



Welcome Back

Special points of interest:

- Open House, Wed. 9/21, 6-7:30
- PSAT or SAT Testing, Wed., 10/12
- World Language Competency Testing, 10/12, 11/9 & 1/18



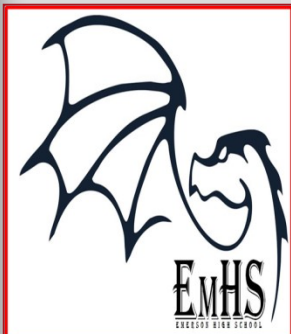
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From the Principal

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year!

I've enjoyed seeing both new and returning students as the year got underway. Starting a new school year can present a range of emotions—while our hope is that every student will arrive happy and full of excitement, we know that starting the year can also trigger anxieties and apprehension. In order to start the year as strongly as possible, please reinforce these messages at home:

- Attendance Matters! Students should arrive on-time and attend regularly; attendance is one of the most important predictors of academic and social success.
- Remember that all EMHS staff have chosen to work here and are dedicated to student learning and growth.
- The start of 2022-23 school year can be a fresh start. For students who have struggled in the past, now is the time to change habits and patterns. For students who've done well in the past, it is critical to practice consistency and stick-to-itiveness to ensure future success.

-Nell

School News

OPEN HOUSE

We're excited to be returning to an in-person Open House/ Curriculum Night . . . but, we're still in a pandemic and to ensure we're able to safely engage in-person events, please consider wearing a mask and limiting the time you spend in close proximity to others.

Like most things on our campus, the EmHS Open House/ Curriculum Night is different from what you've experienced in larger schools – you will have the opportunity to meet (briefly) with each of your student's teachers in a round-robin style format rather than by following their 7-period schedule.

We look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Our Open House is on Wednesday, September 21st from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

We will also have our annual "Pass the Hat" fundraiser for Invest-Ed. InvestEd is a program that provides immediate help for secondary students in Washington to improve their attendance, engagement, and graduation rate. If you would like to donate money to the EMHS Invested fund, please bring a check to Open House night!

DAILY SCHEDULE 2022-23

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

School Pictures & Ordering Picture Packages

School pictures were on September 6th. Pictures were for student ID cards and photo packages which can be ordered through Lifetouch Photography.

All picture ordering can be done online by visiting the Lifetouch site: mylifetouch.com. The EMHS Picture Day ID is EVT49PMJV.



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.



YEARBOOKS

2021-22 Yearbooks will be available for pick up soon. You will receive notification once they are ready.

Information about the 2022-23 yearbooks to come later in the year.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Students are NOT allowed to have medication at school, this includes non-prescription medication like Advil, Tylenol, etc. All medication must be cleared through the Emerson Office, contact Sally Jenkins, our Health Room Office Professional.

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.

REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration packets will be handed out to your students the first week of school. 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 child is taking an Art or Foods course, 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 Family Access for a small fee.

Art 1 or Studio Art	\$25.00	Art Independent Study	\$25.00
Culinary Arts 1 & 2	\$10.00		

Scholarships for paying class fees are available. Contact your child's teacher or Mary in the main office at mosness@lwsd.org

**Emerson
Attendance Line**

425-936-2306

**ALL
sophomores
will take the
test with the
district
covering the
cost!**

ATTENDANCE LINE

Remember, students and parents/guardians 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.

Please call or email (Mary at mosness@lwsd.org or Sally at sjenkins@lwsd.org) to notify the school in advance of pre-planned absences. **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 or physician note.

OCTOBER PSAT & SAT TESTING

Date: Wed., October 12, 2022

2022 PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) for Sophomores and Juniors

The cost for the PSAT/NMSQT test for Sophomores is covered by the District. All 10th graders take the PSAT.

Juniors can choose to take the PSAT/NMSQT, cost is \$18.

2022 SAT for Seniors

Seniors can choose to take the SAT. Participating students from EMHS will test at Lake Washington High School. Cost \$60 or if on Free/Reduced Lunch status \$8.

Checks, written to EMHS, are due prior to October 11 to Mary in the main office.

Please let Michelle Fraley know if you wish to take either of the tests by **September 14th**.

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**.

WORLD COMPETENCY TESTING

LWSD World Language Biliteracy Testing for the Seal of Biliteracy is available to all 9th-12th grade students living within the district boundaries. This test recognizes the talents of our multilingual learners. Students can earn up to 4 high school credits in addition to receiving the WA State Seal of Biliteracy at graduation. The district will pay for one test per registered student. Questions can be directed to assessmenthelp@lwsd.org.

Test dates and locations -

October 12, 8:00 a.m. EHS, JHS, LW

HS, RHS

November 9, 1:30 p.m. EHS, JHS

January 18, 1:30 p.m. LWHS, RHS

See the attached flyer for more information.

