

January 15, 2025

EMCS Grads of 2029,

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 2029. 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 on **Wednesday, February 12th from 6 - 7:30pm** to discuss courses and provide a chance to connect with EMCS staff and district programs. As well, our counselling, clerical and administrative staff will be visiting your classes at Journey to support you with the course selection process.

Course Selection Timeline:

- **February 10-11**- EMCS School Counsellor presentations in class at Journey
- **February 12** - Grade 8 Parent info night (students and parents @6pm at the EMCS theatre to learn about elective choices, Careers and Academy information and tour of school) *Please bring the Course Planning Sheet*
- **February 13** - Course selection opens to families in MyEducationBC Student Portal
- **February 19-20** – EMCS Records Clerk and School Counsellor visit Journey grade 8 classes to address questions or difficulty with the process
- **February 28** - Course selections are due. Last day to enter them in MyEducationBC

Included with this welcome letter is additional information to help you prepare for Grade 9.

1. 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
2. Course Planning Sheet. Please use this to help you select your courses before completing the selection in MyEducationBC portal. Course descriptions can be found at emcs.sd62.bc.ca under Counselling > Course Selection.

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 in 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