcschoolsports.ca/recognition/scholarships](http://www.bcschoolsports.ca/recognition/scholarships)
- [www.surreyschools.ca/studentsservices/scholarships/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.surreyschools.ca/studentsservices/scholarships/Pages/default.aspx)
- <https://juno.aucc.ca/wes/hes.aspx?pg=834>– search for Scholarships
- <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.garfieldwestonawards.ca/](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca/)
  
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships/](http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/scholarships/) Aboriginal Scholarship Guide
- <http://listofscholarships.ca/>
- [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org)
- [www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/ab/site.nsf/index-eng](http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/ab/site.nsf/index-eng)
- [www.disabilityawards.ca/](http://www.disabilityawards.ca/)

### **Student Loans, Grants & Bursaries**

- [www.canlearn.ca/eng/postsec/money/grants/gindex.shtml](http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/postsec/money/grants/gindex.shtml)
- [www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/)
- [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)





## Commencement Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium (@ Pacific Academy, 10238 – 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Surrey).

### **GRADS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE AT 5:30pm FOR SEATING.**

Graduates will receive **2 free tickets**. Remaining tickets will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis (limit 1 per graduate, at first) at a cost of \$5.00, with money collected used for scholarships for graduating students. All guests, including children must have a ticket and this ticket must be presented at the door for admission. Graduates do not require tickets. Commencement tickets will be distributed and sold during senior lunch April 26-28, 2017. If any tickets remain after this time, announcements will be made at school for students to purchase them at the office.

**Please note—Grads will not be issued commencement tickets unless all grad fees, school fees and outstanding textbook charges are paid and Grad Transitions Plan and Commencement Comment form is completed.**

### **O Canada Singer Needed!**



If you wish to sing the bilingual O Canada at the Commencement Ceremony, please submit your name to Ms. Christensen.



## Grad Gowns and Rehearsal

There will be a mandatory rehearsal and assembly for all grads on Tuesday, May 23, periods 4 and 5 in the main gym. Following the assembly, grads will receive their grad gowns. Gowns are for grads to keep. Please remove them from the package and hang them up. Do not iron the gown. Grads are reminded to bring the gown, hat and stole to the ceremony the following day. Dress for the ceremony is semi-formal with appropriate footwear to be seen below the gown length. Remember, purses, cell phones are to be left with grads' families or at home as there will be no storage location and these items are not permitted on stage. **EMS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

**GRADS MUST ENSURE THE GOWN SIZE AND STATEMENT FORM (LAST PAGE) HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE BY JANUARY 26, 2017 OR A GOWN WILL NOT BE ORDERED FOR THEM!**

# Valedictorian

Every year, one student is selected to speak at the Commencement Ceremony on behalf of the graduating students.

The Earl Marriott Secondary  
“Valedictorian Selection Committee”  
is now accepting applications for the

## Graduating Class of 2017



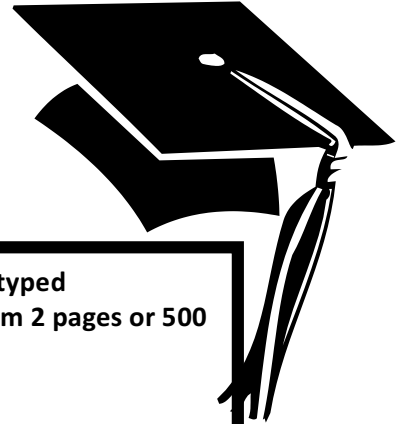
Does the following description  
sound like you?

- You are a good representative of your Grad class.
- You have solid academic marks.
- You are committed to your school and the community.
- You have demonstrated your leadership abilities.
- You are a confident public speaker who looks forward to delivering a 5-minute speech at your Commencement Ceremony on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

If this describes you, please put your name forward to be considered as Valedictorian. Application packages (see attached) must be submitted to Ms. Bakgaard (Room 206) **no later than 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2017.** No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

# Valedictorian continued

If you wish to be considered for the role of Valedictorian 2017, you must fulfill the following and submit your application to Ms. Bakgaard (Room 206) by March 28th:



**PART ONE:** Submit a resume (point form, maximum 3 pages) outlining your suitability as the class Valedictorian.

Criteria: During your years at Earl Marriott, you must have:

- Attained good academic marks
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Exhibited exceptional citizenship within our school and community
- Demonstrated strong public speaking skills
- Been involved in extracurricular endeavors
- Established yourself as a good representative of your class/grade

**PART TWO:** Submit a typed composition (maximum 2 pages or 500 words) discussing:

- why you are the most deserving candidate for Valedictorian
- what you see your role is as Valedictorian
- what theme/issues/topics you will discuss in your Valedictorian speech
- how your journey at Earl Marriott has influenced you (your experiences with fellow classmates, your memories, life lessons...)



## Present yourself to the Selection Committee

**Short listed** candidates will meet with the committee. This will be an opportunity to introduce yourself, to demonstrate your suitability as Valedictorian, and to present a shortened version of some of the themes and/or topics you will cover in your speech. Consider this a “mini-Valedictorian” address (approximately 5-10 minutes; during this time, the committee may ask you questions). Two finalists will be chosen and then the graduating class will vote for the Valedictorian.



