



Upcoming special points of interest:

- PSAT & SAT Testing, for 10th Graders, Wed., Oct. 11
- World Language Competency Testing, 10/11, 11/15, 2/7, 3/7, & 4/24
- NO SCHOOL, Teacher LEAP Day, Fri., 10/20
- Summatives for Session 2 DUE Fri., 11/2
- Summative Workshops, Mon., 11/6 & Tues., 11/7

SESSION 2

Starts: October 9

Ends: November 7

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From the Principal

It is hard to believe we're already nearly a month into the school year and Session 1 ends soon. Welcome back!

Overwhelmingly, students seem engaged and excited about classes and what they're learning which is a wonderful way to start the year.

As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding your student (s), don't hesitate to contact their advisor, counselor, or me – we're here to help.

Have a great year! *Nell*

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all of those who attended our EMHS Open House! We had representation from nearly 50% of our families, which is much higher than previous years. Also, thank you for donations of \$530 for our InvestEd fund for helping children this school year!

STUDENT SNACK DISTRIBUTION

We have a limited amount of snacks in the main office for students who need them

Student snack distribution is limited to the following:

- Passing period between 2nd & 3rd (9:50-9:55)
- First 15 minutes of lunch (11:35-11:50)
- Passing period between 6th & 7th (1:55-2:00)

Students will be limited to 2 snacks per day. Any snacks requiring preparation (cup of noodles, mac & cheese, hot chocolate, etc.) will only be distributed during the lunch time period.

It is the student's responsibility to pick up a snack and get to their next class on time.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICERS

Please see the attached information about LWS D Community Resource Officers and the new Community Connectors that are being encouraged for community members to join.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Picture retake day for Emerson High School is **TUESDAY, Oct. 17 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.!!!!**



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

YEARBOOK



Yearbooks **CANNOT** be purchased directly on the TreeRing site. Only purchase through Office Manager.

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 have arrived. Students may pick up their yearbooks before school, at lunch, or after school in the main office.

If you did not purchase a 22-23 yearbook, you still can!! Cost for hardcover is \$28 and softcover is \$18 (includes tax & shipping). Please write check, to EMHS, and give to Mary in the main office.

COSTS FOR 2023-24 YEARBOOKS

Soft cover \$20.00

Hard cover \$27.00

Please see the attached flyer for the Fall Discount which runs through Oct. 31st!!

Soft cover \$18.00

Hard cover \$24.30

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.

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;
- 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 LWSO 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 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.



EMERSON CAMPUS SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Emerson Campus Safety Committee is made up of staff from all three schools on campus – EMHS, Emerson K-12, and Northstar Middle School. We meet regularly to discuss school safety and security issues on campus.

We follow district protocols to set up emergency instructions for lockdowns, fires, earthquakes, and emergency situations which require Parent/Student Reunification. The campus safety committee also helps the campus prepare for a potential disaster by gathering and maintaining the campus emergency supplies. Most staff members hold a position in the campus Incident Command System to assist your child if an emergency occurs during school hours.

In the event of a campus emergency or area-wide disaster, the school district's automated phone system will deliver a recorded message letting parents know what to do, including instructions on early closing.

See our school website for more information at:

<https://emhs.lwsd.org/studentsfamilies/school-safety>

Thank you from the Emerson Campus Safety Committee



DROP, COVER, AND HOLD DRILL

International ShakeOut Day is always the third Thursday of October (this year: **October 19**).

While earthquake hazards varies from region to region, most of Washington is prone to earthquakes. You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes: at home, at work, at school or even on vacation. We will be participating in the International ShakeOut Day here at Emerson High School.

Testing News**OCTOBER 2023 PSAT & SAT TESTING****Date: Wed., October 11, 2023****REIMINDER:****2023 PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) for Sophomores**

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

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. 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.

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.

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 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 9:30-2:45
Tuesdays 9:30-2:50
Thursdays 10:00-2:30

I can be reached at (425) 517-1375 where a message can be left or c-ccady@lwsd.org or crystac@youtheastsideeservices.org

Words from Wendy

From Wendy: Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

I'm Wendy Simmons, the School Counselor at Emerson High School and Emerson K-12 (grades 6-12).

I grew up in Seattle and attended high school in the Shoreline School District. I am proud to say that I am a Seattle native and love living in the Northwest. I received my AA Degree from North Seattle Community College and my BA in Psychology from Seattle University. I have been working with kids, teens, and families in the fields of social work and counseling since 1992. In 1995, I returned to school at Seattle University to begin working on my Master of Arts Degree in Education and on my School Counseling Credential (ESA). I was fortunate enough to do my internship with my own high school counselor and began working at BEST through Youth Eastside Services in 2000.

