



Special points of interest:

- Summatives for Session 1, DUE Wed., 9/30. Summ. Workshop Thurs., 10/1 & Fri., 10/2
- No School, Teacher LEAP Day, Fri., 10/16

SESSION 2

Starts: October 5

Ends: November 4

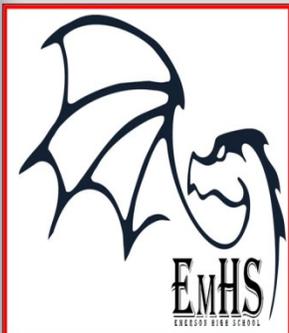
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From the Principal

It is hard to believe we're already nearly a month into the school year and Session 1 ends this Friday.

While opening the year remotely has been an adjustment for all of us, I am proud of the Emerson students and staff who have committed to teaching and learning in an environment that is different from anything we've experienced before – including the remote model the LWSD tried in the spring. Teachers are working incredibly hard to develop meaningful school experiences for students while in a constant state of flux and uncertainty about how they'll need to adjust next week and/or next month. I think this is true for all of us to one degree or another right now, so we appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate our ever changing reality. We certainly miss seeing your student(s) in-person, but seeing them on-camera during synchronous (live) classes is wonderful as well and helps create a sense of normalcy.

Just as the EmHS instructional day looks different in our remote environment, our first Summative Workshop of the year will also look different. Summative workshop will still be held on Thursday and Friday October 1st and 2nd. And students who have not completed all of their formative work and passed their summative assessments by Wednesday afternoon are still expected to attend:

- Class meetings will happen at the same time as regularly scheduled (Periods 1, 3, 5 & 7 meet on Thursday; Periods 2, 4 & 6 meeting on Friday).
- Students who have not completed and passed work for a particular class are expected to show up & work during that class period.
- Students can still make appointments with teachers during asynchronous time (both days) AND attend Intervention on Friday for additional help.
- All formative and summative work is due by 4pm on Friday, October 2nd.

Beginning the week of October, 5th, we will start scheduling intervention meetings for students who have not been making adequate progress in classes. Parents/guardians will be invited to these meetings as well – we need to work together to help students be successful.

As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding your student(s), don't hesitate to contact their teachers, advisor (CORE teacher), one of our counselors, Catherine and/or me – we're all here to help.

Session 2 starts on Monday, October 5th and we'll be having our virtual Open House/Curriculum Night that week – more details below.

Take care!
- Nell

DAILY SCHEDULE 2020-2021

Remote Learning
Schedule
attached for
classes from
September 14
and beyond.

UPCOMING SHORT WEEK SCHEDULE

Please see the
attached schedule for
October 12-16.

**No school LEAP Day,
Friday, October 16th**

SESSION 2 MATERIAL PICK UP

As we gear up for Session 2, we will be having material pick up for the classes that have required materials on **Wednesday, September 30th** from 12:00—2:00 p.m. Look for an email on Monday afternoon the 28th to let you know if your student's classes require materials to be picked up. ***If you or your student do not receive an email, they do not have additional materials that will be needed for your classes.***

PICK UP TIMELINE:

12:00-12:30	Last names A-F
12:30-1:00	Last names G-M
1:30-2:00	Last names N-Z

MASKS ARE REQUIRED covering nose and mouth. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at cfredenburg@lwsd.org.

OPEN HOUSE/CURRICULUM NIGHT

All teachers are creating video introductions to their classes for Open House/Curriculum Night this year. On the afternoon of October 5th, we'll send links so that you can view them all – we prefer the in-person version of Open House, but the silver-lining is that once you have the links, you can watch the videos at a time that's convenient for you.

Be on the lookout for the email on October 5th!

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Picture day for Emerson High School will be **Wednesday, October 28th**.

Lifetouch and EMHS will be following strict COVID Safety Protocols.

The schedule for photos is:

11:00-12:00	Last names A-F
12:00-1:00	Last names G-M
1:00-2:00	Last names N-Z

When students arrive on campus, they should go directly to the gym. **Masks are required covering nose and mouth.** Students will temporarily remove their mask when the photo is being taken then replace it and leave campus as soon as they are finished.

