



Emerson High School

2021-2022

Session 2 Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- **NO SCHOOL**, Veterans Day, Thurs., 11/11
- **EARLY RELEASE**, Wed., 11/24
- **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break, Thurs. 11/25 & Fri. 11/26
- Summatives for Session 3, DUE Wed., 12/8
- Summative Workshops Thurs., 12/9 & Fri., 12/10

SESSION 3

Starts: November 8

Ends: December 10

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 425-936-2306

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From the Principal

It's hard to believe we're a quarter of the way through the year. Most students ended Session 2 making good progress and earning credits and are starting to work hard on Session 3 classes.

Teachers continue to work on developing coursework that is engaging, challenging, and tied to clear and specific standards. If you have questions about student work and/or progress, please do not hesitate to contact teachers directly; they're here to help. The last page of the newsletter has all staff emails.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Nell

SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAY WEEKS

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 8-12

Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday, and
 Friday Nov. 8, 9, 10, &
 12 regular schedule.

NO SCHOOL —
Thursday,
November 11.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 22-26

Monday and Tuesday,
 Nov. 22 and 23
 regular schedule.

Wednesday, November 24
 Early Release at 11:00.

NO SCHOOL — Thursday &
Friday, November 25 & 26.

DAILY SCHEDULE 2021-22

8:00-8:55	1st Period
9:00-9:50	2nd Period
9:55-10:40	3rd Period
10:45-11:35	4th Period
11:35-12:05	LUNCH
12:10-1:00	5th Period
1:05-1:55	6th Period
2:00-2:50	7th Period

Wednesday Schedule

8:00-8:45	1st Period
8:50-9:35	2nd Period
9:40-10:25	4th Period
10:30-11:15	5th Period
11:15-11:40	LUNCH
11:45-12:30	6th Period
12:35-1:20	7th Period

LEARNING CENTER

Day Learning Center

8:00-9:55 AM Mon-Fri

Evening Learning Center

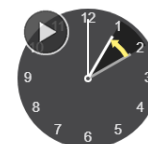
4:00-7:00 PM Tues & Thurs



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 7, 2021, **2:00 am** clocks need to be set back one hour.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov. 8th than the day before. There will be more light in the morning!



Hi All –

Please join me in welcoming **Natalie Pullen**, PhD as the administrative intern who'll be working with our campus teams this year. Natalie will primarily be on campus Wednesdays -Fridays and she will continue to be based out of the Resource Center on Mondays/ Tuesdays as part of her "regular" work as a program specialist and the program administrator part of her internship.

Biography:

Natalie is a special education program specialist. She supports principals and teachers, Preschool-Age 21 with instructional and curricular needs. Prior to coming to LWSD, Natalie was an Instructional Coach in the Northshore School District, where she supported secondary special education teachers on all-things related to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. During this time, she also completed her PhD at the University of Washington in Teacher Leadership and Special Education. Her research focuses in the areas of professional development for teachers, evidence-based practices, and instructional technology. Natalie earned her Bachelor of Arts in Special Education from Seattle Pacific University, Master's in Education from University of Washington, and National Board Certification in Exceptional Needs. She started her teaching career at Bothell High School as a special education teacher, People First club leader, and Special Olympics coach. She is excited to join the Emerson Campus family as she completes her administrator certificate internship.

-Nell



Halloween Fun at Emerson!



Washington State High School PHOTOGRAPHY Competition

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The Washington State High School Photography Competition has a grass roots beginning in the mid 1980's. Formed by a group of high school photography instructors as a way of elevating student photography, the early competitions included only a handful of high schools, a few hundred entries, passionate instructors and eager students. The images were collected and organized by the instructors and later judged by an impartial jury. Ribbons were awarded and the final images traveled throughout the year to be exhibited at the competing schools. It was small, informal and entirely volunteer.

In the 1990's the event attracted sponsorship and public awareness rose due to exhibits at the Seattle Art Museum, featured articles in the Seattle Times newspaper, a segment on KING TV's Evening Magazine and New Day programs, and a prestigious awards ceremony featuring Washington State Governors Mike Lowry and Gary Locke. In 2019, we received 3,506 entries from 66 schools. The 2019 exhibit was shown at Wallingford Frame Central from June and July and Seattle Art Museum in December.

