



Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year

On behalf of the staff at Ernest Manning High School, I am delighted to welcome all students and their families to the upcoming school year. We are thrilled to reconnect with our returning students and to warmly welcome those joining us for the first time. The year ahead is filled with opportunities for every student to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Together, let us embrace the challenges, celebrate the successes, and cherish the moments that shape each student's unique learning journey.

At the heart of our work is a strong commitment to building meaningful partnerships with parents and guardians. We aim to keep you well-informed and engaged in your child's educational experience. I encourage all parents to review the following important resources:

- [CBE Assessment and Reporting Guidelines](#)
- **Parent Communication Cheat Sheet** (to be shared closer to the start of the school year)
- [Administrative Regulation 6005](#) – *Student Code of Conduct*
- [Administrative Regulation 6006](#) – *Progressive Discipline*

These documents help support consistent and transparent communication and reinforce a shared focus on student learning.

As a school community, we continue to develop Ernest Manning High School into a vibrant campus model where students learn in ways that best suit their interests, spaces, and preferred learning styles. For those seeking academic enrichment, we offer a wide range of [Advanced Placement \(AP\)](#) courses that allow students to dive deeper into subjects and potentially earn post-secondary credits. Additionally, through the [CBE's Unique Pathways Partnerships](#), students can pursue [dual credit](#) opportunities—earning both high school and post-secondary credits while exploring future career pathways. For more information, please reach out to our [Student Services Team](#).

Beyond the classroom, we strongly encourage all students to get involved in our school community—whether through clubs, teams, or leadership opportunities. Participation in extracurricular activities not only enriches the high school experience but also builds a greater sense of belonging, which research shows is linked to improved academic success. We hope every student finds something they're passionate about and gets involved.

Parents and guardians are also invited to take an active role in our school through [School Council](#) or other [volunteer opportunities](#). Details about how to get involved will be shared in the coming days—please stay tuned.

learning | **as unique** | as every student

As we begin this exciting new school year, we look forward to working closely with our students and their families. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of our Assistant Principals:

- [Tiffany Coles](#) (students with last names **A–G**)
- [Heather Hood](#) (students with last names **H–M**)
- [Joan Waringer](#) (students with last names **N–Z**)

Here's to a year of connection, growth, and continuing to build a strong school community!

Sincerely,

Mike Wilson

Principal, Ernest Manning High School

Parent Reminders

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are reminded of the following safety and logistical considerations that support our collective work. These reminders include:

- Contacting the school regarding student absences, late arrivals, and required early dismissals at ernestmanning@cbe.ab.ca. Educational research consistently demonstrates that one of the most significant predictors of student success is consistent attendance. As a school community, we also understand that there are times when issues arise that prevent consistent attendance and will work with our families to mitigate these challenges to ensure continued academic success.
- All parents/guardians are required to check in at our Main Office before entering the building during our regular school day.
- All parents/guardians are asked to be mindful of the City of Calgary traffic and by-laws directly surrounding the school. This request is meant to mitigate traffic safety concerns around our building. The school administration encourages parent(s)/guardian(s) and students to explore alternative drop-off/pick-up locations away from the school. Families are also asked not to use the Westside Recreation Centre's parking space, as this impacts their ability to support their clients.
- To ensure that all students' demographic information is up-to-date and correct so that the school can contact you promptly. New Demographic forms will appear in your MyCBE Parent portal at the beginning of each school year.
- Where possible, please refrain from texting or contacting your student via cellphone during class time, as this may disrupt the learning of others. We ask that parent(s)/guardian(s) contact the Main Office, which can then relay any important messages to your student.

Additional school start-up information and logistic considerations can be found on our [school website](#).

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Orientation

We are pleased to welcome our new English as an Additional Language (EAL) students to Ernest Manning High School on Monday, August 25. This orientation is for students who are new to Canada and are registered through the CBE Welcome Centre, as well as EAL transfer students from schools outside of the Calgary Board of Education. This day will begin with a welcome orientation from

9:30-10:30am, followed by a school tour from 10:45-11:45am. A parent or guardian is welcome to join their child for these two portions of the day to help support their transition. At 12:30-3:00pm, students will complete some proficiency testing. Parents are invited to return at 3:00pm to pick up their child once testing concludes. Please complete the [following form](#) by August 20 to confirm your child's attendance.

EAL support team:

Ms. McGilvary – EAL students A-M | aemcgilvary@cbe.ab.ca

Ms. Roussy (LL)- EAL students N-Z | mlroussy@cbe.ab.ca

Student Photos/Identification

Lifetouch Photography will be taking student photos for identified grade cohorts from 9:00am until 3:00pm:

- Wednesday August 27, 2025 | Grade 11 & 12 students
- Thursday, August 28, 2025 | Grade 10 students
- Thursday, September 4, 2025 | Photo Catch-up day (all grades)
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | Photo Re-take day

Student identification cards are important for students to have prior to the start of the school year as we use them to support the sign-out of textbooks and other educational resources.

Parking Passes

Student Parking Pass Information – 2025–26

Online parking pass applications open **Monday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m.** for students with a **valid Class 5 driver's license only** (Class 7 licenses will not be accepted). To apply, complete the Google Form linked below. You will need to upload a **photo of your Class 5 license** and a **completed copy of the 2025–26 Parking Permit Letter**. Be sure to have both documents ready before submitting the form.