Thank you



News from Lifetouch

Even though our photography sessions will look different this year due to COVID, as a trusted partner, Lifetouch's goal remains the same: to ensure families receive this essential photography service and you can continue to capture life's memories. ***Please see the attached information sheet from Lifetouch.***





PSAT/NMSQT DURING REMOTE INSTRUCTION Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

The District has offered the PSAT/NMSQT on an annual basis to 10th and 11th graders in the past. 10th graders use it as a practice opportunity. 11th graders can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship program. The test is normally offered in October.

Sign-ups will occur later in the fall and priority will be given to current 11th graders. Options for 10th graders will be evaluated later in the fall and could include an opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT in January or the PSAT 10 (which provides the same level of reporting) in later winter or early spring. Conditions will continue to be re-evaluated as it gets closer to the January test date to determine what will be offered.

Sign-ups for 11th graders will begin in early October with a deadline of **November 13**. The cost will be \$17. Please make checks payable to EMHS and mail to Mary Osness in the main office. Or you are able to pay online through Family Access.

Benefits for students taking the PSAT:

- ◆ The PSAT encourages students to start planning for life after high school.
- ◆ Students receive "My College QuickStart™", a free personalized college planning kit based on their test results, with access until they graduate high school. On average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT earn higher scores on the SAT than those who do not.
- ◆ Student Search Service™ gives PSAT/NMSQT takers the option to receive free admission and financial aid information from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs.
- ◆ The PSAT/NMSQT assesses critical reading, mathematics and writing skills that are important for success in college. The program promotes earlier and more expansive inclusion of students to increase their college-going aspirations while there is still time for students to effectively plan and prepare (especially important for sophomores).

ATTENDANCE LINE

Remember, students and parents are responsible for school attendance. The parent or legal guardian of any student living with them, even if over 18 years old, who is required to leave a phone message on the **Emerson Attendance Line at 425-936-2306 within 48 hours and in the message, please explain the circumstances of the absence.**

Don't forget, parents can request absences online through Skyward Family Access. In addition to calling or emailing the school, families can now log into their Skyward Family Access accounts to let schools know that their student will be absent. This can be for a one-day absence or long-term absences as well. Please see more information later in the newsletter under District News.

If the parent is aware of an upcoming absence, please call to notify the school in advance. **For vacation or extended absences, please email Mary Osness at mosness@lwsd.org to review the approval process.**

REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration packets were mailed home to students prior to 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 packet via mail to Mary Osness, as soon as possible so your student's record will be up to date.

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





**You can reach
Wendy:**
wsimmons@lwsd.org
**Mondays through
Fridays**
8:00 am—4:30 pm

**You can reach
Crysta:**
**Drop-in Office
hours via Zoom**
Fridays
2:00-4:00 pm

Counselor Corner

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Words from Wendy

From Wendy: Hi, I'm Wendy Simmons, the School Counselor at Emerson High School and Emerson K-12. I started at BEST High School (previous name of Emerson High School) back in 2000 (time sure does fly).

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.

Working at Emerson and Emerson K-12 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.

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.

YES Behavioral Health Support Specialist

From Crysta: My name is Crysta Cady, and I am your returning Youth Eastside Services counselor! I am so happy to be back with you all this year, and want to welcome any new students and families to the school. This definitely a different time and way to engage with school than we are all used to, and I look forward to supporting you in this.

Please see the attached flyer for some basic information about myself, ways to contact me, and potential services I provide/what my job entails. As we know, things seem to be ever changing in the world we are living in, so with that, some of this information regarding services, times, and dates may change. I am going to pre-apologize and pre-thank everyone in their flexibility and understanding.

As of right now, I will be holding drop-in office hours via Zoom on Friday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 pm. Office hours are open to both students AND parents. Please see the attached flyer about how to register.

You can also call me at 425-747-4937 extension 2807 and leave a message. If you are in crisis and cannot keep safe, please call 911 or call the Crisis Line at 206-461-3222 or text HOME to 741741.

YES does not allow contact via email with students or parents, due to our confidentiality policies at this time.