WORK IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY!

We have immediate openings for all substitute teachers and classified substitute positions in LWSD!

Apply at LWSD Frontline Teacher Substitutes at [Lake Washington School District - Frontline Recruitment \(applitrack.com\)](https://www.applitrack.com) to become a Substitute Classroom Teacher.

Apply at LWSD Frontline Classified Substitutes at [Lake Washington School District - Frontline Recruitment \(applitrack.com\)](https://www.applitrack.com) to become a Substitute Instructional Assistant, Paraeducator, or Office Professional.

There are three openings on the Emerson Campus as of 9/7/22. Visit [Lake Washington School District - Frontline Recruitment \(applitrack.com\)](https://www.applitrack.com) for more information. It would be amazing to find someone in the community fill these roles!

Rates:

Substitute Teacher: Starting at \$202.00 per day. \$227.00 per day for work on Fridays

Substitute Paraeducator: \$19.90 per hour

Substitute Instructional Assistant: \$17.20 per hour

Substitute Office Professional: \$22.89 per hour

Any questions? Contact us at: Asksuboffice@lwsd.org



ORCA CARDS - New process for 2022-23!

The LWSD is no longer involved with issuing Orca Cards. Metro will be implementing Free Youth Transit cards in a phased approach, beginning the 2022-23 school year.

Youth, ages 18 and younger can ride transit for free starting September 1st throughout King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Kitsap counties. Participating transit agencies are Community Transit, Everett Transit, King Country Metro, Kitsap Transit, Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, City of Seattle, Seattle Streetcar, and Washington State Ferries (starting October 1st).

Students with existing LWSD Orca cards will keep them and will need to get a sticker from the office as part of the registration process. This sticker can be affixed to the back of the card. The sticker will instruct students to register their card with FreeYouthTransitPass.com. Students will have until June 30, 2023 to complete registrations.

Students who need/want a new Orca card will be able to pick up a new black Orca card in the main office and will need to register their card as well with FreeYouthTransitPass.com. Students will have until June 30, 2023 to complete registrations.

SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the USDA has funded free meals to all students, The USDA free meal waiver expired on June 30, 2022. **As a result, the district will start charging fees again for lunch and breakfast starting in the 2022-23 school year.**

Free and Reduced Meal Applications:

The District strongly encourage all families who might be eligible for benefits to submit an application as soon as possible. Emerson has put an application in the registration packets. You may also complete an application online through [MySchoolApps - Home Page](#) which takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one application per family. For more information you can also visit our website: www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-meals.

Additional Benefits for Free and Reduced:

Students that are eligible for Free and Reduced meals are also eligible to receive fee waivers for athletics, extracurricular activities and other programs. In order for the district to waive these fees, you must provide consent to share your Free and Reduced eligibility status for this purpose. You can provide consent on the Free and Reduced application. If you are already qualified for free and reduced meals or you are directly certified through the State, you can provide your consent to share eligibility information in Family Access by following these instructions|instrucciones. For more information about fee waivers, please visit our website: [How to Waive Extra-Curricular Fees - Lake Washington School District \(lwsd.org\)](#)

School breakfast and lunch will be served at NO COST to those children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. All other students will be charged \$2.50 for breakfast and \$4.00 for lunch.



DISTRICT TIP LINE

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, we've taken an important step that we want to share with you. Our district is now using *Vector Alert*, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff and parents to submit safety concerns to our District administrators five different ways:

1. **App:** Search for “Vector Alert” in the App Store to download for free
2. **Phone:** 425.529.5763
3. **Text:** Text your tip to 425.529.5763
4. **Email:** 1342@alert1.us
5. **Web:** <http://1342.alert1.us>

If an administrator is not nearby or available to take your tip, you and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism, threats of violence or any safety issue you're concerned about through Vector Alert. When you submit a tip, be sure to use our district's identification code: 1342 in your communication.

Every tip Vector Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so that they can investigate and take appropriate action. And, tips may also be submitted anonymously if you prefer.

Together, using Vector Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL

One of the best ways to avoid community transmission of COVID-19, and other infectious illness, is to stay home when you are sick. Students and school employees who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenzas (flu) or COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical evaluation, which may include testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

While the school will no longer require an attestation form at the start of each day, we ask families to please answer the following questions at home before deciding to send your child to school. ***If you answer "YES" to any of the following questions, keep your student home and contact your school.***

1. Has your student been in close contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?
2. Does anyone in your household have COVID-19 like symptoms &/or is anyone in your household being tested for COVID-19?
3. Has your student or anyone in your household had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days?
4. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told your student to self-monitor, self-isolate or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19?

For more information, please visit our “Too Sick for School Webpage”: [Too Sick for School - Lake Washington School District \(lwsd.org\)](https://www.lwsd.org/too-sick-for-school).



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 be-
fore 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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