



# Emerson High School

2023-2024

## Session 6 Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- Mid Session 4/30
- Summatives for Session 7 DUE Wed., 5/16, and Fri., 5/17
- Summative Workshop Days Thurs., 5/16, and Fri., 5/17
- **GRADUATING SENIOR PARENTS—** Senior pictures due to Stephanie Monaghan at stmonaghan@lwsd.org FRI., April 19
- **SPRING TESTING COMING IN MAY**

### SESSION 7

Starts: April 15

Ends: May 17

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### From the Principal

It's hard to believe the school year will be over in less than three months. Please support your student (s) to end the year on a good note by attending regularly (and on time) and working hard to complete summative assessments.

This is also a good time of year to talk to your students – especially 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders – about goals and enrichment options for next school year including Running Start and WANIC.

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### CHANGES TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

*The 2023-24 school district calendar has changes due to weather-related closures:*

- ♦ Fri., May 24: half day for students (out at 11:00 a.m.)
- ♦ Tues., May 28: full day
- ♦ Fri., June 21: last day of school (students out at 11:00 a.m.)

### UPCOMING SPRING 2024 SBA ELA (PT and CAT), SCIENCE WCAS & SBA MATH (PT and CAT) TESTING

SBA ELA testing May 21 for 10th & 11th graders (late start for those not testing at 11:00 a.m., Science WCAS testing May 22 (normal schedule for all with pull-out for 11th graders), and SBA Math testing May 23 for 10th & 11th graders (late start for those not testing at 11:00 a.m.).

### AAUW STEM SCHOLARS

American Association of University Women) AAUW promotes equity in education for women and girls through scholarships and grants. National AAUW gives over \$3 million to women in scholarships and fellowships annually. In addition, branches within our state give thousands more in local college scholarships. One of their goals is to encourage girls and women to pursue careers in science, mathematics, and technology.

Staff nominated junior girls **Huai-An Ho** for math, **Parker Gabriel** for science, and **Avah Walker** for technology, and they will be given recognition by the local AAUW branch and awarded Certificates of Excellence.

***Congratulations ladies!***

### 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

#### CHANGED HOURS

**beginning Session 6**

#### Evening Learning Center

**3:00-6:00 PM Tues & Thurs**

# SPRIT WEEK

## MONDAY

### Moustache Monday



## TUESDAY

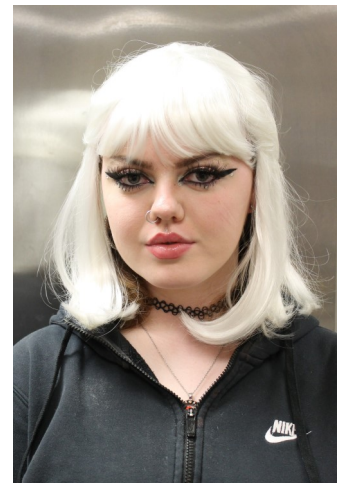
### Role Reversal Tuesday

(students dress like teachers and teachers dress like



## Wednesday

### Wacky Hair & Wear Wednesday



## THURSDAY

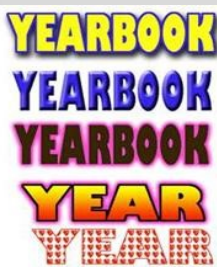
### Pajama Thursday



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### St. Patrick's Day Party!





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). 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**

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](mailto:mosness@lwsd.org)*





**You can reach  
Wendy:**

[wsimmons@lwsd.org](mailto: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](mailto:wsimmons@lwsd.org)

**You can reach  
Crysta:**

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**Mondays 9:30-2:45**

**Tuesdays 9:30-2:50**

**Thursdays 10:00-  
2:30**

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

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[crystac@youtheastside.org](mailto:crystac@youtheastside.org)

## Counselor Corner

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### Words from Wendy

As we begin the final quarter of the school year, 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.

**Will you be a high school junior or senior by September 2024? If so, you can begin Running Start as early as Summer Quarter 2024. For the first time — students entering 11th grade in the fall will be able to take up to 10 credits through Running Start this summer. *Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in signing up for Running Start this summer or in the fall.***

### Connect to Your Future at LWTech's Annual Open House!

We're now about a month away from our Open House event on **April 25th, 5:00 pm—8:00 pm** With 12 bachelor's degrees, 41 associate degrees, and 83 professional certificates in 41 areas of study, LWTech is a campus where everyone can belong. Meet professors, talk to admissions staff, and tour the labs, shops, and facilities to find the best fit for you!

- **Explore** more than 40 professional/technical training programs. We offer more than 100 degrees and certificates, including transfer and applied bachelor's degrees
- **Experience** interactive demonstrations and tours.
- **Engage** in your education with info sessions and live Q&A's.
- **Apply** and be admitted On-Site with LWTech's Admissions Coach!



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

Registration is now open for the 2024-25 school year WANIC Program and applications are now being accepted for Fall classes at Running Start. 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](http://www.wanic.org) and on the specific college's websites.

**Please see the attachment to this newsletter for information about WANIC and Running Start at Bellevue College, Cascadia College, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Central Washington University - Sammamish and also attached is the Peachjar flyer for Bellevue College Running Start for Summer and Fall Quarters 2024 Information Sessions.**

*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 as soon as possible to improve your chances of getting your preferred classes.*

### WANIC Summer 2024

Summer semester 2024 dates are set to begin on Thursday, June 27 and go until Wednesday, July 17, 2024. No school July 4th or 5th.

