

We have had a fantastic start up to the 2020 school year! It has been wonderful to welcome students back. All staff, students and parents/guardians have been super about adjusting to our new ways of being at the school. Please make sure that you stay on close contact with your teacher. We want to make sure students are supported and parents are informed throughout their learning.

### **\*Important\* - Updated Bell Schedule**

Please note that we have adjusted our bell schedule to ensure there is enough time for cleaning during the midday transition, and to be consistent with instructional time across the district. The new schedule can be found [here](#). Key times are:

#### **Monday to Thursday:**

AM Block: 8:40-11:20am

PM Block: 12:30-3:10pm

#### **Friday:**

AM Block: 8:40-10:45am

PM Block: 11:35am-1:40pm

Teachers will be ready to greet students 10 minutes before the beginning of class, but we will not be allowing students to enter the building early. Please plan accordingly to come to school just before the start of your class.

### **Workbook/Class Fees**

Fees will be posted on <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/> at the start of each class, and books ordered will be delivered to teachers to hand out in class at the start of each day. Please note when “attaching” your student in School Cash Online you will need their PEN not their pupil/student number (even though School Cash Online calls it a “student” number). Instructions can be found on our school website at: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/parents/school-fees/>.

### **Masks**

All students have now been offered a complimentary mask from their teacher. We recommend that students own masks that are comfortable and fit well. It will be important that students remember to bring a clean mask each day as they are required in public areas such as hallways, washrooms, busses, and anytime they are outside of their classroom and distancing cannot be maintained. The school does not have a supply of spare masks for times when one is forgotten. We may need to call home and ask that a parent/guardian bring a mask to the school if a student forgets theirs at home.

### **School Visitors**

Many thanks to everyone in our community for respecting our new visitor policy. We encourage parents and guardians to continue to reach out to the school via phone (250-642-5211) and email ([emcs@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca)). Anyone who is not a student or staff member must be pre-approved and pre-arrange entry to the school site by a Vice Principal or the Principal. Visitors must also complete health and safety orientation. This is restricted to services essential to the educational and physical well-being

of the school. In the majority of situations, it is much easier and more efficient to connect via phone, email or MS Teams.

### **Transport**

The transport department has been working hard to get our new bus routes up and running for next week. The efforts made to accommodate our new schedules and protocols have been nothing short of amazing! If you are registered for the bus, you should receive a notice with information about your bus route, stop, times and seating this weekend.

### **Out and About in Our School**

EMCS students and staff have been taking advantage of our beautiful outdoors for learning and meeting. The EMCS Custodial team has been outstanding at ensuring that our school was ready to welcome back students and stays clean! The Inclusive Education Services Department is so excited to see everyone again! If your student has an IEP and you have not yet heard from their support teacher, feel free to reach out to our office and connect.





**Upcoming**

Photo Day – Thursday, September 17th

PAC meeting (on MS Teams) – Tuesday, September 15th