## **Grad Banquet and Family Celebration**

This year, we are pleased to announce a new component to our Grad Event. There will be a Family Celebration at the school prior to the Grad Banquet on Saturday, June 24, 2017. Students will arrive at the school (new gym) by 3:00pm. A stand-up reception for parents and extended family will follow with light dessert refreshments, coffee and tea. It will be an opportunity for families to take pictures with graduates and their friends at the school. There will be a “parent to grad” and “grad to parent” toast along with a parent/grad single dance. Tickets for parents/family members will cost \$10 per person.

Following the Family Celebration at about 5:00pm, grads will depart the school by coach bus to be transported to Newlands.

**ANY GRADUATES UNDER THE INFLUENCE OR IN POSSESSION OF ANY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL WILL BE DENIED ENTRY TO THESE GRADUATION EVENTS.**

**ALL GRADUATES MUST RIDE THE BUS TO THE GRAD BANQUET OR THEY WILL BE DENIED ENTRY.**

The grad banquet will be held at the Newlands Golf and Country Club, located at 21025 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in Langley. Grads will arrive via coach bus from Earl Marriott Secondary. A grad photo will be taken at 6:00.

Tickets cost \$100, payable to Earl Marriott, and will be on sale April 26-28, 2017. **Students may apply to bring a guest to the banquet. Anyone who is NOT a member of the EMS graduating class of 2017 is considered a “guest” and will need an approved guest pass.**

**\*Grade 11 EMS students are considered “guests” and will NEED an approved guest pass!\***

**Guest Pass Applications must be obtained from the office and are due April 13, 2017.**

**All school debts, including the \$50 grad fee, must be cleared before purchasing banquet tickets. Students also must have completed their Grad Transitions Plan prior to ticket purchase.**

Parents are welcome to purchase remaining grad banquet tickets (limit of 2 per family, cost \$100 per ticket) once graduates have had the opportunity to purchase tickets. A notification will go home to grads advising them of availability for parents.

Grads, their guests, and parents are reminded that this is a school sponsored event. Upon entry, there will be a security check of bags and purses. Anyone under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed entrance to the Family Celebration or Grad Banquet. In addition, there is no smoking for any grads, guests or parents during the duration of the event as **there will be no in/out privileges for anyone attending the banquet.** Tickets must be presented to security upon entering the dance.

Grads and their guests **will be required to drop off their change of clothes for the Dry Grad to the school on Friday, June 23 in the box gym from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Bringing bags to the grad Family**

**Celebration/Banquet will not be permitted, nor will storing bags in parent vehicles.** Bags will be transported securely from the the school to the Dry Grad event and grads will change at Dry Grad. All grads and guests will be required to be transported to the Dry Grad event by bus.

**REMEMBER THIS IS A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT AND ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY TO STUDENTS AND GUESTS AT ALL TIMES!**

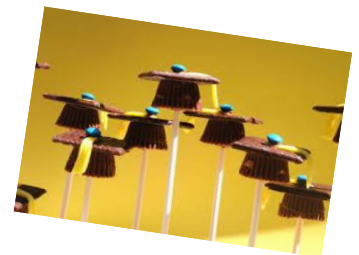


**Graduation Security: Guidelines & Procedures**

- Each student and their handbags will be subject to a search before entering the new gym prior to the Family Reception.
- Anyone, including guests, under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will be refused entry to the Family Celebration and Graduation Banquet functions.
- No refunds will be issued if anyone is denied entrance or asked to leave due to inappropriate behaviour or intoxication. This includes students and guests.
- No one will be allowed to return to the function once they have left—**THERE ARE NO IN/OUT PRIVILEGES FOR ANY GUESTS, INCLUDING PARENTS.**
- Should a disturbance occur at Newlands, the facility reserves the right to end the function immediately.

**Dry Grad**

The Dry Grad Event will follow the Graduation Banquet on Saturday/Sunday, June 24/25, 2017, from midnight to 4:30 am. It will be held at the South Surrey Recreation Center. This is also a school-sponsored event but it is organized directly by our grad parents.



Students attending the dry grad must ride on the busses from the banquet event to the South Surrey Recreation Center. **Parents of students who have purchased Dry Grad tickets but who do not enter**

**the dry grad event will be called.** Tickets have cost approximately \$20 in past years but are dependent on fundraising efforts. Tickets will be available when banquet tickets are sold. More information regarding this event will follow in the spring.

