

Edward Murphy

September Newsletter



Welcome Back!

Hello Edward Murphy families and welcome to the 2025 - 2026 school year.

On behalf of the entire school team, we are looking forward to welcoming the students in Grades 1 through 6 back to school on Tuesday, September 2nd. We are excited to begin a new year full of learning and growing.

EMS families will receive a monthly calendar and newsletter from the school via email using the School Messenger platform. Emails will be sent to the emails provided when students were registered. Please ensure you check your email regularly to receive communication from the school. Any memo requiring a response from parents will be sent via hard copy in your child's Communication Folder.

First Day of School

Grades 1-6

Returning students will gather in the school yard on Desautels street and line up with their respective groups. Teachers will be holding up their class number and will escort their groups into the building. New students are expected to present themselves at the Main Office.

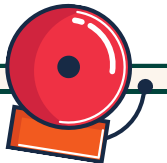
Other staff members will be present to help guide the children.

Parents are **not** permitted to enter the schoolyard.



Dismissal

All walkers will be dismissed via the Arcand street schoolyard (Daycare side). Please use the link [here](#) to indicate daily dismissal (bus, walker, Daycare) for this week only. Moving forward, parents are asked to use their child's agenda to advise of dismissal procedures. **Please note that dismissal changes must be communicated to the school before 1PM.**



AM Dropoff Procedures

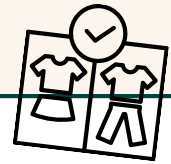
Thank you for observing safety rules when driving your children to and from school. Children are not allowed to be dropped off, unsupervised, before 7:55 A.M., as there is no staff on supervision before that time.

Student Safety

The health and safety of our entire school community is of paramount importance. Double parking, vehicles driving in the wrong direction, children exiting vehicles in the middle of the street, small children running unaccompanied, making a U-turn in the school drop-off and pick-up zone and **vehicles parking along the NO STOPPING** zone, can all lead to very dangerous situations for our children. We encourage our parents to walk with their child(ren) to school, to allow students who are old enough to ride their bicycle or walk, or carpool with other families, in order to reduce congestion on neighbouring streets. Thank you for supporting us in keeping all of our children at Edward Murphy School safe!

Please [click here](#) for more information from the SPVM.





School Agenda

Parents are asked to review the school rules and policies outlined in the Edward Murphy agenda, paying particular attention to our uniform policy and prohibited items policy. These rules and regulations apply to all students. It is important that the students understand the rules and our expectations when they are in school. The school staff counts on parents' support to help ensure a positive school environment.

Once you have done so, please complete and return the form your child will receive.

Please note your child is expected to use their agenda throughout the year. If an agenda is lost or misplaced, a replacement can be purchased from the school for \$12.

Dress Code

Please be reminded that as of the first day of school, students must be following the school dress code: navy bottoms with a white or navy top. Please ensure students are wearing the appropriate footwear (see agenda for more details).

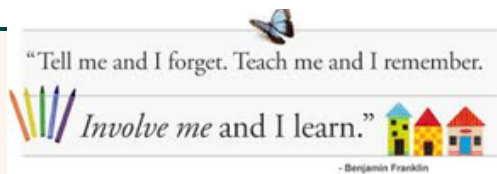
In the event of colder weather requiring a sweater, students are expected to wear the navy blue EMS sweater. Plain, navy blue sweaters can be used if necessary.

As part of your school fees, students will receive a ROYAL BLUE physical education t-shirt which must be worn for PE class only. If your child has the light blue t-shirt from previous years, they may continue to wear it. Additional t-shirts can be purchased if required.

Food Allergies

In order to ensure the safety of all students, parents are asked to refrain from packing any foods containing peanuts and/or nuts.

[Please click here for more information](#)



Mozaik

Parents are reminded that they must have a Mozaik account for their child(ren). Mozaik is used throughout the year to access report cards and can also be used to record your child's absence without having to call the school.

[Please click here for information on how to create an account on Mozaik.](#)



School Fees

Parents are asked to pay their respective workbook, lunch, and school fees at their earliest convenience. Please be reminded that these fees cover the cost of the various supplies and personnel (lunch monitors). Included in the fees is a Physical Education t-shirt and a blue Edward Murphy sweater. These items will be distributed to students in the upcoming weeks. Fees can be paid in cash or via cheque (payable to Edward Murphy School) for each child. Please note that school/workbook fees and lunch fees are separate.

Payments must be received by **September 5th, 2025.**

Curriculum Night & General Assembly

Our Curriculum Night and General Assembly will be held on **Thursday, September 18th**. During this evening, parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and receive important information regarding evaluation, expectations, homework, classroom rules. This evening is meant to be an information session and not a time for personal meetings. More detailed information regarding this evening will be sent to you in a separate email.



Before meeting with teachers, we will have our Annual General Assembly. This Assembly is to elect new parents members to our school Governing Board. Parents on the Governing Board work in partnership with school staff to ensure students receive the best possible learning opportunities. The EMS Governing Board consists of the school Principal, 3 teachers, 1 member of support staff, 1 Daycare representative, 1 community representative, and 5 parents.

To complete the 2025-2026 Governing Board, we require 3 parents for a two-year mandate. Governing Board meetings are held approximately once a month, either virtually or in person at school. If this is a role you would like to undertake, please ensure you are present for the Assembly.

Please note if more than 3 parents put their name forward for a position on our Governing Board, candidates will be asked to present themselves to the Assembly at large.