

## EMCS Weekly Message for September 8th, 2017

Welcome back to all of our students and families. The EMCS staff, teachers, and administrators have been preparing for the arrival of all of our students. Course selection changes closed today and are being worked on as we speak. Thank you for your patience while we sort out the challenges that the beginning of each school year brings.

The School District has implemented a new on-line consent portal that streamlines the process for all students which can be accessed at <https://consent.sd62.bc.ca>. Paper consents were sent home earlier in the week for all students but the preferred format would be the on-line portal. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Our Welcome Back Barbeque was a huge hit and thank you to all the staff and volunteers that helped start the year off by flipping burgers and serving hot dogs to the whole school body. A reminder to students that there are announcements every day with new sports teams and club start up dates so they need to listen closely, check the website, or come down to see the hard copy posted in the office.

School photos are coming up quickly. We would like to remind parents and students that students should not alter their appearance for school photos. These photos go into the Ministry of Education data base and are used for identification. We will be monitoring on photo day and will turn away students who have altered their appearance. They will then have a second opportunity on photo retake day. Thanks for your support.

The dates below will help keep you on track for September. Check the website for details or contact the office; we are always here to help!

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – PAC Meeting 6:30pm

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – School Photos (AM)

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Non-instructional Day

Sept. 21st – Cops for Cancer Spin-A-Thon

Sept. 21st – Meet the Teacher night

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cops for Cancer Bottle Drive

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day (A day to recognize the impact of the residential school system)