



Welcome Back

Special points of interest:

- Picture Day, 9/1
- PSAT/NMSQT, 10/13

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year!

I look forward to seeing both new and returning students as the year gets underway. 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 2021-22 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.

Enjoy your last few days of summer, see you soon!

First day of school
Wednesday, Sept. 1

FIRST WEDNESDAY, Sept. 1
Full Day

Schedule for 1st Day Attached

School Pictures

School pictures will be on the first day of school — 9/1 from 9:10 -11:00 a.m. Pictures will be for student ID cards and photo packages can be ordered through O'Connor Photography (our new photo vendor).

All ordering of packages will be done online. A school ordering portal link will be set up. You can order packages all year, but if not ordered by 9/22, families will be charged a late order fee and photos will be sent directly to your home.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Verify/Change your contact/emergency information online!

Please log in to Parent Access, click on Family Access, and verify your student's information. Make any needed changes then click submit and be done.

If you don't have a Parent Access account, now would be a good time to set one up. Just go to the **Parent Access page** on the district website for more information.

DAILY SCHEDULE 2021-22

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

Day Learning Center

8:00-9:55 AM Mon-Fri

Evening Learning Center

4:00-7:00 PM Tues & Thurs

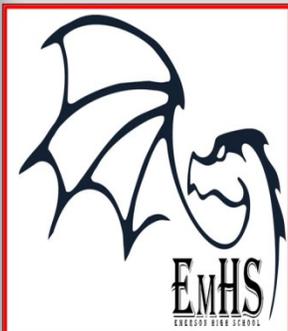
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**Emerson
Attendance Line**

425-936-2306

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 absent from class is requested to leave a phone message on the **Emerson Attendance Line at 425-936-2306 within 48 hours of** the absence to explain the circumstances of an absence.

If the parent is aware of an upcoming absence, please call to notify the school in advance. **For vacation or extended absences, the student must pick up a form in the office for teachers and parent to sign prior to the absence.**

If your student was absent from any classes during a particular day, you will receive an automated attendance call after 6:45 PM on that day. If that absence needs to be excused, please call and leave a message on the EMHS attendance line, via email to the Office Manager at mosness@lwsd.org, or supply a parent or physician note.

REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration packets will be handed out to your students 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 required forms from the packet as soon as possible so your student's record will be up to date.

Your student is NOT considered registered at EMHS until this

STUDENT CLASS FEES

Don't forget that if your student is taking art or photography, there are fees which are due each semester!

Please make checks payable to **Emerson High School**. You are also able to pay fees with a credit card online through Parent Access for a small fee.

ART 1 or 2	\$25.00
3D ART	\$25.00
PHOTO	\$35.00
ART IND STUDY	\$25.00
PHOTO IND STUDY	\$35.00
FOODS	\$10.00



YEARBOOK



YEARBOOKS

2020-21 Yearbooks will be available for pick up soon. You will receive an email from Evelyn Vidal-Armour once they are ready.

If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook from a previous year, we have limited quantities and the cost is \$15.00. You can also submit a special tribute for your graduating senior for the **2021-22** yearbook for \$15.00. *More information about the 2021-22 yearbooks to come later in the year.*

District News

Parent Access

Log In →



To Register, visit:

[http://
www.lwsd.org/
Parents/Parent-
Access/Pages/
default.aspx](http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/default.aspx)

If you have any problems registering for Parent Access, send an e-mail to: parentquestions@lwsd.org rather than calling the school.



PARENT ACCESS

The LWSD provides access to student information including student records, lunch accounts, and more via the Internet. This information is secure so that only you can see information about your student (s). The system through which you can view this information is called **Parent Access**.

When you are registered at school, you have secure access to the following types of student information:

- E-mail links to your student's teachers
- Volunteer Application
- Ability to make online credit card payments for fees/fines
- Family Access: the system that provides official student information on your student (s), including emergency contacts, attendance, end of term report card grades, immunization records, parent/guardian information, fees, etc.

LWSD ORCA CARD

Students who live within the LWSD boundaries and outside the one-mile radius from EMHS (as determined by the LWSD) will be issued a Metro Orca Card based upon determination of eligibility.

