



# Farewell Edition

## Congratulations to our Grade 8's

All of the staff at ÉMMS are proud to congratulate our graduating Grade 8 class. It has been a crazy ride this year and your promotion is well deserved. While the school conversation has been dominated by the Remote Learning experience, the Grade 8 Awards broadcast also provided a reminder of the many rich and exciting “normal” moments that were had this year. It was a great look back on the majority of your school year. Thank you for a great 4 years.

Heading to High School, we wish you nothing but success. Success doesn't come cheap however, so remember the resilience and self-responsibility you displayed during the final term this year and apply it to the next leg of your journey. You all have a story to create and we look forward to seeing it unfold.

## Staff Retirements

**Principal Suzanne Powell is retiring** after many years in the school. Under her leadership, ÉMMS has performed at a high level, pursued improvement with focus, and built an inclusive community of learners. Her commitment to every member of the school community is remarkable.

**Grade 5 teacher Becky Williams is retiring** after many years at ÉMMS. She has been a leader in the Grade 5 area and has exemplified a strong work ethic and commitment to her students. There is an entire generation of successful adults leading the charge in their communities and drawing on lessons provided by Mrs. Williams.

**Grade 8 teacher Eleanore Zacharias is retiring** after many years at ÉMMS in the French Immersion program. She has been a calming presence in the school and a leader and advocate in French language learning. Her commitment to her students matches her long time colleagues who are retiring with her this year.

## ÉMMS Teaching Roster 2020-21

Please note that **each teacher is listed only one time** but many have multiple roles within the school at various grade levels. Listings are in random order.

\* *New to ÉMMS*

<p><b>Grade 5 Classroom Teachers</b>                      Ms. Ariel Bergmann                      Miss Cassie Wiebe                      Mrs. Alison Wiens                      Mrs. Trish Meekis*                      Ms. Megan Verrier                      Mrs. Laura Rowley*                      Mr. Brook McGillivray*                      M. Reid Noton F.I.*                      Mme. Ginette Redding (Returns in Jan.) F.I.  <i>To Be Hired (Sept. to Jan.) F.I.</i></p>	<p><b>Grade 6 Classroom Teachers</b>                      Mr. Duong Ly                      Mr. Eric Tanguay                      Miss Christine Bumstead                      Ms. Vanessa Neufeld                      Mrs. Shelley Gray                      Mr. Lindsey Jacobs                      Mme. Janine Smart F.I.                      Ms. Jessica Rapley F.I.</p>
<p><b>Grade 7 Classroom Teachers</b>                      Mr. Brendan Edie                      Ms. Tara Chewings                      Mr. Jason Wiens                      Mrs. Bethany Loewen                      Ms. Kandyce Jaska                      Miss Rheana Baril-Bissett*                      Mme. Amy Bartsch F.I.*                      Mme. Christine Andrews F.I.</p>	<p><b>Grade 8 Classroom Teachers</b>                      Mr. Ryan Hutton                      Mr. Adam Minelli                      Ms. Ashlee Bart                      Mrs. Charmayne Brook                      Ms. Jenny Dyck                      M. Colin Sibilleau F.I.</p>
<p><b>Specialist Teachers</b>                      Mrs. Heather Clyde                      Mr. Justin Tan                      Mr. Kris Nicholls                      Mr. Jeff Andrews                      Mr. Merv Roller                      Mr. Nathan Kaczmarek* (WSD Itinerant Sub)                      Mr. James Elias (WSD Itinerant Sub)</p>	<p><b>Student Support Teaching Staff</b>                      Mrs. Brandi Lumgair                      Mrs. Kathryn Martin                      Mrs. Kari Lynn Friesen                      Mr. Dan Muggridge                      Ms. Jessica Verhoog</p>

Mr. Garth Shindle – Principal

Ms. Ashley Zylstra – Vice Principal

Mr. Jordan Pauls – Vice Principal

## What to Expect in September

With the recent Provincial announcement, it remains somewhat unclear what the fall will look like at ÉMMS. Given that the situation changes regularly, the Government has pushed a formal decision on how to proceed to August 1st. The schools and school divisions have begun preparation for multiple scenarios which include:

1. Full Student Attendance with safety measures in place.
2. Partial Student Attendance with safety measures and staggered part-time scheduling (perhaps every second day on site).
3. Limited Use of School Facilities with safety measures and scheduled student appointments (we would likely pursue a weekly visit for each student).

Once the province makes the announcement on how they would like to proceed, WSD and ÉMMS will respond accordingly. Plans will be posted on the WSD website and shared out to families in as many ways as possible.

The staff at ÉMMS is committed to providing high quality education and a safe environment regardless of situation. The Blazers family will stick together, work together, and support each other through whatever may come our way.

## THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the Blazers families for your partnership during this time. A healthy connection between school and home is powerful and its impact has been on full display during these final three months of the year. We are hopeful that families feel we have risen to the challenge and worked hard to serve our students. We feel that our families have had our back and worked cooperatively with us to find solutions to unique problems and create opportunities to reach every student in a meaningful way. Enjoy a well-deserved summer!