For the 2021 competition, two of our Emerson High School students received the "Select ribbon" which is for photography that were in the top ten percent ... indicating they were in serious contention for placement in the exhibit. Only about 15% of the entries receive a ribbon! Please congratulate Alyse Englund and Ashlyn Holzgraf!



By Alyse Englund



By Ashlyn Holzgraf

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**Emerson
Attendance Line
425-936-2306**

2021-22 YEARBOOKS

Emerson High School yearbooks **can only be purchased in the EMHS main office** (cash or check written to EMHS) or by mailing in a check.

More information coming soon!!!

REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration packets will be handed out to your students the first week of beginning at EMHS. We need to have current information each year including current residency address, parent emails, emergency contact information, etc.

If you have not seen and/or signed the required forms in the packet, please ask your student or call us to obtain another packet. Please return the required forms from the packet as soon as possible so your student's record will be up to date.

Your student is NOT considered registered at EMHS until this registration packet is returned complete.

STUDENT CLASS FEES

Don't forget that if your student is taking art or photography, there are fees which are due each semester!

Please make checks payable to **Emerson High School**. You are also able to pay fees with a credit card online through Parent Access for a small fee.

ART 1 or 2 \$25.00

3D ART \$25.00

PHOTO \$35.00

ART IND STUDY \$25.00

PHOTO IND STUDY \$35.00



The semester cost for Foods class has been raised. . .

FOODS \$20.00

ATTENDANCE LINE

Remember, students and parents are responsible for school attendance. The parent or legal guardian of any student living with them, even if over 18 years old, who is absent from class is requested to leave a phone message on the **Emerson Attendance Line at 425-936-2306 within 48 hours of** the absence to explain the circumstances of an absence.

If the parent is aware of an upcoming absence, please call to notify the school in advance. **For vacation or extended absences, the student must pick up a form in the office for teachers and parent to sign prior to the absence.**

If your student was absent from any classes during a particular day, you will receive an automated attendance call after 6:45 PM on that day. If that absence needs to be excused, please call and leave a message on the EMHS attendance line, via email to the



**You can reach
Wendy:**

wsimmons@lwsd.org

**Mondays through
Fridays
7:45-4:15 pm**

Please feel free to contact
me to schedule a meeting to
talk with you and/or your
student at (425) 936-2300 or
wsimmons@lwsd.org.

**You can reach
Crysta**

c-ccady@lwsd.org

**Mondays, Tues-
days, Thursdays,
Fridays after 2nd
period**

I can be reached at (425)
747-4937 ext. 2807 where a
message can be left or
c-ccady@lwsd.org or
crystac@youtheastside.org
ices.org



Parent Access

Log In

To Register, visit:

[http://
www.lwsd.org/
Parents/Parent-
Access/Pages/
default.aspx.](http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/default.aspx)

If you have any
problems registering for
Parent Access,
send an e-mail to:
parentquestions@lwsd.org
rather than calling
the school.

Counselor Corner

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Words from Wendy & Crysta

Hello Emerson Students and Families! Happy November!

Here are some highlights of awareness weeks going on this month, resources for families to manage stress during the upcoming holiday season, as well as supporting your child with their mental health and for supporting adults in the home. As always we are happy to support in any way we can and highlight some resources.

LWSD has a page on their website dedicated to community resources that benefit students and families: <https://www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/community-resources>

Awareness Weeks coming up this month:

Anti-Bullying Awareness Week November 15-19th: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>
Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week November 14th-23rd: <https://hhweek.org/>

Information on taking care of mental health during the holiday season:

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management/in-depth/stress/art-20047544>
<https://mhanational.org/blog/5-things-do-when-holidays-arent-exactly-uplifting>
<https://www.nami.org/blogs/nami-blog/november-2015/tips-for-managing-the-holiday-blues>

Wonderful articles on supporting your child's mental health at home:

<https://www.mhanational.org/helping-home-tips-parents>
<https://www.seattlechildrens.org/health-safety/keeping-kids-healthy/development/mental-health-resources/>
<https://www.adolescenthealth.org/Resources/Clinical-Care-Resources/Mental-Health/Mental-Health-Resources-For-Parents-of-Adolescents.aspx>

Resource Highlight: Washington Weather, Daylight Savings, and Mental Health:

<https://www.washington.edu/counseling/the-winter-blues/>

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for any more information. We love supporting your students and families. Also see the attached for more family resources.

