



EDWARD MILNE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

May 27, 2020 (updated)

Dear EMCS Families,

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the COVID-19 version of school, beginning June 1st. Please note that school will look very different from what we are used to as we adjust to our new safety protocols. Moving forward the primary focus of teachers will remain on supporting students with remote learning, but they will be available for students who need extra support in the classroom. This support will have to be scheduled via online appointments. Please read this entire letter before scheduling an appointment.

Teacher Appointments

We will be supporting students with a maximum of 5 students/class at any given time. We will specifically be prioritizing students who are in jeopardy of not graduating. In some cases, staff may reserve space for students who need additional support to complete academic requirements. Students with complex or diverse needs will work with their case managers to determine the most appropriate educational program and in-school supports. Please note that teachers will not be creating new lessons for students who return to the school for face to face support. These students will be supported with their remote learning.

The block rotation for the coming weeks separates each day into a morning appointment time (9:00-10:30am) and an afternoon appointment time (1:00-2:30pm.) Please choose either the morning or the afternoon, when making your appointment, not both.

Monday: Blk A – 9:00 - 10:30 AM or 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Tuesday: Blk B – 9:00 - 10:30 AM or 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Wednesday: Blk C – 9:00 - 10:30 AM or 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Thursday: Blk D – 9:00 - 10:30 AM or 1:00 - 2:30 PM

School Appointments Online at <https://emcs.studentappointments.net/> is now open for students to schedule appointments for the week of June 1-5, and will close Saturday, May 30th at 9pm. EMCS students will be able to access in-class support for a maximum of one (1) on-site appointment per week. Next Wednesday, we will open appointment slots for the week of June 8-12. Our final week of appointments will be the week of June 15-19.

Specialized Classes

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It is important to note that many specialized classes are not able to offer 'hands on' learning that requires the sharing or cleaning of equipment. This includes: Science Labs, Physical & Health Education, Woodwork Shop, Metalwork Shop, TASK Shop, Computer Labs, Art Room, and Foods rooms (including Culinary Arts.)

Safety Protocol

Students, please respect and follow the guidelines and protocols below if you choose to schedule a time to return to in-class learning.

- All parents are expected to complete a home health check before sending their child to school (see attached district protocol for more information)
- Any student or staff exhibiting COVID like symptoms will be sent home immediately. A Doctor's note will be required before staff or students can return.
- Students will enter and exit the school via the main entrance. All other entrances will be closed. If you have signed up for a 9:00am appointment, please arrive NO EARLIER than 8:50am. If you have signed up for a 1:00pm appointment, please arrive NO EARLIER than 12:50pm. You may be emailed and asked to come at a specific, later time to ensure that we do not have crowding at our doors.
- Upon entry, all students will be directed to a line-up to wash their hands, and then follow directional indicators to proceed directly to their classroom.
- Everyone on a school site must maintain a 2 metre distance from other individuals.
- All students must remain in their assigned class until the end of the scheduled appointment time. If a student finishes early, they may leave; however, they are not permitted to hang out in the hallways or common areas, nor can they loiter on school grounds or perimeter.
- Everyone must take out what they bring in. This includes food (and associated garbage), work materials, technology, etc..
- There are no scheduled breaks.
- Water fountains and vending machines are not accessible. Please bring your own water.
- Students who were issued district technology are to bring the device with them to school during scheduled in-class support time as additional devices will not be issued at school.
- It is expected that you've chosen to return to complete work and get support from your teachers. Booking a time to come and socialize is not an acceptable reason to schedule a return to school.
- Parents/guardians and visitors must not enter the school/site.
- After leaving the school, all students are expected to make their way home with no socializing or loitering in groups around the perimeter of the school.
- All Parents/Guardians and students must read the additional attached "Return to School Health and Safety Guidelines for Students and Families"