



February 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are starting a scholastic esports club at Eagle Mountain Middle and your child has expressed interest in joining it this year! We will be having weekly meetings in the Learning Commons on Thursdays after school from 3-4pm, with our first meeting on Thursday, February 16th.

Esports are a form of competition using multiplayer digital games that are played individually or on teams, ranging in skill from amateur to professional. Scholarships are now available for esports athletes at universities across North America and many career paths are available to these e-athletes. Esports provide students with the opportunity to be part of a school team, develop life skills, sportsmanship, growth-mindset and more. In addition, esports allow students to develop key technology and communication skills that are vital to success in the 21st century.

Students, whether they are players or spectators, are expected to adhere to community guidelines (in addition to our Thunderbird Code) for safe play, and practice digital citizenship, sportsmanship, and a healthy lifestyle. At home, we recommend that parents/guardians monitor student screen-time and encourage students to stay active and well-rested.

During our weekly meetings, besides playing students will engage in discussions on how to become successful esports players. This includes not only strategies, but also sportsmanship and tips on maintaining a healthy work-play balance.

We will be using Minecraft Education as our main esports platform, which is free for all SD43 students and available on all major operating systems. Students will be playing online and may compete with students from other middle schools within the district. Later, we may be playing games that are on consoles, such as the Nintendo Switch or Xbox. Students may want to bring in their own controllers, but only with parent permission.

For more information, please feel free to check out the following links:

- EMM Esports Information for Parents (<https://bit.ly/emmesportspresentation>)
- Esports Canada Parents' Guide to Scholastic Esports (<https://bit.ly/ECSEparentguide>)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school!

Sincerely,

Simon Kwok
Library/Learning Commons Teacher

Please sign and have your child return this to Mr. Kwok before attending their first session.

I, _____, give consent for my child, _____, to attend EMM's Esports Club meetings for the 2022-23 school year.

Date: _____

Signature: _____