Take Care,

Wendy and Crysta

District News

PARENT ACCESS

The LWSD provides access to student information including student records, lunch accounts, and more via the Internet. This information is secure so that only you can see information about your student (s). The system through which you can view this information is called **Parent Access**.

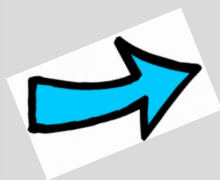
When you are registered at school, you have secure access to the following types of student information:

- E-mail links to your student's teachers
- Volunteer Application
- Ability to make online credit card payments for fees/fines
- Family Access: the system that provides official student information on your student (s), including emergency contacts, attendance, end of term report card grades, immunization records, parent/guardian information, fees, etc.

Interested in putting money on your student's lunch account or the Automatic Withdrawal System for the 2021-22 School Meals Program for purchasing of extras?

Contact Nutrition Services at 425-936-1394

Several benefits come with filling out a School Meal Application; not just meals!!



Orca cards will be distributed to eligible students when they start at Emerson -- the office will issue the Orca card once the required sheets from the 2021-22 registration packet has been returned.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

Nutrition Services offers a limited breakfast program at Emerson. Some options that are provided include items that can be heated in the microwave such as breakfast sandwiches. There are other cold items available such as cereal, breakfast bars, and bagels and cream cheese. Breakfast is available daily between 7:30-7:50 a.m. and between classes until fourth period.

For the 2021-22 school year, student meals will continue to be provided free of charge at all schools, regardless of income level. This USDA nationwide waiver allows for meals for the 2021-22 school year only. Even though there will be no charge for student meals, the Point of Sale computer system for meal accounting will still be utilized with a "no charge" for meals. Students will be able to purchase an extra entrée, meal, milk, and other ala carte items for an extra charge.

Nutrition Services will post daily lunch menus monthly.

Families that previously qualified for free or reduced-priced meal benefits will need to re-apply to continue receiving district-supported fee reductions and benefits such as extracurricular non-credit activities and summer school fees. Emerson participates in the free and reduced lunch program; obtain forms from the registration packet and/or the main office. ONE application covers the whole family; turn in application at youngest child's school.

Even though meals are free this year, we strongly encourage all parents/guardians who might be eligible for benefits to submit an application. Completing an application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one application per family.

Filling out the School Meal Application may help provide:

- Healthy & Nutritious Meals
- Fee Waivers for ASB Cards
- Fee Waivers for Athletic Participation & Extracurricular Activities
- Health and Wellness Services
- Fee Waivers for College Applications & Admissions tests
- College Scholarships

School Counselors can help connect you with benefits that you may be eligible for if you qualify for free and reduced meals. Applications may be completed online at www.myschoolapps.com or downloaded from our website (English | Español). For more information, please visit our website: www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-

LWSD ORCA CARD

Students who live within the LWSD boundaries and outside the one-mile radius from EMHS (as determined by the LWSD) will be issued a Metro Orca Card based upon determination of eligibility by the LWSD Transportation Department.

Passes will be active for use on METRO and SOUND TRANSIT. **The cards are now good for the duration of the students school years.** This year all eligible students will receive an ORCA card and at the end of the school year, only Seniors' cards will be turned off. In the following years only Freshman & new students will receive new cards. The ORCA Student agreement now covers this and states they are responsible for their card until the graduate. **Students will be charged a replacement fee of \$7.50 from the Transportation Department if they lose or damage their bus pass or if their pass is stolen.** The check should be written to Emerson High School and given to the office manager.

Verify/Change your contact/emergency information online!

Please log in to Parent Access, click on Family Access, and verify your student's information. Make any needed changes then click submit and be done.

If you don't have a Parent Access account, now would be a good time to set one up. Just go to the Parent Access page on the district website for more information.

The only medications that can be self-carried by students are epipens and emergency inhalers.

