

As we enter October, students are now half way through their learning for their first course! Many students have been letting us know that they enjoy being able to focus on one area of learning at a time. We will be keen to keep hearing from students as we move through the year. We want to ensure that students do not fall behind and are receiving all the support they need to be successful with their studies. Please make sure that you are in contact with your student's teacher and are clear on how they are progressing. The second course of the year will begin on October 16<sup>th</sup> - you will receive information about am/pm cohorts, learning groups and assigned entrances next week. We have created morning and afternoon cohorts taking several factors into account, including split grades, class sizes and siblings where possible. Much like the first octa, we then divided by alphabet (first half am, second half pm). While there may be few changes, we tried to keep am/pm splits as stable as possible to assist with district bussing and personal transport that is already arranged. We may look at making larger scale changes during the second half of the year, which would give transport more time to recreate bus routes.

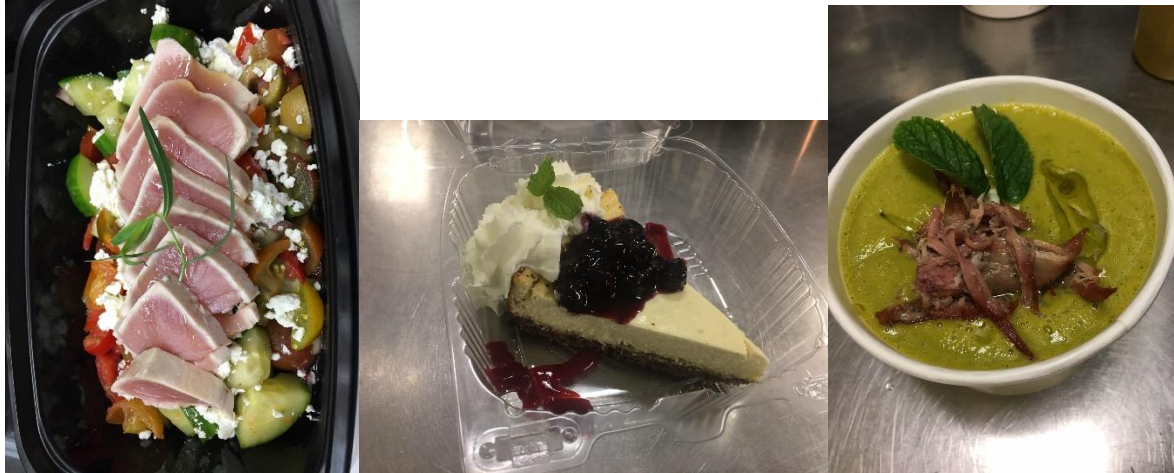
### **Orange Shirt Day at EMCS!**



### **Student verification forms**

These forms have been published on the [My Ed BC portals](#)! Please log in and make sure the information is up-to-date. If there is any contact information that need to be changed please email [emcs@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca).

### **Absolutely delicious dishes crafted by our EMCS Culinary Arts students!!**



### **The SD62 Daily Health Checklist**

Check your student's symptoms: <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/node/1066>. It is the parent's responsibility to assess their child using the daily health checklist. If your child is sick or not feeling well, please do not send them to school. When your student is absent, please report their excused absence to EMCS by emailing [emcs@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca) or phone 250-642-5211. [Teacher emails are available on our website](#). Teachers will provide homework for the time your student is absent. We want to ensure that everyone is supported in both their studies and their health.

### **The EMCS Wellness Clinic**

The Wellness Clinic is open again to serve EMCS students! Clinic hours will be Wednesday afternoons from 12:30-3:30pm. Masks will be mandatory upon entry of the clinic space and we are working on protocols to allow all students to access the space. Those protocols will sent out ASAP.

### **Volleyball**

Are you interested in playing girls' or boys' volleyball this fall? Although we cannot guarantee games, we will look to have fun and focus on skill development!

The survey is open till this Friday [here](#). If you have any questions, please email [emcs@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca).

### **Announcements from the Career Centre**

**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](mailto:spercival@sd62.bc.ca))

### **Grade 12 update!**

In September, we usually have an assembly with Grade 12 students to share important information regarding the final year of high school. Because we are unable to meet as a large group right now, **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/> . Parents/Guardians may be interested in watching the video as well. Here is the link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDGBIJTF8lc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDGBIJTF8lc)

### **Important dates:**

October 5-9 – Please watch for messaging regarding your student's Octa 2 schedule  
October 12 – Thanksgiving  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – Second Octa begins  
October 20<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting on MS Teams at 6:30pm, email [emcs@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca) for the link!  
October 26<sup>th</sup> – Lifetouch photo retakes

### **Course Dates for 2020/21:**

Course/Octa 1: September 14 - October 15  
Course/Octa 2: October 16 - November 18  
Course/Octa 3: November 19 – December 18  
Course/Octa 4: January 4 – February 1  
Course/Octa 5: February 2- March 5  
Course/Octa 6: March 6-April 23  
Course/Octa 7: April 26-May 27  
Course/Octa 8: May 28 - June 28

**Report cards** will be published in the [MyEducation BC Portal](#) one week after the end of each course.

### **Exciting Opportunities!**

Click on the posters/links below for more information!



**Parents in the Know Program (Online), Thursdays 6:30pm – 8pm starting September 24<sup>th</sup> AND/OR Parents Together Program (Online), Tuesdays 6:30pm – 8pm starting September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please email [parentingprograms@bgcvic.org](mailto:parentingprograms@bgcvic.org) for more information

### **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](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca)) with any questions you may have!