

We are fortunate that the sun has continued to shine down on us as we enter October! It has been wonderful to see so many classes take advantage of the outdoors, including during their break times. We will continue to encourage outdoor learning throughout the year. Please also ensure that your student is equipped with a warm, waterproof jacket and possibly umbrella as temperatures begin to cool and rain is predicted. With just over one week left on our first course, please also make sure that you are in contact with your student's teacher regarding their progress.

Learning outside in Français Langue

Despite all of our challenges right now, September 30th was a wonderful day with students. It's amazing how a change of setting strengthens relationships! Some students chose to be alone and others worked in groups. They turned in some very thoughtful reflections and artwork regarding orange shirt day. The class was engaged in good conversations on the beach regarding reconciliation and what it truly means, including for us here in Sooke and Canada. We are so lucky to learn in such a beautiful setting!



Student schedules for Octa 2, starting October 16th

Information regarding your student's next Octa/course was emailed Monday, with information regarding which entrance is to be used as of the start of the new course, and which learning group they will be a part of. Please contact the office by email at emcs@sd26.bc.ca or by phone at 250-642-5211 if you did not receive this message for your student(s).

Student drop offs

Please avoid dropping off your student in the parking lot to the west side of the school where the portables are located. This area is busy with pedestrians during school start-up times.

From our EMCS PAC

On behalf of our EMCS Parent Advisory Council (PAC), I would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! To our returning families, I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. To our new EMCS families and students, I am pleased to have you join this wonderful community of students, parents and educators.

EMCS PAC is comprised of all parents, guardians and caregivers of EMCS students. We work collectively to support students and parents via various activities throughout the year, volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Our PAC meeting are the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm and are online via MS Teams, everyone is welcome to join. Please contact the EMCS front office for the meeting link.

If you have any inquires or concerns for PAC this year please feel free to email me at glyseclarkston@gmail.com

We have a new and different year ahead and we want to make it the best we can.

Thanks

Glyse Clarkston, EMCS PAC Chair

Please note - The next PAC meeting is Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30pm. Please email emcs@sd62.bc.ca for the link!

Looking Spiffy in Spanish Class!



Boys basketball & Girls volleyball

If your child is interested in practicing & having fun in some safe EMCS sports, please contact Mr. Lyall!

Grade 12 update!

Mr. Phipps has posted a video with some information about grad requirements, grad list, post-secondary applications, transcripts, and scholarships. We've emailed the link for the video to all Grade

12 students and posted it on the EMCS website: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/general-news-announcements/>

Post-Secondary Info Sessions - Parents and students are encouraged to register for and participate in virtual post-secondary info sessions being offered by universities, colleges, and technical institutes. For details, visit the post-secondary section of the EMCS website:


<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/post-secondary/post-secondary-info-sessions/>

Important dates:

- October 5-9 – Please watch for messaging regarding your student’s Octa 2 schedule
- October 12 – Thanksgiving
- October 16th – Second Octa begins
- October 20th – PAC meeting on MS Teams at 6:30pm, email emcs@sd62.bc.ca for the link!
- October 22nd - **Report cards** will be published in the [MyEducation BC Portal](#) by 4pm.
- October 23rd – Schools closed for non-instructional day
- October 26th – Lifetouch photo retakes

*The EMCS Wellness Center is open each Wednesday, 12pm-3:30pm

Exciting Opportunities!



Youth Fridays at SEAPARC
Get active after school!


Youth Weight Room Ages 13-18*
By Reservation
Fridays 2:00-3:30pm
*Ages 13-15 can attend with a completed Youth Weight Room Orientation. Book online at seaparc.ca

Youth Skate Ages 10-18
By Reservation
Fridays
45 Minute time slots
available:
2:15-3:00pm
2:30-3:15pm
2:45-3:30pm

Family and Friends Swim All Ages
By Reservation
Fridays
4:00-6:00pm

Inquire About Our Active Pass
10 visits for:
\$27.30 (Ages 5-12)
\$31.50 (Ages 13-18)

Reserve your activity online at www.seaparc.ca or by calling 250-642-8900



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Current Services & Programs Available
2020 – 2021 (during COVID-19)

Thanks to our funders and donors, youth between the ages of 13-24 are eligible to receive short-term counselling services, participate in peer group programs and take part in our Good Grief workshops at no cost.

Referrals can come from parents, teachers, school counsellors and/or social workers. Older youth can self-refer.

Here is a list of the services and programs on offer to our community during COVID-19.

Please note all services and programs are being conducted virtually on a secure ZOOM Healthcare platform until further notice.

Short-Term Grief Counselling
Short-term grief counselling support is provided by registered clinical counsellors and available to eligible youth. For information on eligibility criteria, and to access a referral form, [click here to download our referral intake form](#).

Learning Through Loss Group Program (LLGP)
This specialized small group eight-week program is facilitated by a registered clinical counsellor and co-facilitator for youth who are struggling with grief and loss. These groups provide a safe place to connect with peers, gain invaluable support, and most importantly, find strength and hope in their own resilience and capacity to survive, adapt, and grow through loss. Find out more here: <http://www.learningthroughloss.org/post/learning-through-loss-group-support-program-what-it-holds>. To refer a youth, [click here to download our referral intake form](#).

JDF Fire/Rescue Cadet Camp for Teens is scheduled to take place March 15-19, 2021 in Metchosin! Learn the basics of firefighting, search and rescue techniques, jaws of life and teamwork. Applications are due by October 23rd. Go to metchosinfire.ca or sooke.ca or call 250-478-1307.

School District 62 is looking to hire Noon Hour Supervision Assistants. [Click here for more information!](#)

Are you into sports and recreation? Would you like a free Access Pass for a year? Do you have opinions on how SEAPARC could offer more options for youth? There is a volunteer position available as a SEAPARC Commission Youth Member. You would participate in meetings once a month to express your insights about youth programming. Please email Ms. Percival for details (spercival@sd62.bc.ca)

Stay in the loop

You can find updates on our website <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/> and/or the Wolverines App, as well as the District website <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/>.

We continue to encourage parents and guardians to reach out to the school via phone (250-642-5211) and email (emcs@sd62.bc.ca) with any questions you may have!

The SD62 Daily Health Checklist - check your student's symptoms: <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/node/1066>