We must have proper documentation for students to self-carry these meds.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

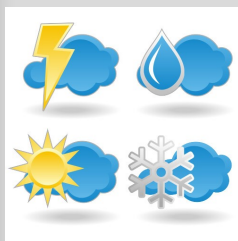
Students are NOT allowed to have even non-prescription medication on them at school – all medication must go through the Emerson Office, contact Sally Jenkins.

Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- ◆ Supplying all medications/transporting medication to and from school.
- ◆ Completing required medication authorization forms. **An authorization to administer medication form must be turned in for each medication - whether prescription or non-prescription. The form must be signed by the health care provider and parent and/or guardian. Medication cannot be given without the completed form.**
- ◆ All prescribed medication must be in the original, labeled prescription bottle, container or package.
- ◆ All non-prescription medication must be in original container and labeled by the parent, including: Student Name, Medication Name, Dosage, Date Issued, Name of Health Care Provider, and Time medication is to be given.

Scheduled medications are given between 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM only.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURE INFORMATION



FlashAlert.net—This service was designed for school districts to notify local media about changes to school schedules. As an added benefit, you can sign up for an account and get emails or text messages with emergency information. It is the first place notices are posted.



SchoolMessenger—LWSD will call employees by 5 a.m. and parents by 6 a.m. In some instances, decisions are delayed. In that case, the calls are made as soon as information is available. **Please note:** Human Resources must have the correct phone number on file for each employee. Otherwise, you will not get this courtesy call.



LWSD.org—The district website will be updated with the latest information. It will appear in a red text box on the front page of the district site and all of the school websites as well.



Local media—Local radio and TV stations will also have school closure/delay information available. They get their information from FlashAlert.net.



DISTRICT COVID TESTING

The LWSD is excited to announce that they will begin offering COVID testing at five regional locations at schools in our district, starting the week of October 18. Emerson High School is one of the testing sites. If the school recommends COVID testing for your student, we can provide you with guidance on district test options. The district continues to recommend public testing sites or visiting your child's medical provider as the first option. They recognize however, that due to the onset of cold and flu season, that testing centers may be busy. The District's goal is minimize the amount of time that LWSD students have to miss instruction.

Answers to many common questions about testing and COVID safety can be found by visiting King County's website at <https://kingcounty.gov/covid/testing>. They provide information in 33 language. For questions about COVID-19 testing, the district recommends the following;

- Find a list of free testing sites: <https://kingcounty.gov/covid/testing>
- Call your medical provider
- Contact King County's COVID-19 Call Center at 206-477-3977. The call center is open between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Daily. Interpreters are available.

If you are needing to have your student tested on Emerson Campus after school hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. or Thursdays 4:00-6:00 p.m., please email or call Sally Jenkins at sjenkins@lwdsd.org or 425-936-2300 or you can use this link [Emerson High School NCES 530423001784 | Curative](#).

Senior News

WWW.NWGRAD.COM



SENIOR MEETING

We will be having a first senior meeting soon. Senior advisors Tracy and Dan K. will go over graduation deadlines and requirements to help seniors stay on track.

The Jostens rep will also be available to talk about preserving the memories of this milestone year for seniors. Students will learn about the products they offer including, caps & gowns, announcements, class rings, and much more. Student will take home order forms which can be returned to the main office.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

WUCF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021-22

The Women's University Club of Seattle is offering five \$10,000 scholarships to graduating high school women. Applications are available online at <https://www.washboard.org>, search Women's University Club of Seattle Foundation. Also attached to this newsletter is more information. Selection is based on applicant's character, scholarship, and achievement related to her school and community that are above and beyond her school's graduation requirement for community service.

If there are questions, please contact the foundation at scholarship@seattlewuc.com.

Applications will be accepted from November 8, 2021, and will close at 12 midnight on February 15, 2022.



FOUNDATION

Women's University Club of Seattle Foundation

Staff Emails

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**Emerson High School's
main office number is:**

425-936-2300

**with office hours of
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
daily.**

**If you are calling
before or after office
hours, you may leave a
message for the main
office by pressing 2.**

**Please communicate
late arrivals and
absences on the
EMHS**

**Attendance Line at:
425-936-2306**



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