

The EMCS team is impressed with students, each other and families as we recreate our school system to adhere to provincial health guidelines! Everyone has demonstrated a remarkable sense of resiliency and flexibility, which has resulted in tremendous success amongst EMCS learners this fall.

Results from our first Octa show that over 98% of students successfully completed their courses. This is a higher than average statistic. Initial anecdotal feedback indicates that students are finding a greater sense of focus, success, organization, and are appreciating calm, smaller classes. Teachers have also found that this has been an ideal opportunity to experiment with new forms of assessment and to focus on what is most important in their curricula. We are gradually re-introducing extra-curricular sports, which has been a welcome addition for many! Later in the school year, we will provide an opportunity for formal feedback on how the year has progressed for students, although never hesitate to reach out to us with positive feedback or concerns.

We hope to build on these strengths through Octa 2. Please make sure that you stay in close contact with teachers and have an ongoing sense of your student's strengths, areas for growth, and ways that your student can be supported in their learning.

Metal TASK



There is an exciting new program at EMCS, Metal TASK! Students are learning all the skills required for a career in Metal Fabrication. Two projects include a metal jet boat, and an Indigenous metal red dress. The red dress is a symbol for Missing & Murdered Indigenous women, with one already on its way to Thompson River University! Read more about it at <https://www.vicnews.com/news/emcs-program-forges-new-path-for-trades/>

Athletics at EMCS

Is your grade nine or ten student interested in playing junior boys basketball? If your answer is yes, contact Mr. McCowan or Mr. Lyall as soon as possible. We are hoping to get training/practices running soon.

Wolverine Masks fundraiser!



[Buy yours online today \(click here\)!](#)

Octa 3 (November 19 - December 18)

We have completed the AM - PM class assignments for Octa 3. We used previous class lists and have tried our best to accommodate family requests. These have been communicated to the transport department so that they can further refine our bus routes for Octa 3. At this point, we cannot accommodate any further requests. Families will receive Octa 3 communication during the week of November 9th.

Grade 10 Assessments

In order to graduate, students are now required to write two provincial assessments in grade 10: a *Literacy Assessment* and a *Numeracy Assessment*. The Literacy Assessment 12 is postponed this year.

So, *ALL* grade 10 students will write a Literacy and Numeracy Assessment this year. They will do so in four windows: November 2-6, January 25 - 29, April 12 -16, and June 14-23. Students will write these assessments with their Science 10 (Numeracy) and Social Studies 11- (Literacy) classes. Grade 11 students that did not write their Numeracy and Literacy Assessment in Spring 2020 will also be scheduled to write their Assessments this year. [Click here for the schedule.](#)

We strongly encourage you to look at the following link for further information and sample questions: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/provincial-examinations-transcripts/>

If you have any questions, please contact John Lyall (Vice Principal) at jlyall@sd62.bc.ca

Grade 12 Grad Updates!

Support this year's Grad class with Purdy's chocolate!

To place orders online, go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/813172-75772>, create an account, and join our campaign. Please ensure that you write the full name of the student that you would like to support in the additional information field so that we can allocate the profits to that student's fees. All orders must be submitted by November 18, 2020. [Click here further information.](#)

Grade 12 students are required to check their transcript carefully and make sure they are on track to graduate this year. Please contact your assigned school counsellor if you have any questions. For more information check our website at <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/general-news-announcements/>.

UVIC School of Health Information Science Fall Open House TODAY, Wednesday, October 28, 5:00pm to 6:00pm on Zoom! **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/97763424282>, **Meeting ID:** 977 6342 4282, **Password:** 762861

NCAA information session for Canadian student-athletes - Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 12:30 pm PT

EducationUSA hosts guest speaker Elizabeth Thompson, NCAA Associate Director of International Education and Outreach, as she will review the NCAA eligibility process for Canadian students. The session will be about 45 minutes with plenty of time for Q&A. EducationUSA information sessions are free of charge. [REGISTER HERE](#)

University of Victoria Virtual Info Session - Tuesday, November 10 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This event is set up just for EMCS students and parents/guardians. The session will take place by Zoom. This is a great opportunity to learn about programs, admission requirements, the application process, student housing, scholarships, and more! The session is open to all Grade 10 to 12 students and parents/guardians. To register, email Mr. Phipps at aphipps@sd62.bc.ca and he'll send you the Zoom link.

Interested in the University of Victoria? Book an appointment with our UVIC Recruiter! Book a private meeting with Stephanie Parker from UVIC if you have questions. Also and check out upcoming information sessions, student experience panels, sample lectures, parent nights, and other events offered by UVIC throughout the year.