## **Grad Breakfast**

The grad breakfast will follow the Dry Grad event on Sunday, June 25, starting at 5:00 am to 6:30 am, at KW Turkey Shop—1433 King George Highway. **Only students attending the Dry Grad may attend the breakfast. Students will be bussed from the South Surrey Rec Center to the restaurant.** Students must arrange to be picked up following the breakfast, at approximately 6:30 am. There is no cost to students for this breakfast. KW Turkey Shop generously donates their time and food.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR GRADUATES OF 2017!**



**WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE  
AND SUCCESSFUL FINAL  
YEAR!**

September 16, 2016

Dear Parent / Guardians:

**Re: Community Youth Activities “Grad Pranks”**

In past years, there have been troubling incidents of unsafe behaviour and acts of vandalism involving youth in our neighbourhoods participating in reckless events, often characterized as grad activities. Such events are a trend, not just in our school district, but in other communities as well. We are asking for your help in ensuring your son or daughter is aware that unsafe and unacceptable behaviours can have serious consequences.

It is important that we work together to ensure that our young people do not take part in, or condone (provoke, encourage, or support):

- *Bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, threat(s) or intimidation;*
- *Violence of any form;*
- *Verbal, physical or sexual abuse;*
- *Discrimination in any form;*
- *Theft;*
- *Unsafe or dangerous activities*
- *Vandalism;*
- *Possession or use of intoxicating or banned substances;*
- *Possession or use of weapons (or replica weapons) and explosives*

Youth involved in these types of activities may face criminal and school consequences, including losing the privilege to attend extra-curricular events such as the grad ceremony and banquet. Students may also face suspension from school and/or criminal charges. Given that positive citizenship is often considered in selection for school and district scholarships and Passport to Education, poor decisions can also impact those award possibilities. Parents are also financially responsible for damage caused by their children – please see the attached School Act excerpt. We ask that you understand the school’s and district’s position in taking the necessary disciplinary steps in circumstances where inappropriate behaviour occurs.

**We also fully support your decision to not permit your son or daughter to attend unsupervised events.**

We often hear about camping trips, parties or trips to vacation spots like Whistler which are not organized by the district, parents or the school. Our shared goal of safety for all of our young people is compromised when these events occur. If you are uncertain about the status of an event please give school administration a call. We would be happy to clarify if this is an event supported by the school or the district. Each year in B.C., there are tragic events associated with “grad activities” that could be avoided through increased awareness and clear expectations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Rob Rai  
Director, School and Community Connections



Inspector Andy LeClair  
Community Support and Safety Officer, Surrey RCMP

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DECEMBER 8 - 16, 2016  
EARL MARRIOTT SECONDARY

SIGN UP »  
BOOK YOUR SESSION

# GRAD 2017

FOUR COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STYLES  
AND SIXTEEN DIFFERENT POSES.

## MODERN LOOK

This is where it all begins. A unique, fashionable, studio set. We recommend a coordinated full length outfit. You can use any of our props or bring any from home.



## CLASSIC LOOK

Get inspired with bold style and creative flare in our classic Black and White set. A variety of close-ups come to life in your second photographic experience.



## TRADITIONAL COMPOSITE

Celebrating graduation means connecting with your family, friends, and classmates. It also means connecting your Artona portrait with the school yearbook and graduation composite.



## GRAND LIBRARY

Formal cap and gown presentation in our elegant library setting. **Gentlemen** are required to wear a white or light coloured dress shirt and tie. **Ladies**, we suggest a plain white blouse with a simple neckline or wear a top that fits under the gown neckline.



### Your Portrait Session is FREE.

We require a \$60 refundable deposit to provide you with your personal preview booklet and online access. Your deposit will be applied to any purchase or refunded if you choose not to place an order.



### CLICK TO PLAY

View our **How To Prepare** video to make the most out of your session!



### STUDIO AT YOUR SCHOOL

### REMEMBER

You must be photographed by Artona to appear in the yearbook and Graduation Wall Composite. Please plan on a one hour session. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your appointment.

### Your Portrait Session also Includes:

- A Diploma Folder
- Graduation Certificate
- Copy of the Graduation Wall Composite hanging at the school leaving ceremonies
- 5x7 Photograph of you receiving your diploma after school ends





## Commencement Comment and Gown Size

Please complete the following sheet, if you haven't already done so, prior to **January 26, 2017** and hand it in to the office **or email all of the responses to Ms. Beveridge in the office at: [beveridge\\_t@surreyschools.ca](mailto:beveridge_t@surreyschools.ca)**

- 1). Please print your name, as you would like it read **AS YOU CROSS THE COMMENCEMENT STAGE:**

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First Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

Phonetic spelling if your name is difficult to pronounce. For example, Molida Wrinskelle = "Mow-lee-dah Rink-skelly"

- 2) Your email address so we can contact you with grad and scholarship updates:

- 3) On the following lines, please write no more than 2 sentences that you would like us to read as you cross the stage. You may outline your involvement or special memories at EMS and/or your future plans; you may want to say thank you to some important people. Write in the third person (refer to yourself as "he" or "she" since a staff member will be reading it about you).

**All comments will be edited and any inappropriate or negative comments will be removed.**

e.g. Brian specialized in visual and performing arts, and will attend the Emily Carr School of Art in September. While at Earl Marriott, he enjoyed being on the volleyball team.

- 4) Gown size. Please indicate your height so we can order a gown of the right length for you. \_\_\_\_\_



**Please ensure ALL information is correct.  
Return to the office  
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.**