

**Special points of interest:**

- **NO SCHOOL**, Mid-Winter Break, Thurs., 2/15 & Fri., 2/16
- **NO SCHOOL**, Presidents Day, Mon. 2/17
- Summatives for Session 5, DUE Wed., 2/28
- Summative Workshops Thurs., 2/29 & Fri., 3/1

SESSION 5

Starts: January 29

Ends: March 1

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**From the Principal****Happy New Year!**

We are now at the beginning of Session 5. This is a great time to connect with your student(s) about future plans including post-graduation education & training programs, investigating Running Start & WANIC options for next year, and simply checking in about how school is going.

Remember you can always request a progress and/or planning meeting with your child's advisor and counselor – there doesn't need to be a crisis or problem for you to check in. Students tend to do better when parents/guardians are involved and engaged in educational planning.

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NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK

Thurs. & Fri. February 15th & 16th

NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' DAY

Mon. February 17th

**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

**Emerson Toy Drive
results!**

We were able to collect 105 toys in which were taken to Toys for Tots this holiday season!

Thank you for your donations!

**STUDENT GINGERBREAD HOUSES**

Tracy's and Dan K.'s Foods class students created gingerbread houses prior to winter break. Some students even made the gingerbread themselves! Their houses were voted on by the staff and students. Here are the results —

**FIRST PLACE****Taryn Davis**

House #2

**SECOND PLACE****Maria Veliz**

House #8

**THIRD PLACE****Alex Smith**

House #1

***See the next page for other gingerbread houses
made by students!!***

Other student houses:

- #3 Kalie DeRose
- #4 Xanti Krueger
- #5 Lindsay Lujano
Alvarez
- #6 Jameson Douglas
- #7 Aiden Sakoda
- #9 Abryanna
Holzgraf
- #10 Bailey Cribbs
- #11 Cody Vinson
- #12 Erin Rio



LWSD CULINARY COMPETITION 2023-24

Sweet and Savory Categories

- WHO: Any High School Student in LWSD
- WHAT: Culinary Competition
- WHERE: Remotely (Power Points will be submitted)
- WHEN: Submissions due **February 21st**
- WHY: It's fun! Prizes too!

Contact the EMHS Culinary Arts Teacher, Tracy Bumgarner, for details and to be added to the competition TEAMS page. tbumgarner@lwsd.org





FIELD TRIP TO THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE EXHIBIT & TEDDY BEAR SUITE

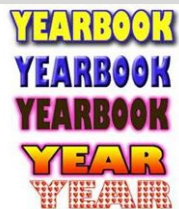


Tracy and Tim took students on Dec. 14th to The 29th Annual Sheraton Grand Seattle Gingerbread Village! This year's theme is *The Chocolate Factory*. Seattle's top architecture firms, master builders, and the Sheraton Grand Seattle's culinary teams have created another exciting village for this holiday season! We can't wait to see you again as we come together to support life-changing research for type 1 diabetes.



They also visited the Fairmont Olympic Hotel to visit the Teddy Bear Suite. The *Teddy Bear Suite*, welcomes all ages to partake in its wonder. Admission is free, with donations encouraged to support the Seattle Festival of Trees and Seattle Children's Hospital.





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

If you did not purchase a 22-23 yearbook, you still can!! Cost for hardcover is \$28 and softcover is \$18 (includes tax & shipping).

COSTS FOR 2023-24 YEARBOOKS

Soft cover \$20.00 Hard cover \$27.00

Please pay with cash (exact amount) or check, to EMHS, and give to Mary in the main office.

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

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



**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
Fridays 9:30-2:50**

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



Counselor Corner

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Words from Wendy

As we begin the second semester, I wanted to let you know about some great opportunities for students to participate in classes that occur outside of the school building. Many of these classes allow students to earn college credit while also fulfilling their high school requirements.

WANIC Open House

Featuring 2024-25 Full-Year Program Opportunities

- **Thursday March 21, 2024**
- **5:00 - 7:00 PM**
- **Lake Washington Institute of Technology**
(Commons/Cafeteria located in the East Building) 11605 132nd Avenue NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

Students, Families, Community are welcome!

Some amazing programs available to next year's Juniors and Seniors...

Registration will open for the 2024-25 school year WANIC Program soon and applications will also begin to be accepted for Fall classes at Running Start soon. Be sure to get your applications in ASAP to make sure you have a spot in the program of your choice. Additional information can be found on the WANIC website at www.wanic.org and on the specific college's websites.