In addition to being a School Counselor for the past 20+ years, I have also been involved as the President/CEO and currently as a Board Member of local non-profit music programs for youth in the community.

Working at Emerson and Emerson K-12, and in the non-profit music world has made me more fulfilled than I have ever been in my life. I am truly living my dreams and following what is in my heart for me to do.

I provide individual counseling, crisis intervention, referrals, group counseling (such as Relationships, Stressed out, GSA, and Choices), and academic and career planning. I also love meeting with families and providing referrals and support to families and students. My main goal when working with students is to help them get in touch with what is in their hearts and to help them find their own paths in this world.

You can reach me at wsimmons@lwsd.org.

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

YES Behavioral Health Support Specialist

From Crysta:

Hi, I'm Crysta Prins (Cady), the Youth Eastside Services Behavioral Support Specialist that works with all three schools on the Emerson campus. I started working with the Emerson Campus back in September of 2019, and I am so grateful to be returning again this school year.

I was born and raised in Washington State, living in several areas of the state over my lifetime. I received my Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Washington State University in 2016 and my Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Seattle University in 2019. Prior to my time at Youth Eastside Services, I worked with youth in crisis residential facilities, shelters for unhoused youth, and as a case manager for youth who experienced trauma related to assault. Working with young people has been my passion, and I was so happy to find my place at Youth Eastside Services, and with the Emerson Campus to continue grow this passion. I am a fully licensed Clinical Mental Health Therapist according to the standards set by the Washington State Department of Health, and a Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee, though I hope to complete this license and drop the "trainee" by this winter.

I provide confidential individual counseling, crisis interventions, referrals to community or agency based services, group counseling, and general education and prevention.

You can reach me at crysta.cady@youtheastsideeservices.org or call me at 425-517-1375.

I look forward to connecting with you this year.



SCHOLARSHIPS

TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship aims to support students who are devoted to making a difference and caring for our environment. Any high school senior who has work, internship, and/or volunteering experience in environmental causes may apply for this scholarship, but applicants pursuing STEM majors are preferred.

Amount—2 winners of \$5,000 each

Learn more at: <https://bold.org/scholarships/top-of-the-mountain-memorial-scholarship/>

DUE DATE: October 22, 2023

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a \$35,000 college scholarship, this may be for you.

The 2023-24 theme is: "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"

Applications can be found by going to: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9228/voice_of_democracy_scholarship

DUE DATE: October 31, 2023

"BE BOLD" SCHOLARSHIP 1 Award of \$25,180

The "Be Bold" Scholarship is a no-essay scholarship that will be awarded to the applicant with the boldest profile. It takes less than 2 minutes to apply. To us, boldest does not mean "best", or "most accomplished". Being bold means being: A) Earnest, B) Determined, C) Moving. The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose profile is most bold, according to these characteristics.

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- ⇒ Be in Grade 12 and plan on enrolling in college by the fall of 2022.
- ⇒ Have a GPA of at least 2.5

More information can be found by going to: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship> or bold.org

DEADLINE: November 1, 2023



STUDENT JOB POSTINGS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE LWSD

Snowflake Lane

The Bellevue Collection presents Snowflake Lane this holiday season. Snowflake Lane is hiring hundreds of local high school and college students to perform in the nightly show, and they are looking to include your students among them for the 2023 season.

They employ dancers, drummers, masked and unmasked characters, color guard, float drivers, and technicians. If your student is interested in auditioning, send an email to snowflakelane@yahoo.com to schedule an audition time!

For more information, please see the attached flyer.



Staff Emails

<p>Nell Ballard-Jones Principal nballard-jones@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Sally Jenkins Registrar/Secretary sjenkins@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Mary Osness Office Manager/Bookkeeper mosness@lwsd.org</p>
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<p>Crysta Cady (Prins) EMHS Behavioral Health Support Specialist c-ccady@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Timothy Lee Security tilee@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Chelstin Ross Art cross@lwsd.org</p>
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<p>Will Gardner IEP & 504 Case Manager wgardner@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Andrew Nisargand Library IA/Webmaster anisargand@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Sarah Wiegand Associate Principal sawiegand@lwsd.org</p>
	<p>Justin Ochsner 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:
425-936-2306**



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