



Edward Milne Community School
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Welcome to Edward Milne Community School

Dear Edward Milne families

The school year begins on Tuesday, September 3 for grade 9's (8:40-11:45am) and for all grades 9-12 on Wednesday, September 4 (all students full day). The information included in this package will assist you and your family in preparing for the 2024/25 school year. Remember to check our [EMCS Website](#) regularly for further information and updates.

Student course schedule

Grade 9s – Students will receive their schedules on Tuesday, September 3rd in the Foyer in front of the Theatre. A reminder to grade 9 students to meet in the Theatre at 8:40 – 9:30am.

The schedule for the day:

8:40-9:30am – Assembly in theatre

9:30-10:00am – A Block

10:00-10:30am – B Block

10:30-10:45am – Break

10:45-11:15am C Block

11:15-11:45am – D Block

Students will be dismissed at 11:45 pm for the day. School buses will begin pickup just after 12:15pm.

Grade 10-12s – Grade 10-12 students will be able to access their schedule via the student/family portal on Wednesday, August 28th. A reminder the MyEd instructions can be found on our web page [EMCS Family Portal Instructions](#). Counsellors will be available on August 27 – 29 (9:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm) to meet with **grade 12's only** for the following reasons:

- Incomplete schedule (less than 8 courses)
- Grad credit concerns

Counsellors will also meet with students in grades 10 & 11 who have incomplete schedules (less than 8 courses).

All other questions will be addressed after school starts. **A reminder we do not accommodate “teacher shopping” for students who want a certain teacher or to be in a class with their friends.** New registrations who are in catchment will be contacted by their alpha VP, Counsellor or a clerical staff member regarding course selection or incomplete registration information.



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Opening Week:

Tuesday, September 3 – Opening Day (Grade 9’s only) – BLOCK ORDER

ABCD

Grade 9 students report to the Foyer at 8:40am to find their schedule and move to the theatre for a Welcome Assembly. After the assembly, students will go to their A Block class with their A block teacher. The students will go through a mini schedule rotation to have time to visit each of their classes.

Wednesday, September 4 – Regular School Day (all students full day)

Block order BA (regular bell schedule)

School begins at 8:40am, lunch from 11:35am – 12:15pm, school ends at 3:11pm

Thursday, September 5

Block order DC

School begins at 8:40am, lunch from 11:35am – 12:15pm, school ends at 3:11pm

Friday September 6

Block order ABCD

School begins at 8:40am, lunch from 11:00 – 11:40am, school ends at 2:01pm

Transport

Students who have registered with transportation should have received an email outlining their route, bus number and estimated times by the end of July. If you believe the information is incorrect or you did not receive the information, please contact the School District Transportation Department at bussing@sd62.bc.ca.

Lockers

Please see the office if you would like a locker.

Code of Conduct

The Sooke School District Secondary School Code of Conduct can be found [here](#). Please review this with your child. Please note that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on school district property and students are also expected to respect bylaws and neighbours.

Resolving Concerns

Guidelines for resolving concerns can be found on the school district website. As a general guideline, communication should remain as close to the ‘source’ as possible. For example, if the topic pertains to something within the classroom, speak to the classroom teacher.



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Please note that we require parents to pre-arrange phone or in person appointments with staff. Teachers, Counsellors and Vice Principals have busy schedules, and we want to make sure they can set aside the time needed to meet with you.

Important Dates for September 2024 School Start-Up

- August 27 – Admin, Counsellors and Clerical back in the building
- August 28 – EMCS School Planning Day
- August 27– 29 EMCS open for Counselling appointments for Grade 11 and 12 course changes only (starting at 10am on Wednesday, August 28th)
- September 2 – Labour Day (No school)
- September 3 – First day of school – ½ day for all Grades 9’s ONLY (8:40 - 11:45am). School buses will begin picking up just after 12pm. [Grade 9 orientation – Students will go through full class rotation and meet all their teachers](#)
- September 4 – Full day – All Grades 9 - 12
- September 11 – Picture Day (retakes Oct 30)
- September 24 – Fire Drill #1 @ 1:30am
- September 23 – School Planning Day (School not in session)
- September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We are looking forward to reconnecting with our returning students and welcoming those who are new to the EMCS community.

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