



Emerson High School

2021-2022

Session 3 Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- **NO SCHOOL**, Winter Break, 12/20-31
- **NO SCHOOL**, MLK Day, Mon. 1/17
- Summatives for Session 4 DUE Wed., 1/26
- Summative Workshops Thurs., 1/27 & Fri., 1/28
- End of 2nd Quarter, 1/28

SESSION 4

Starts: December 13

Ends: January 28

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www.lwsd.org/EmHs



From the Principal

We've entered the quick sprint before Winter Break! I hope you are staying dry and warm during these wet and windy days.

As we approach the mid-year point, it is important to remind your student (s) to stay focused and productive at school. While the social aspect of school is important, we exist to move students toward graduation and when/if they are not making adequate academic progress, it is time to reevaluate whether or not Emerson High School is the right fit.

If you're interested in a scheduled progress meeting with your student and his/her advisor, please contact them directly; staff emails are on the last page of the newsletter.

Have a great winter break!

— Nell



WINTER BREAK

NO CLASSES, Dec. 21st thru Jan. 1st!

Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 4th

Have a super break!



Emerson High School ASB Leadership will be conducting the annual **Emerson Toy Drive** through **Monday, 12/13**

We plan to donate the toys we collect to local families in need. Our goal is to collect 100 toys for families in our community who would not otherwise be able to purchase presents for their children. Please donate a new, unwrapped toy or gift card today!

There is a large collection box in the Emerson High School main office.

Please, no cash or checks. For more information email

Dan Kaufman at dakaufman@lwsd.org or Will Gardner at wgardner@lwsd.org.

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

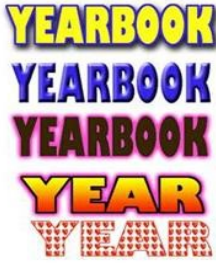
LEARNING CENTER

Day Learning Center

8:00-9:55 AM Mon-Fri

Evening Learning Center

4:00-7:00 PM Tues & Thurs



2020-21 Yearbooks have delivered!!! A 2020-21 yearbook can still be purchased — please email the EMHS bookkeeper Mary for information: mosness@lwsd.org. Evelyn or Mary will contact anyone who purchased a 2020-21 Yearbook for distribution. They can be picked up in the main office.

2021-22 YEARBOOKS Go on sale starting 1/6

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.

No purchasing directly on the TreeRing Website.

Softbound \$20 Hardbound \$25



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 or Foods, 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
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 Office Manager at mosness@lwsd.org, or supply a parent/physician

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





**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@youtheastideserv.org
ices.org



Words from Wendy & Crysta

We would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. We also wanted to share some resources with you as the holiday season can be a stressful time for youth and families.

Public Health-Seattle and King County recently a blog post that provides tips to support the emotional well-being of young people.

<https://publichealthinsider.com/2021/11/18/tips-for-supporting-youth-mental-health/>



Tips for Supporting Youth Mental Health – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER

While a return to more normal routines for children and youth is helpful, it's clear that even positive transitions like returning to school and becoming vaccinated can be difficult to manage. Here are tips on how to support the mental health of young people.

publichealthinsider.com

District News

Fall Smarter Balanced Assessment scores available through Skyward Family Access

Students in 4th-9th and 11th grades recently took the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in English language arts and math. Students in 6th, 9th and 12th grade took the Washington State Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). The primary purpose of these tests was a brief check-in on how students are doing compared to some of the state standards.

This test was different from prior years' tests in three ways. It was given in the fall instead of last spring, there were fewer questions overall and this test did not assess as many areas as previous tests. For these reasons, we recommend that these fall results not be compared to other year's test results.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has completed the scoring for these tests and they are now available to school districts. We have uploaded the achievement level and scale score to Skyward/Family Access. Families will receive a more complete graphical report from OSPI in February. Scores for sub-sections of the assessment (such as reading, writing, and math problem solving) are not available for the fall assessment due to the shortened length of the test.