[Book an appointment](#) | [Register for an upcoming event](#)

UBC Medical Program Info Session - Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00pm (over Zoom) This is a special session just for EMCS students (and parents)! Are you interested in learning more about becoming a doctor? This session is for you! Current medical students will share their experience regarding med school and talk to you about a career as a doctor. Open to all students (Grade 9 to 12) and parents/guardians! Zoom meeting details to follow. For now, email Mr. Phipps (aphipps@sd62.bc.ca) if you are interested in participating.

Exciting Opportunities for Everyone!

DREAM IT, BE IT CONFERENCE (workshops and activities including lunch) for those age 15-24 who self-identify as female. Thursday, November 5th, 2020 from 10:00am – 2:30pm. For more information click here: [DIBI flyer 2020](#). To register please contact Ms. Percival in the Career Centre spercival@sd62.bc.ca

The Construction TASK Program at Royal Bay Secondary is taking applications for the new year (February 1 – June 25, 2021). [Click here](#) or visit the Career Centre today for more information! Application deadline is November 13, 2020.

Interested in Politics?? British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) is a youth organization that recognizes every young person's potential to lead and serve in the community. This year, membership in BCYP will begin with attending the Virtual Parliamentary Session in December, and will continue throughout 2021. For detailed information about BCYP's activities, visit www.bryp.org.

Amber Academy Empowering Youth Through the Arts!
Register Now for 2020/2021 Classes

<p>Mondays (3:30 - 5:00 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art I (Grades 5+) • Concert Choir (Grades K-4) • Costumes & Fashion Design (Grades 5+) <p>Fridays (3:30 - 5:00 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting I (Grades K-4) • Acting II (Grades 5+) • Photography (Grades 5+) 	<p>Wednesdays (3:30 - 5:00 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art II (Grades K-4) • Show Choir (Grades 5+) • Event Videography & Technical Design (Grades 7+) <p>Sundays (3:30 - 5:00 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Acting for Stage, Film & Television (Grades 8+)
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** All classes are hosted at Sooke Community Hall **

Membership Fees:
\$50/year (single-child families), \$75/year (multi-child families)
Students may register for multiple classes for no additional fee

To Register or to Learn More
Phone: (250) 888-1921 ~ Email: admin@amberacademy.ca
www.amberacademy.ca

Amber Academy
CASTING CALL!

Students in Grades 8 - 12 Wanted For:

I Never Saw Another Butterfly
a play by Celeste Raspanti

"A powerful performance piece based on true events of youth interned at Terezin Concentration Camp during WWII"

~ Live-Stream Performance in January 2020 ~

No Audition Required ~ Register By October 4th
Rehearsals are Sundays 3:30-5:00pm at Sooke Community Hall

To learn more contact us:
admin@amberacademy.ca ~ (250) 888-1921
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**Art Instructor's Assistant
Volunteer Part-Time Position**

Amber Academy Youth Fine Arts Society is a non-profit organization in Sooke, BC with a focus to create healthier and higher quality of life for youth by empowering them through the fine arts. We offer after school classes in choir, acting, visual art and more for students in grades K-12.

We are looking for 2-3 responsible students in grades 10-12 with an interest in visual fine arts to assist children in grades 5-9 while assisting the instructors for our Art 1 class.

Candidates must be willing to:

- Serve as an energetic and enthusiastic volunteer to help junior students succeed in building confidence through Amber Academy's programs
- Develop and maintain relationships with and provide support for junior students (focus on building a sense of belonging)
- Serve as a positive role model
- Uphold Amber Academy's Code of Conduct
- Maintain confidentiality regarding student's private information
- Provide a safe and secure environment to work with children
- Assist the instructors in achieving the goals of the program

Benefits:

- Gain credit towards BC Ministry of Education's volunteer work experience graduation requirements
- Develop leadership skills
- Build relationships that can make a profound difference in the lives of younger students

Specific duties may include:

- Setting up for shows (bringing out supplies, tables, chairs, etc.) and helping up after shows
- Assisting the instructors with student supervision during lessons
- Helping students explore artistic technique and abilities under the instructor's direction
- Providing other assistance to the instructors as needed during classes

This is a volunteer, part-time role position beginning in September 2020 and terminating December 2021 with the option to renew for our January 2021 to June 2021 term.

To apply please complete the attached form and forward it to Susan Perreault at susan@amberacademy.ca or 250-888-4141 at admin@amberacademy.ca.

Posted: October 25, 2020

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!

Important dates:

November 2-6 – Numeracy/Literacy Assessments

November 10th – PAC meeting on MS Teams at 6:30pm; click here - [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

November 11th – Schools closed for Remembrance Day

November 18th – Purdy's Orders are due - go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/813172-75772> to place your order!

November 19th – Octa/Course #3 starts

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

Looking for information from a previous Weekly Message? [Check our Archived Messages by clicking here!](#)