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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 29 – Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 - Truth and Reconciliation Day (*School not in session*)

Oct 2 – Student Photo Day

Oct 12 – Thanksgiving
(*School not in session*)

School Immunizations

Parents and caregivers of students in Grades 6-12 have the option to provide consent for vaccines online. You can fill out the consent form now or any time before the school clinic. The link has been provided below. Please also review the separate attached document from the email for more information from Fraser Health regarding immunizations. For any questions regarding immunization for your child, please reach out to Fraser Health. Contact numbers can be found on the bottom of the separate attached document in the email.

[Immunization Consent](#)

School Immunizations will take place at the school on November 2, 2026

Phones at School

Cell phones can be helpful tools for communication; however, they are not necessary for most day-to-day activities at school. To minimize distractions and help students remain focused on learning and connecting with others, **EMMSOTA school policy asks students to keep their cell phones safely stored in their lockers during school hours, including nutrition break and lunch.** If a student needs to contact a parent or caregiver during the school day, they should **come to the office and ask to use the school phone.** Similarly, if a parent or caregiver needs to reach their child during the school day, we ask that they **contact the school office rather than calling or texting the student's cell phone.** Office staff will ensure that the message is passed along to the student or, when appropriate, will call the student down to the office to speak with their parents or caregiver. *This applies to SMART watches.*

Social Media

We are aware that many of our students use Snapchat and participate in group chats with their peers. Snapchat helps us to connect and communicate in a positive way. Unfortunately, it can also be used incorrectly and cause negative interactions and uncomfortable and unsafe situations.

We strongly encourage parents and caregivers to be aware of their child's online activity and the conversations they are involved in. While these interactions often take place outside of school hours, we sometimes see situations from online spaces carrying over into the school and impacting student relationships and the wider school community. Open conversations at home about respectful, responsible, and safe online communication can help prevent misunderstandings and support positive relationships at school. Please reach out to us if you would like help and/or guidance with having these conversations with your child. The link below is from Common Sense Media and may be helpful.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-snapchat>



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École Moody Middle School Library Learning Commons

Welcome to a new year at the Moody Library. Our collection of books in the Library Learning Commons here at EMMSOTA continues to grow and evolve. We have graphic novels, picture books, e-books, as well as non-fiction and fiction books in both English and French. Our collection is suitable for students ranging in age from 8 through 14+. As such, there are some fiction materials in our collection that may be suitable for more mature students only; these books are marked with a “TEEN” or “Mature Read” sticker. We recognize that age does not necessarily convert to maturity, so we have decided not to restrict students from taking out “TEEN” books if they choose to do so. However, we want to make our school community aware of the denotation of “TEEN” and what it may mean about what your child chooses to read from our Library. If you are concerned about your child taking out a book too mature for them, please have a discussion with your child about not taking out “TEEN” books until you feel they are ready to do so.

Here is what you need to know about Middle Grade and Young Adult distinctions in literature.

(Source: <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/what-parents-need-to-know-about-middle-grade-and-young-adult.html>)

Middle Grade Books:

- Ages: 8-11 years
 - Grades: 3-6
 - Length: 30-50K words
 - Characters: Protagonist (main character) is around the age of the reader, 8-11 years old or younger
 - Topics: friendship, family, the character's life and world, external conflict vs internal
 - Point of View: often third-person, meaning the narrator is outside the story looking in
 - Content restrictions: no profanity, graphic violence, or sexuality permitted
- Examples: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, *Sisters* (by Raina Telgemeier), *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Wonder* (by R.J. Palacio)

Young Adult Books:

- Ages: 12-18 years
- Grades: 7-12
- Length: 50-75K words
- Characters: Protagonist is older, 12-18 years old
- Topics: self-reflection, internal conflict vs external, analyzing life and its meaning
- Point of View: often first-person, meaning the narrator is telling the story about himself or herself
- Content restrictions: profanity, violence, romance and sexual situations permitted
- Examples: *The Divergent Trilogy*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *The Hunger Games*

Now, these guidelines are just that —guidelines. Often the lines may be blurry in some books, which makes categorizing them difficult. If you are ever confused or concerned or want to learn more, read the book yourself to see if it is a good fit for your child. You are the best gauge, as the parent. You know best what your child can and cannot handle.

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SchoolCash Online

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

Grade 6 Stay Active Cards

The Cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody are once again offering the Get Active! And Stay Active! Program for Grade 6 students. The Grade 6 Stay Active! Pass offers 12 free admissions to drop-in swimming, skating, and gym activities. Passes are valid from Sept. 8, 2026, to Sept. 7, 2027.

Forms can be picked up in the office

- **Coquitlam:** [Learn more](#) | [Apply here](#)
- **Port Moody:** [Learn more](#)
- **Port Coquitlam:** [Learn more](#)



Chess Club

EMMSOTA will be running a Chess Club again this year. We are aiming to start with our first session on Wednesday October 7th. Space is limited so if your child is interested and willing to participate in some healthy brain exercises, have them apply as soon as possible. All they need is to show up and bring their positive attitudes to the club! *No experience necessary. Please have your child see our Youth Worker, Ms. Mina, for a permission form and return it to her as soon as possible as it will be on a first-come, first-served basis.*

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Current Items Available

- Student Activity Fee
- Student Athletic Fee
- Student School Planner Fee
- District School Policies
- Volunteer Driver Applications
- School Volunteer Applications
- Vancouver Art Gallery Field Trip

PLEASE NOTE

It is best to access SchoolCash Online using a laptop or desktop computer to avoid any errors or issues.



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EMMSOTA PAC Information

Hot Lunch & Treat Day

Hot Lunch and Treat Day orders are now open! To order, please log in or create an account through the link below. Please see the fall menu below.

[Munchalunch Orders](#)

Sun Oka Apple Fundraiser

Don't forget to order your delicious **Sun Oka Apples**! \$8-10 from each box goes back to the school to support Field Trips and other PAC initiatives. Tell your family and friends! You don't want to miss this. They're delicious!! Apples will arrive on Monday, October 19th. The **order deadline is October 6th**.

[Fundraising Link - Sun Oka Apples](#)

Thank you for your support!



FALL HOT LUNCH 2026		
OCTOBER		
WED 7	Gong Cha Bubble Tea TREAT DAY Last day to order: SEPT 30	
TUES 13	Dominos Pizza Last day to order: OCT 6	
TUES 27	Loz Takos Last day to order: OCT 20	
NOVEMBER		
THURS 12	KMT Sushi Last day to order: NOV 5	
WED 18	La Lula Alfajores TREAT DAY Last day to order: NOV 11	
TUES 24	Subway Last day to order: NOV 17	
DECEMBER		
TUES 1	Red Robins Last day to order: NOV 24	
TUES 15	Dominos Pizza Last day to order: DEC 8	

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Community Information

Moresports – Girls Soccer Motive Athletics

Do you love soccer and want to play after school?

Tuesdays from 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM starting October 6th – December 8th.

We have energetic and experienced collegiate and professional staff who want to share their knowledge and passion for the game. This is a unique experience that will bring memories and growth to all involved.

For more information and to register please visit: www.DWUL.io and search for Moody Middle.

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