Passes will be distributed to qualifying students when they start at Emerson -- the office manager will issue the bus pass once the required sheets from the 2021-22 registration packet has been returned.

Passes will be active for use on METRO and SOUND TRANSIT only from September 1 through June 30. New cards are issued each year. **Students will be charged a replacement fee of \$7.50 from the Transportation Department if they lose or damage their bus pass or if their pass is stolen.** The check should be written to Emerson High School and given to the office manager.

Students residing outside the boundaries of the LWSD are responsible for their own transportation to and from school. If a student inside the one mile wants a pass, they may purchase one from Metro at the same per trip price that LWSD pays. School Orca passes **cannot** be purchased through

Interested in putting money on your student's lunch account or the Automatic Withdrawal System for the 2021-22 School Meals Program?

Contact Nutrition Services at 425-936-1394

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

Nutrition Services offers a limited breakfast program at Emerson. Some options that are provided include items that can be heated in the microwave such as breakfast sandwiches. There are other cold items available such as cereal, breakfast bars, and bagels and cream cheese. Breakfast is available daily between 7:30-7:50 a.m. and between classes until fourth period.

For the 2021-22 school year, student meals will continue to be provided free of charge at all schools, regardless of income level. This USDA nationwide waiver allows for meals for the 2021-22 school year only. Even though there will be no charge for student meals, the Point of Sale computer system for meal accounting will still be utilized with a "no charge" for meals. Students will be able to purchase an extra entrée, meal, milk, and other ala carte items for an extra charge.

Nutrition Services will post daily lunch menus monthly.

Families that previously qualified for free or reduced-priced meal benefits will need to re-apply to continue receiving district-supported fee reductions and benefits such as extracurricular non-credit activities and summer school fees. Emerson participates in the free and reduced lunch program; obtain forms from the registration packet and/or the main office. ONE application covers the whole family; turn in application at youngest child's school.

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.

ALL sophomores will take the test with the district covering the cost!

SIGN UP



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Students are NOT allowed to have even non-prescription medication on them at school – all medication must go through the Emerson Office, contact Sally Jenkins.

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.

OCTOBER PSAT/NMSQT TESTING Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

2021 PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

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

The test for Juniors and Seniors is optional. Please let Michelle Fraley know if you wish to take the test by September 14th.

The cost of the test for any 11th or 12th grader wishing to take the test is \$18.00. Please make checks payable to EMHS and give to Mary by 9/14.

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).



DISTRICT TIP LINE

Safety is one of our district's top priorities and to help safeguard our school community, we've taken an important step that we want to share with you. Our district is now using *Vector Alert*, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff and parents to submit safety concerns to our administration five different ways:

1. **App:** Search for “Vector Alert” in the App Store to download for free
2. **Phone:** 425.529.5763
3. **Text:** Text your tip to 425.529.5763
4. **Email:** 1342@alert1.us
5. **Web:** <http://1342.alert1.us>

If an administrator is not nearby or available to take your tip, you and your child can easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism, threats of violence or any safety issue you're concerned about through Vector Alert. When you submit a tip, be sure to use our district's identification code: 1342 in your communication.

Every tip Vector Alert receives about our district is immediately logged in the system and our administration is notified so that they can investigate and take appropriate action. And, tips may also be submitted anonymously if you prefer.

Together, using Vector Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn! Thanks in advance for your support.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL

One of the best ways to avoid community transmission of COVID-19, and other infectious illness, is to stay home when you are sick. Students and school employees who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenzas (flu) or COVID-19 should stay home and seek medical evaluation, which may include testing for COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

While the school will no longer require an attestation form at the start of each day, we ask families to please answer the following questions at home before deciding to send your child to school. ***If you answer "YES" to any of the following questions, keep your student home and contact your school.***

1. Has your student been in close contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?
2. Does anyone in your household have COVID-19 like symptoms &/or is anyone in your household being tested for COVID-19?
3. Has your student or anyone in your household had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days?
4. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told your student to self-monitor, self-isolate or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19?

For more information, please visit our “Too Sick for School Webpage”: [Too Sick for School - Lake Washington School District \(lwsd.org\)](https://www.lwsd.org/too-sick-for-school).



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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**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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