

January 10, 2022

EMCS Grads of 2026,

On behalf of the staff of Edward Milne Community School, we are pleased to welcome you to EMCS in September as part of the graduating class of 2026. Although we may not be able to formally welcome you in person as a group, we will still be able to connect virtually and through some informative videos. You will have access to a Virtual Tour of EMCS and an informative Course Selection video to assist you. As well, our counselling and clerical staff will be visiting your classes at Journey to support you with the course selection process. The course selection process may feel overwhelming but be assured that it is very manageable, and if you have any questions you can always contact our school office.

Course Selection Timeline:

- **January 19** - Course selection information video available on the EMCS website
- **January 21** - Virtual Walk-through video available on the EMCS website
- **January 27** - Submit your completed Course Planning Worksheet to your Grade 8 teacher for review
- **January 31 and February 1** - EMCS counselling and clerical staff visit classrooms at Journey to assist with course selection
- **January 31 to February 14** - Course selection open to families in MyEducationBC Student Portal

Included with this welcome letter is additional information to help you prepare for Grade 9. In the MyEducationBC Student Portal Handbook, you will find information on:

- how to log on to the Student Portal (which is the very important first step)
- how to view your report card
- how to view your course schedule
- how to select your courses. It is key to familiarize yourself right away with this process because **course selection is due Monday, Feb. 14.**

Prior to EMCS counselling and clerical staff visiting Journey classes on Jan 31 and Feb 1, visit the EMCS website and view the Course Selection page (under the "Counselling" tab). Use the included **Course Planning Worksheet** (the coloured paper which lists the courses) to select the courses. Please work through this planning sheet with your parents or caregivers and hand in to your Grade 8 teacher for review by **January 28th**.

Although schools are looking a little bit different this year, we feel confident that you will begin a rewarding educational experience at EMCS. You will be joining an environment where all students feel valued and have a sense of belonging to their school community. Our goal at EMCS is to support all learners to pursue excellence in their social, emotional, physical and intellectual development. We look forward to welcoming you to the "Wolverine" family.

On behalf of the entire staff, welcome to Edward Milne Community School, and we will see you in person in September!

Sincerely

John Mennie, Vice Principal EMCS