Please see the attachment to this newsletter for information about WANIC and Running Start Bellevue College, Cascadia College, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Central Washington University - Sammamish.

If your student is interested in Running Start or WANIC for next year - please email me to schedule a time for us to talk about the options for next year.

If you are a returning Running Start student you will not need to do the application process again but will need to schedule a meeting with me to register for Fall classes as soon as the college opens registration for Fall Quarter for Returning Students.

See the next page for information about WANIC Summer Semester ...

WANIC Summer 2024

Summer semester 2024 dates are currently anticipated to be June 25 to July 17, 2024

WANIC Summer Semester information is not available at this time. Please check back early March at <https://wanic.lwsd.org/academics/summer-courses>.

Grade and credit earned will be sent to the student's home high school where they are required to be entered on the student's permanent high school transcript. This includes rising 9th graders.

These Students are Eligible to Apply:

- Open to students entering 9-12th grade and enrolled in the WANIC consortium: Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Northshore, Riverview, and Snoqualmie Valley School Districts.
- Home school and private school students must register with their local public high school. The students ID number provided by your school district is required information at the time of application.
- **No out-of-consortium students will be accepted for Summer Semester. There are no exceptions.**

Students may not apply for a Summer Semester class they have previously completed.

Please welcome a few new folks to our counseling staff!

Please welcome **Julie Hills** to our campus as Wendy's Counseling intern and **Allison Fernald** who will be seeing a few EMHS students as part of her internship. They will be meeting with students individually and in groups as well as helping with classroom presentations.

Julie Hills will be here on Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 10:30 am.-3:00 p.m.

Please see her bio below:

Julie Hills comes to us with a background in community mental health and family engagement at alternative high schools. She's excited to be here learning about the wide world of school counseling and hopes to continue working with high school students when her certificate program is complete this spring. A native Washingtonian, Julie has worked with kids, families, and college students in North Carolina, the Bay Area, and SoCal before returning to the ever-green landscape she is proud to call home. She lives in Shoreline with her husband, kids (9 and 11), a cat, and three fish. When she's not working or studying, you can probably find her camping or playing Ultimate frisbee.

Allison Fernald

Information about Allison will in next Session's newsletter!

You can reach Julie:

jhills@lwsd.org

**A message can be left at
425-936-2300**

Senior News

The 2024 EMHS
Graduation
Ceremony is
scheduled for
Friday, June 14

More information will
be forthcoming!
Stay tuned.

SENIOR PRODUCTS

Check out Jostens webpage at www.nwgrad.com for information on purchasing caps, gowns, tassels, and other senior products.

A cap and gown can also be borrowed from EMHS—just let Tracy or Wendy know. Tassel and 2024 charm can be purchased from the bookkeeper for \$15—exact cash or check amount written to EMHS.

WWW.NWGRAD.COM



2024 Senior Graduation Deadlines

Updated 10-31-23

Below are deadlines for graduating seniors if participating in the EMHS graduation ceremony on Friday, June 14, 2024:

- **Tests Required to Pass for Graduation or Meet an Alternate Graduation Pathway*:**

- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) English/Language Arts (ELA) Test
- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Math Test

**Please check with our Counselor, Wendy Simmons, to make sure you have met/will meet the requirement.*

- **April 19** - Photos to Stephanie for senior multimedia presentation (senior photos, baby photos, photos at any age, etc.). Email Stephanie at stmonaghan@lwsd.org
- **June 7** - LWSD fees/fines need to be paid and district books returned if finished using them.
- **June 7** – All assignments turned in to teachers for grading.
- **June 12** - All district books and/or other materials returned.
- **June 12** - All school work, all graduation requirements, and all credit needs to be completed.

Below are deadlines for all other seniors graduating in 2024 but **not planning on participating** in the EMHS graduation ceremony:

- **Tests Required to Pass for Graduation or Meet an Alternate Graduation Pathway*:**

- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) English/Language Arts (ELA) Test
- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Math Test

**Please check with our Counselor, Wendy Simmons, to make sure you have met/will meet the requirement.*

- **June 14** - All LWSD fees/fines need to be paid.
- **June 20** - All school work, all graduation requirements, and all credit needs to be completed. All district books and/or other materials returned.

