



École Moody Middle School of the Arts


# MOODY MATTERS NEWSLETTER

September 8, 2023

## Important Dates for 2023-2024

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
5	School Opens
13	Photo Day
22	Pro-D Day (District) – Schools not in session
26	Parent and Student Orientation/Open House
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day
30	Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
2	Truth and Reconciliation Day Stat – Schools not in session
9	Thanksgiving – Schools not in session
11	Photo Day Re-takes
18	Grade 8 Immunizations
20	Pro-D Day (Provincial) – Schools not in session
27	Grade 8 Immunizations follow-up
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
9	Remembrance Day ceremony
10	School Closure Day
13	Remembrance Day Stat – Schools not in Session
21-23	Communicating Student Learning 3-way conferences
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
7	Winter Concert
21	Report Cards are published
23-January 7	Winter Vacation – Schools not in session
<b>JANUARY</b>	
8	Schools re-open after Winter Vacation
29	Focus Day Pro-D Day – School not in session
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
19	Family Day – Schools not in session
23	Pro D Day (District) – Schools not in session
28	Pink Shirt Day
<b>MARCH</b>	
9	Report Cards are published
15	Last day of school before Spring Break
18-28	Spring Break – Schools not in session
29	Good Friday – Schools not in session
<b>APRIL</b>	
1	Easter Monday – Schools not in session
2	Schools re-open after Spring Break
9-11	Communicate student learning conferences
12	Terry Fox Run
19	Pro-D Day (District) – Schools not in session
29	Grade 8 Immunizations
<b>MAY</b>	
6	Grade 8 Immunizations follow-up
20	Victoria Day – Schools not in session
23	Presentation of Learning Event Tentative
<b>JUNE</b>	
5	Pro-D Day (School-Based) – School not in session
6	Year-End Music Concert
27	Last School Day / Report Cards are published
27	Year-End Recognition Assembly/Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
28	Administrative Day – Schools not in session

## Next Week At A Glance

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homerooms assigned</li> <li>• School Planners handed out</li> <li>• Lockers assigned (may be Tuesday)</li> </ul>		<p style="color: red;">Photo Day</p> 		

### Moody Middle School Website

Please check our website regularly for current announcements, important dates, school supply lists, school sports and clubs and other important information. The website address is:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

### Student Absences / Lates/ Early Dismissals

If your student is going to be absent, please complete the 'Absence/Late/Early Dismissal' online form available on the Moody Middle website home page under 'Quick Links' or call the office at 604-461-7384.

### BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

Technology, along with 21st Century skills, plays an important role in the lives of students today. Our school is committed to improve student learning in the use of computer technology through its integration in all subject areas. Our teachers encourage their students to use technology tools available in our school and, particularly, to use them to present ideas, enhance creativity, organize thoughts and communicate effectively in a variety of ways. Students who are attending École Moody Middle School of the Arts are invited to send a device to school each day to be used in learning activities. Our BYOD Guide refers to the practice of "Bring Your Own Device," which is technology that is parent-owned but used by students at school for learning.

**More BYOD information and the application form can be found on the Moody Middle website under Programs & Services > Technology.**

### PHONES AT SCHOOL

Cell phones are important tools of communication. They are not, however, necessary for the day-to-day happenings at school. To help minimize distractions during learning and school time, EMMSOTA school policy asks students to leave their phones safely tucked in their lockers during school hours. This includes nutrition break and lunch.

## **LOCKERS**

Students will be assigned lockers and locks in the next week, once classes have been finalized. Please ensure your student does not use their own lock.

## **SCHOOLCASH ONLINE (SCO)**

School District 43 uses the KEV School Cash Online payment system to allow parents to view and pay for their child's student fees, year books, t-shirts, field trips, and other things safely and conveniently online.

If you don't already have an account, we encourage you to register your account online now by clicking on the link below and following these easy instructions. If you do have an account you can use the link to easily log into your account.

Here's how to get started:

1. Go to <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>
2. Click on "Get Started Today"
3. Create your account
  - Enter first and last name; click continue
  - Enter fields: address, phone number, e-mail address; click continue
  - Choose a password and security question
  - Make sure to OPT IN to receiving e-mail notifications for updated school information

PLEASE NOTE – it is best to access SchoolCash Online using a laptop or desktop computer to avoid any errors or issues.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School Supply lists can be found on the Moody Middle website under Parents > School Supplies. If you have any questions about what is required, please contact your student's teacher.

## **BC DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY**

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time. It is available at <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>

The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – your input matters! The public questionnaire is available until Oct. 15 in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism>

So, don't wait! Your feedback is anonymous and will help us make our province work better for everyone. Every person's perspective counts.

## EMMSOTA PAC

The first EMMSOTA PAC Meeting will be held on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the school library. More PAC news to follow.

**EMMSOTA PAC Facebook Page** - "Like" our page to receive updates on events, meetings and fundraising initiatives: <https://www.facebook.com/EMMSOTAPAC/>

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION



**JOIN US!**

# UNITED RUGBY CLUB

### MINI RUGBY PROGRAM

Flag - U6, U8, U10  
Intro to Tackle - U12

**Practices** Wednesdays at Maple Creek Middle School, 6:30 to 7:30pm

**Games** Various locations, Sundays from 10am to 11:30am

**Director** Dave Bhauruth (minis@unitedrugby.ca)

Join us for our free Try Rugby event on Sunday September 10th at Maple Creek Middle School - 10am - 11am

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