State tests provide a snapshot of how your child performed during testing and are not indicators of classroom performance. Classroom performance should be the primary measure of your child's skills and knowledge. If you have a concern about your child's testing performance, please talk with his/her teacher.

To access the test scores:

1. Login to Family Access.
2. Select "Test Scores" on the left menu.
3. Select "Show Scores" for the assessment.

Skyward Family Access support is available on the LWSD website.

Regular spring state testing will resume in March-June 2022.

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.



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.

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

Contact Nutrition Services at 425-936-1394

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.

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.

Students residing outside the boundaries of the LWSD are responsible for their own transportation to and from school. If a student inside the one mile wants a pass, they may purchase one from Metro at the same per trip price that LWSD pays. School Orca passes **cannot** be purchased through the school or LWSD Transportation Department.

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.

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.



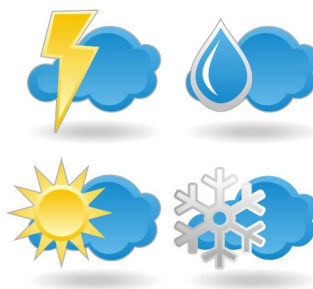
SchoolMessenger—LWSD will call employees by 5 a.m. and parents by 6 a.m. In some instances, decisions are delayed. In that case, the calls are made as soon as information is available. **Please note:** Human Resources must have the correct phone number on file for each employee. Otherwise, you will not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

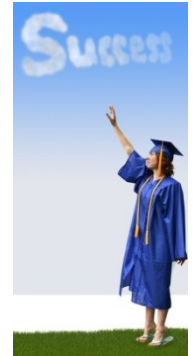


SENIOR MEETING

We will be having a first senior meeting December 14 which will happen in core. 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.

www.nwgrad.com



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

TheWashBoard.org is a free, student-centered, online clearinghouse for Washington students seeking college scholarships. This user-friendly site allows students to search and apply for verified scholarship opportunities that are specific to their academic interests, college, university, or other criteria. The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is the customer service provider for theWashBoard.org. <http://www.thewashboard.org/login.aspx>

Financial aid and scholarship wizard - US Department of Education financial aid and scholarship wizard. http://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/scholarship_search_select.asp?9733

SallieMae - Scholarship Search - College Answer features over 600,000 scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, internships, and fellowships. <http://go.salliemae.com/scholarship/>

Scholarship Scams – Valuable information from the Federal Trade Commission.

College Board Scholarship Search - Locate scholarship and other information that matches your educational level, talents, and background. <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0082-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams>.

For more information on student financial assistance in Washington, contact us at:

**Washington Student Achievement Council, Email: finaid@hecb.wa.gov
Phone: 1-888-535-0747 or 360-753-7800.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

POINT PEST CONTROL SCHOLARSHIP

Point Pest Control is offering its 6th annual Pay it Forward scholarship. The scholarship was created to encourage students to do something good for someone else. They want to hear about the good deed they've performed!

More information can be viewed and access to the application here: <https://pointepest.com/washington-scholarship-application/>. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$750 and a winner will be announced on 5/30/22. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

DUE DATE: April 29, 2022



Staff Emails

Nell Ballard-Jones Principal nballard-jones@lwsd.org	Sally Jenkins Registrar/Secretary sjenkins@lwsd.org	Mary Osness Office Manager/Bookkeeper mosness@lwsd.org
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Crysta Cady EMHS Behavioral Health Support Specialist c-ccady@lwsd.org	Timothy Lee Safety & Prevention Specialist/Security tilee@lwsd.org	Courtney Rayburn Infant Daycare Specialist IA crayburn@lwsd.org
Annette Fechenbach School Nurse afechenbach@lwsd.org	Kelly Marth Psychologist kmarth@lwsd.org	Wendy Simmons School Counselor wsimmons@lwsd.org
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Will Gardner IEP & 504 Case Manager wgardner@lwsd.org	Justin Ochsner Math/CTE/ASB Student Store jochsner@lwsd.org	Daniel Weiss Science/CTE dweiss@lwsd.org

**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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