EMHS Counseling Intern

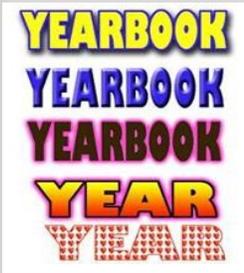
You can reach
Hannah at:
hsessions@lwsd.org
Mondays through
Fridays
8:00 am—4:30 pm

From Hannah: My name is Hannah Sessions and I am Wendy Simmons' school counseling intern this school year. I am currently in my last year of the school counseling masters program at Seattle University and also completed my undergrad in Psychology at Seattle University. As a Seattle native, I attended K-12 in the Seattle Public Schools district and love living in the Pacific Northwest.

I am available for individual counseling and will be co-facilitating groups with Wendy and Crysta. You can reach me at hsessions@lwsd.org Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm.



2019-20 Yearbooks are still being finalized! A 2019-20 yearbook can still be purchased — please email the EMHS bookkeeper Mary for information: mosness@lwsd.org.



2020-21 YEARBOOKS

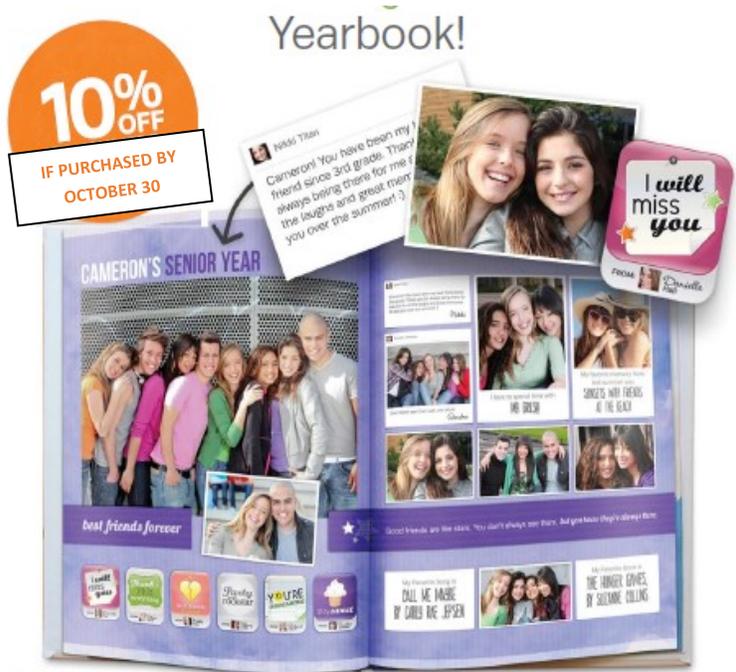
Emerson High School yearbooks **can only be purchased in the EMHS main office** (cash or check written to EMHS) or by mailing in a check.

No purchasing directly on the TreeRing Website.

You will get a 10% discount if ordered and paid for with our bookkeeper, Mary Osness at mosness@lwsd.org, prior to October 30th!

Regular Prices: Softbound \$20.00 Hardbound \$25.00

10% DISCOUNT IF PURCHASED BY OCTOBER 30TH
SOFTBOUND \$18.00 HARBOUND \$22.50





KING COUNTY LIBRARY INFORMATION

Lake Washington School District is a part of a partnership with King County Library System to allow all students and school staff access to the online resources of the library.

Your local libraries have created a promotional video explaining how to access homework help, research databases, eBooks and more with student accounts:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vy1h0g14Ps_DmQPbquWWPt_eiuSBQZfw/view

This video is free to download and add to LWSD-based online hosting, such as Stream (as I understand that you can't refer students to YouTube resources).

Please also see attached informational flier as well, and more detail is on KCLS's student card portal: <https://kcls.org/students/>

I am happy to answer any questions you, school staff, parents, or students have!

Sarah Hunt (she/her/hers)
Teen Services Librarian
North Region, King County Library System
425.822.2459
shunt@kcls.org

District News

ONLINE ABSENCE REQUESTS VIA SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

Don't forget, parents can request absences online through Skyward Family Access. In addition to calling or emailing the school, families can now log into their Skyward Family Access accounts to let schools know that their student will be absent. This can be for a one-day absence or long-term absences as well.

Please visit the following link for instructions:

<https://www.lwsd.org/help/skyward-family-access#fs-panel-78881>

FREE & REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS

New to the District? - As a new family to the district, you may apply for free or reduced-price meals any time during the school year.

On the Free & Reduced program last year? - Free & Reduced meal applications will be **expiring on October 13, 2020**. If you have not yet reapplied, you must complete a 2020-21 application to continue eligibility for your child or children by this date. An application was included in your student's registration packet. If you need another application mailed, please let Mary know—mosness@lwsd.org.

