



#### Welcome Back

#### Special points of interest:

- Open House, 9/20, 6-7:30 p.m.
- World Language Competency Testing, 10/11, 11/15, 2/7, 3/7, & 4/24



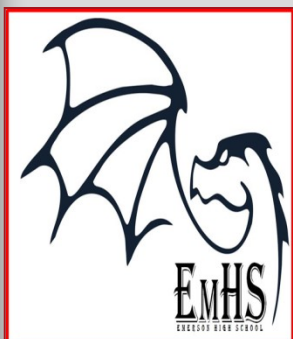
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#### From the Principal

*Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!*

It has been wonderful welcoming new and returning students back to school this fall. 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 2023-24 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

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.

**Our Open House is on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you on the 20th.**

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 2023-24

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

##### Morning Learning Center

8:00-9:55 AM Mon-Fri

##### Evening Learning Center

3:00-5:00 PM Mon., Tues & Thurs

## School Pictures & Ordering Picture Packages



School pictures will take place on Tuesday, September 5th. Pictures will be for student ID cards and photo packages which can be ordered online through JostensPix.

Student's images are typically available 5-7 business days after picture day. When they are ready, please go

to <https://shop.jostenspix.com> to log in, view, and order pictures.

Please see the attached flyers 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.*



**YEARBOOKS**

2022-23 Yearbooks will be available for pick up soon. You will receive notification once they are ready.

*Information about the 2023-24 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 as soon as possible.

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**

Physical registration packets for returning students will be distributed the first week of school. We need to have current information each year including current residency address, parent emails, emergency contact information, etc. Some Student Information can be verified online now through 9/15 through Parent Access.

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.

**Registration packets are a required portion of the enrollment process.**

**STUDENT COURSE FEES**

Don't forget that If your child is taking an Art or Culinary Arts course, there are fees which are due each semester!

Please make checks payable to Emerson High School and turn in to Mary in the main office. You are also able to pay fees with a credit card online through Family Access for a small fee.

- Art 1 or 2, Studio Art, & 2D Art 1 or 2 \$25.00**
- Art Independent Study \$25.00**
- Culinary Arts I or II \$10.00**

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

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

## ATTENDANCE LINE

Students and parents/guardians are responsible for school attendance. Within 48 hours of an absence, the parent or legal guardian of any student who is absent from school is expected to:

- 1) Leave a phone message on the EMHS Attendance Line at 425-936-2306;
- 2) Send an email to the Registrar/Attendance Secretary Sally Jenkins, at [sjenkins@lwsd.org](mailto:sjenkins@lwsd.org);
- 3) Supply a parent/guardian or physician note; or
- 4) Leave a note on an absence notification from ParentSquare for up to 4 days after the missed day.

The parent/guardian must report the absence for students living at home, even if over 18 years old. Please call or email Sally Jenkins to notify the school in advance of pre-planned absences. For vacation or extended absences, the student may pick up a form in the office for teachers and parent/guardian to sign prior to the absence.

**The LWSD is using ParentSquare for automated attendance notifications. Families will receive the absence notification through email and text first, instead of a robocall. If the system indicates families did not receive, open, or read the the message or email within a certain amount of time, the robocall will go out. Parent/guardians can also leave notes on an absence through ParentSquare.**

## STAFF APPRECIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Parents looking to help support the EMHS staff this year? Please contact Sheryl Vincent at [vincentfamilyfun@gmail.com](mailto:vincentfamilyfun@gmail.com) to learn more about how you can contribute to staff appreciation throughout the school year.

*Thank you for your support!*

## District News

### WORLD COMPETENCY TESTING

LWSD World Language Biliteracy Testing for the Seal of Biliteracy is available to all 8th-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](mailto:assessmenthelp@lwsd.org). Students can register for any of the test dates, regardless of which school they attend. Transportation is not provided.

Test dates and locations for 2023-24:

October 11, 8:30 a.m.	EHS, JHS, LWHS, RHS
November 15, 2:00 p.m.	EHS
February 7, 2:00 p.m.	JHS
March 6, 2:00 p.m.	LWHS
April 24, 2:00 p.m.	RHS

***See the attached flyer for more information.***

### **PARENT ACCESS/SKYWARD FAMILY/STUDENT ACCESS**

The LWSD provides secure online access to student information including student records and lunch accounts and making payments online. The information for Students and Families can be found on the LWSD site at: <https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/for-students-and-families>.

### **ORCA CARDS**

The LWSD is no longer involved with issuing Orca Cards. Metro has implemented **Free Youth Transit cards**.

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 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](https://www.freeyouthtransitpass.com).

### **SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE 2023-24 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 student registration packet. 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 the website: [www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-meals](http://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,

***Please see the attached flyer about School Meals for the 2023-24 School Year.***

## Staff Emails

<p><b>Nell Ballard-Jones</b> Principal nballard-jones@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Sally Jenkins</b> Registrar/Secretary sjenkins@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Mary Osness</b> Office Manager/Bookkeeper mosness@lwsd.org</p>
<p><b>Tracy Bumgarner</b> CTE/Child Lab tbumgarner@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Dan Kaufman</b> CTE/ASB Leadership dakaufman@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Courtney Rayburn</b> Infant Daycare Specialist IA crayburn@lwsd.org</p>
<p><b>Crysta Cady</b> EMHS Behavioral Health Support Specialist c-ccady@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Timothy Lee</b> Security tilee@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Chelstin Ross</b> Art cross@lwsd.org</p>
<p><b>Annette Fechenbach</b> School Nurse afechenbach@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Kelly Marth</b> Psychologist kmarth@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Wendy Simmons</b> School Counselor wsimmons@lwsd.org</p>
<p><b>Andrea Frankenfeld</b> English/Social Studies/Morning LC afrankenfeld@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Emily Mitchell</b> Social Studies/English/Night School emitchell@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Lorrie Thomas</b> Infant Daycare Supervisor IA lthomas@lwsd.org</p>
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<p><b>Michelle Fraley</b> Math/Morning LC &amp; Night School mfraley@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Andrew Nisargand</b> Library IA/Webmaster anisargand@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Sarah Wiegand</b> Associate Principal sawiegand@lwsd.org</p>
<p><b>Will Gardner</b> IEP &amp; 504 Case Manager wgardner@lwsd.org</p>	<p><b>Justin Ochsner</b> Math/CTE jochsner@lwsd.org</p>	

**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:  
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