

January 3, 2023

EMCS Grads of 2027,

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 2027. Staff will begin connecting with you in the next month to guide you through the course selection process for your grade 9 year. We will be hosting students and parents/guardians at EMCS January 25 to discuss courses as well as having a chance to connect with EMCS staff and district programs. As well, our counselling and clerical staff will be visiting your classes at Journey to support you with the course selection process.

**Course Selection Timeline:**

- **January 25** - Grade 8 Parent info night (students and parents @7pm EMCS theatre to learn about elective choices, Careers and Academy information and tour of school) **Please bring the Course Planning Sheet**
- **January 27** - Submit your completed Course Planning Sheet to your Grade 8 teacher for review
- **January 31 and February 1** – EMCS clerical and Admin visit Journey grade 8 classes to address questions or difficulty with the process
- **January 25-February 10** - 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, February 10.**

Prior to EMCS admin and clerical staff visiting Journey classes on January 31 and February 1, visit the EMCS website and view the Course Selection page (under the “Counselling” tab). Use the included **Course Planning Worksheet** 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 27<sup>th</sup>**.

We look forward to supporting the high school portion of your educational pathway for the next four years. You will be joining an environment where we strive to ensure 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. On behalf of the entire staff, welcome to Edward Milne Community School!

Sincerely

Mike Bobbitt, Principal EMCS