For more complete information on graduation requirements please visit the Washington State Board of Education at: <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/graduation.php#.WC3p8eSQyM9>

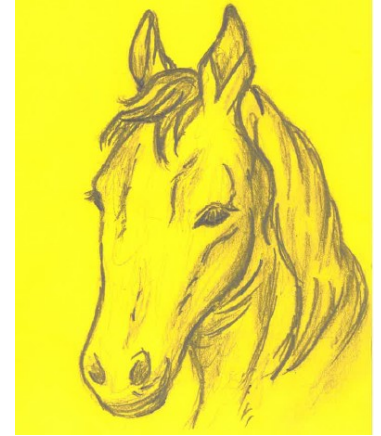
ABOVE DEADLINES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Caroline Elise Myhra



We would like to congratulate our first 2024 graduate, Caroline Myhra.

Caroline is currently applying to colleges in Washington, Oregon and Kentucky where she plans to study Animal Sciences on her way to her dream of becoming a Veterinarian specializing in Equine Medicine. Caroline is very passionate about the field of Equine medicine and will even be taking her horse with her to college.



We are so happy that she joined us at Emerson High School and to be able to help her explore colleges and plan her next steps after high school.

Scholarships

JOHN LENNON SCHOLARSHIPS (3 - \$20,000 scholarships)

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

- A. Be between the ages of 17 and 24 as of February 15, 2024
- B. Submit musical works that have not been assigned to any major music publisher or major record label

Applications can be found at: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12397/john-lennon-scholarships>

DUE DATE: Feb. 15, 2024

FARM KIDS FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS (3 - \$2,500 scholarships)

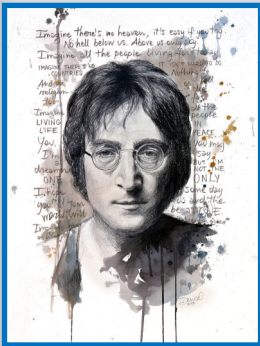
National Farmers launched scholarship program more than two decades ago to invest in the future of agriculture-oriented young people. Farm Kids for College Scholarship winners have pursued degrees in agronomy, agribusiness, dairy science, animal science, farm business and more.

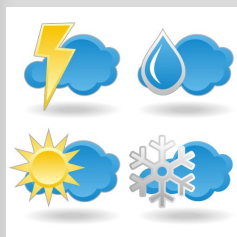
To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

- A. Be a high school senior in the United States
- B. Major in an agricultural field at an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2024

Applications can be found at: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/13249/farm-kids-for-college-scholarship>

DUE DATE: Feb. 20, 2024





CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

Fifteen \$5,000 awards! It is important to acknowledge the sacrifices of our servicemembers who preserve our freedom, but that is not enough. The sacrifices of the children of those who served should also be honored. Providing funds to assist these children so they can pursue higher education is a concrete way of showing how much we, as a nation, care.

This scholarship sponsors the Children of Warriors National Presidents' to support the children of our warriors. These scholarships are awarded to 15 students annually who excel in academics and volunteer in their communities.

Please visit: <https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/children-of-warrior>.

DUE DATE: March 1, 2024

FEEA MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Two hundred \$5,000 awards! To be eligible, a student must be children, step-children, or legal dependents of full- or part-time permanent federal civilian or postal workers employed with the federal government for more than three years.

For more information, please visit: <https://feea.org/2022/11/merit-scholarship-program/>

DUE DATE: March 14, 2024

District News

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURE INFORMATION

When emergency conditions such as snow and ice or windstorms result in school schedule changes, here are some ways to find out about what is happening:

- Pop-up alert on <https://www.lwsd.org/> and school webpages.
- [Flashalert.net](https://www.flashalert.net/) – This website allows you to sign up for text messages as well.
- Local TV/radio stations – They get a feed from Flashalert.net of all school schedule change decisions.

Curious how school schedule change decisions are made? You can learn how to be updated when school is delayed or canceled on the [School Closures and Late Starts page](#) of the district website.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS FOR STUDENT METRO RIDERS

Winter weather in this area can make travel very unpredictable. Many LWSD students rely on Metro to get them to and from school. Metro would like you to be reminded of possible delays, route changes or cancellations because of winter weather.

When waiting for a bus in these conditions, the best place to catch the bus is along a major arterial. Wait at the top or bottom of hills, and wait back from the curb. Please remember that Metro buses may be more crowded than usual and not always on schedule, so dress warmly and be prepared for delays.

You can sign up for Transit Alerts! It's easy and free to sign up for email or text alerts about King County Metro service. Alerts can be tailored to your favorite route (s).

Visit the link for sign up:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/alerts-updates/signup.aspx>

Staff Emails

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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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