**By submitting a WANIC Summer Semester application**, the parent/guardian agrees the student will not be scheduled for any other classes, activities, competitions, holidays, work, vacations etc. that will conflict with the WANIC 13 day 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM semester schedule.

WANIC Summer Semester information can be found 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.*



## BALANCE IN MIND

I'm excited to share some great resources for parents and caregivers from **Balance in Mind**. We are excited to be partnering with them to provide additional support services to our students again this year.

Balance in Mind works with community partners to raise awareness about emotional and mental health challenges facing our youth, to empower parents, and to build communities where our kids grow up healthy, resilient and equipped for life.

**For more information, click on the link below:**

[Balance in Mind | Lake Washington Schools Foundation \(lwsf.org\)](https://www.balanceinmind.org/)

## FREE COLLEGE AND FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

Information to help students and families with the college and financial aid process:

- ◆ **Common App Step-by-Step Guide** that walks students step-by-step through each question of the Common Application, including why it's asked and how to best answer. Here is the link <https://www.standoutcollegeprep.com/common-app-guide/>
- ◆ **FAFSA Step-by-Step Guide** that walks students and families through each question of the FAFSA, including screenshots and explanations and a FAQ page for students with special circumstances. Here is the link <https://www.standoutcollegeprep.com/fafsa-questions/>
- ◆ **Washington State Scholarship Directory**, a list of 100+ vetted scholarships for students across the region, broken down by month. Here is the link <https://www.standoutcollegeprep.com/washington-scholarships/>

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

### SENIOR PRODUCTS

Check out Jostens webpage at [www.nwgrad.com](http://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](http://WWW.NWGRAD.COM)



### SENIOR FEES & FINES

For your student to walk in the graduation ceremony on June 14 and to receive their diploma,  
**all LWSD fees/fines and books and/or other materials checked out to them need to be paid for and/or returned.**

Please contact **Mary Osness, the EMHS bookkeeper**, if you have any questions or would like a payment plan.

### 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](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](mailto:finaid@hecb.wa.gov)  
Phone: 1-888-535-0747 or 360-753-7800.**





### REDEFINING VICTORY SCHOLARSHIP

In various spheres of life, success takes on multifaceted definitions, from the pursuit of academic excellence to the realization of personal passions and goals. These diverse interpretations of achievement underscore the complex tapestry of success that individuals weave throughout their unique journeys.

Their journeys are marked by passion, perseverance, and self-education, proving that potential is not limited to the traditional academia route. Their stories are a testament to countless people who prove that education is not bound by brick-and-mortar institutions. By embracing diverse avenues for personal growth, anyone can conquer the challenges of life and attain the pinnacle of success.

Any student may apply, whether going the traditional 2/4 university route, attending a trade school or certificate program, etc.

For more information about this \$2,500 scholarship, please visit <https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/redefining-victory-scholarship/>

**DUE DATE: April 27, 2024**



### CODE WIZARDS HQ EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Once a year, a high school senior or incoming college freshman will receive \$2500 to support their education.

At CodeWizardsHQ we believe that the future is built on diversity through equity and access. While we actively work toward implementing hiring practices that are geared toward diversifying our team, we also understand that having access to higher education is a means to broadening a diverse candidate pool for the future STEM workforce.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

- ⇒ Be a high school senior with a 3.5 or higher GPA
- ⇒ Plan on studying Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.

Visit <https://www.codewizardshq.com/scholarship/> for more information on this \$2,500 scholarship.

**DUE DATE: May 1, 2024**



### PRINT AND GRAPHICS SCHOLARSHIPS \$5000 —1 80 Awards!

The Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation (PGSF) is a not-for-profit, private industry-directed organization that offers technical school, undergraduate, and graduate fellowship assistance to men and women interested in a career in the graphic communications field.

PGSF has two main missions. First, to attract young people to the industry and inform them (and their parents, school advisors, etc.) of the wide variety of career opportunities available. Second, if they are pursuing post-secondary education in order to enter the field or are currently working and looking to continue their education part-time, we provide financial assistance to them.

For more information, visit: <https://www.pgsf.org/>

**DUE DATE: May 1, 2024**



## 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](mailto: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**

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

More information will be forthcoming! Stay tuned.



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



## GRADUATION DAY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### ALL-SCHOOL/STUDENT PROMOTION BREAKFAST

**Date:** Graduation **MORNING**

**Friday, June 14, 2024**

**Where:** EMHS Commons

**Time:** 8:45-9:45 a.m.

*Students and staff only.*

### GRADUATION REHEARSAL

**Date:** Graduation **MORNING**

**Friday, June 14, 2024**

**Where:** Meet in EMHS Commons

**Time:** 9:50-10:15 a.m.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY

Emerson Campus Gymnasium

**Friday, June 14, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

***Grads must arrive at 4:00 pm***

***Group Photo at 4:30 pm***

### SENIOR GROUP PHOTO

A senior group photo will be taken at 4:30 p.m. just prior to the graduation ceremony. This picture will hang in the Emerson main hall. An 8" x 10" group photo will also be available for purchase for \$15. Senior group photos must be preordered — **an order form is attached or can be picked up in the main office.** Payment can be made out to EMHS and returned to Mary Osness in the EMHS main office by June 21st.



## 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  
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**

**Or email Sally Jenkins  
at sjenkins@lwsd.org**



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