👉 [Submit Parking Pass Application](#)

The **\$45 parking fee** will be added to your **MyCBE Parent account** by **August 25, 2025**. This fee **must be paid** before you can pick up your pass—either online or in person at the business office. **Unpaid passes will be cancelled after September 5, 2025**, and reassigned to students on the waitlist.

Pass pickup begins on **Wednesday, August 27 after 9:00 a.m.** from the business office. Please note: **All outstanding Ernest Manning fees must be cleared** before a parking pass will be released.

If you have any questions or require support with the application process, please contact **Ms. Adams at agadams@cbe.ab.ca**.

Key Dates

As families begin to develop their fall calendars, please be aware of the following up-coming dates and events in August and September which include:

- **Thursday, August 21** | Fall Sports tryouts: Football JR 12:00pm & SR 4:00pm
- **Monday, August 25** | EAL Welcome Orientation/Testing
- **Wednesday, August 27** | Teachers return to school;
- **Wednesday, August 27** | Fall sports tryouts: Sr Boys/Girl Volleyball 1:30-3:30 pm
- **Thursday, August 28** | Fall sports tryouts: Girls Soccer 3:00pm
- **Tuesday, September 2** | First Day of Classes
- **Tuesday, September 2** | Fall Sports Fair: 12:00 pm Theatre
- **Wednesday, September 3** | First Day of Regular Class Schedule
- **Monday, September 15** | Cafeteria Service Begins
- **Tuesday, September 16** | EMMPA AGM Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- **Wednesday, September 17** | School Council meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Monday, September 22** | EMTV – EM DAILY Season 10 Premiere
- **Week of September 22** | Extra-curricular Clubs Fair
- **Thursday, September 25** | High School Orientation Evening 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- **Monday, September 29** | Non-Instructional Day

Student Timetables & Course Change Reminders

Student timetables are visible on *Wednesday August 13, 2025* in PowerSchool. If a student wishes to request a change to their timetable **or** request a semester one Cbe-Learn online course, please use the following link: [Course change request form – Fall 2025](#). This link will go live on August 13, 2025, on our [website](#). Please read the directions carefully to ensure your advisor has the necessary information to assist you. ***As there is a high volume of requests at this time of the year, advisors can only be contacted using this form (you can either use a gmail.com or educbe.ca to access the form) and priority will be placed on semester one changes only at this time.*** Please be aware that teacher changes are common up until the first day of classes. Advisors will be looking at requests based on the date they were entered. Completed requests can be viewed on PowerSchool after August 28, 2025. Advisors will not be able to email all individuals about completed requests.

Please continue to check PowerSchool in the coming weeks as schedules will continue to change.

Student Advisors will be available to meet with **students** face-to-face on the following dates based on a set call-down schedule.

- Wednesday September 3, 2025 | Grade 12s will be called down alphabetically for any outstanding timetables changes
- Thursday September 4, 2025 | Grade 11's/Grade 10s will be called down alphabetically for any outstanding timetable changes

All students can access their Student Advisor starting Monday September 8, 2025. Prior to this, please fill out the Course Change Request form or wait to be called down.

Student Advisors are assigned based on student last name or programming designation; please see below:

- Mr. Slaght: **A - G** | email: twslaght@cbe.ab.ca
- Ms. Bajwa: **H - M/Specialized Setting** | email: habajwa@cbe.ab.ca
- Ms. Anderson: **N - Z** | email: oanderson@cbe.ab.ca

EAL Student Advisors:

- Ms. McGilvary – EAL students **A-M** | aemcgilvary@cbe.ab.ca
- Ms. Roussy (LL) - EAL students **N-Z** | mlroussy@cbe.ab.ca

Tuesday September 2, 2025 - First Day of School Schedule

To support student transition back to school on Tuesday September 2, 2025, we will be using the following modified schedule to welcome back grade cohorts:

- **Grade 10 Students: Arrive at 8:52am** and meet in the Main Gymnasium for a welcome assembly. Print out your timetable and bring it to the assembly (alternatively you can access your timetable on your phone). Dismissal time is 3:31pm.
- **Grade 11 Students: Arrive at 10:30am** and meet in the Main Gymnasium for welcome assembly. After the assembly it will be a regular Thursday schedule for the rest of the day. Please check your Powerschool for your timetable. Dismissal time is 3:31pm.
- **Grade 12 Students: Arrive at 11:35am** and meet in the Main Gymnasium for welcome assembly. After the assembly it will be a regular Thursday schedule for the rest of the day. Please check your Powerschool for your timetable. Dismissal time is 3:31pm.

Please note that school cafeteria will not be open until Monday, September 15, 2025.

The school store EMPower will open on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

[Here is the 2025-2026 Bell Schedule.](#)

Ernest Manning Athletics

At Ernest Manning High School, our athletics program is built on community and culture. We strive to create an environment where student-athletes are supported by coaches, teachers, teammates, and peers helping them succeed in sport, academics, and the broader school community. Most of our teams are led by in-school coaches who not only bring strong knowledge of their sport but also serve as positive role models. These coaches play a vital role in developing the character and skills of our athletes, ensuring they reach their full potential both on the field and in the classroom. We're looking forward to another fantastic year of Ernest Manning Athletics! If you have any questions about the athletics program, please contact Athletic Director [Michael Klukas](#).