Or applications (English and Spanish) can be found at:

- ◆ Your child's school
- ◆ The LWSD District Office (Business Services)
- ◆ The District website – www.lwsd.org/students-families/breakfast-and-lunch-menus (See Application & Instructions)

Families will be notified in October by phone and/or email and a letter will be sent to those families with no phone number or email address.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nutrition Services Office 425-936-1393 or Business Services 425-936-1261.

IMPORTANT

LWSD Nutrition Services will be providing **free meals** daily to children ages 1-18 at numerous sites across the district during remote learning. Please go to

<https://www.lwsd.org/fall-2020/grab-go-student-meals>
for more information.



BACK TO SCHOOL SURVEY

This year, **Panorama's "Back to School" Survey** will be administered in grades 3-12 during the week of October 12-16.

The Panorama survey is grouped into three categories:

- ◆ Student competencies
- ◆ Student supports and environment
- ◆ Teacher skills and perspectives

WORLD LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTING

Due to remote learning, safety and social distancing protocols, and unique transportation needs of families and students, LWSD is offering more flexible testing windows this year for World Language Testing. Testing will be conducted in person in a small group setting following strict safety and social distancing procedures. We may need to reduce our capacity to test students in order to keep everyone safe and will prioritize current 11th and 12th graders who need credit to graduate first.

We are using a rolling registration this year and students can register now for any of the following testing windows:

- **Wednesdays in November at Juanita High School** (Registration closes October 31, 2020)
- **Wednesdays in January at Eastlake High School** (Registration closes December 31, 2020)
- **Wednesdays in February at Redmond High School** (Registration closes January 31, 2021)
- **Wednesdays in March at Lake Washington High School** (Registration closes February 28, 2021)
- **Any Wednesday at the LWSD Resource Center**, 16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, WA 98052 (Registration closes March 31, 2021)

Registration is now live for Seal of Biliteracy/World Language Proficiency Testing at <https://www.lwsd.org/schools/high-school/high-school-guide/world-language-credit-options>.

Why do we need strong passwords?

Believe it or not, October is right around the corner, and that means Cyber Security Awareness month is also close. LWSD continues to enforce strong passwords throughout the district for both student and staff accounts. Here are some interesting facts about password security: Using Brute Force (professional hacking using high-powered servers or desktops or multiprocessing clusters or grids) hackers can crack:*



Six-character password (2.25 billion possible combinations): **.0224 seconds** (that is about 1/15 of a blink).



Six-character password that includes a symbol (7.6 trillion possible combinations): **1.26 minutes** (that is about the length of 2.5 TV commercials).



10-character password (3.76 quadrillion possible combinations): **10.45 hours** (about the time it takes to fly from Seattle to Jamaica).



10-character password that includes a symbol (171.3 sextillion combinations): **54.46 years** (if the hacker started at age 20, they'd be 74.5—ready to retire!)

* Source: <http://www.itworld.com/article/2832596/security/how-many-seconds-would-it-take-to-break-your-password-.html>



Interesting Info

<p>Nell Ballard-Jones Principal nballard-jones@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Will Gardner IEP Case Manager/504 Monitor wgardner@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Justin Ochsner Math/CTE/ASB Student Store jochsner@lwsd.org</p>
<p>Tracy Bumgarner CTE/Child Lab tbumgarner@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Sally Jenkins Registrar/Secretary sjenkins@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Mary Osness Office Manager/Bookkeeper mosness@lwsd.org</p>
<p>Crysta Cady EMHS Behavioral Health Support Specialist C-ccady@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Dan Kaufman CTE/ASB Leadership dakaufman@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Courtney Rayburn Infant Daycare Specialist IA crayburn@lwsd.org</p>
<p>Gail Drelling Infant Daycare Specialist gdrelling@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Timothy Lee Security tlee@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Hannah Sessions Counseling Intern hsessions@lwsd.org</p>
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<p>Andrea Frankenfeld English/Social Studies/Morning LC afrankenfeld@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Andrew Nisargand Library IA/Webmaster anisargand@lwsd.org</p>	<p>Lorrie Thomas Infant Daycare Supervisor IA lthomas@lwsd.org</p>
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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



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