

All 2021/22 EMCS students will be selecting their courses for fall 2021 beginning this February 1st. Current Grade 8 students will complete their selections by February 16th, and current Grades 9-11 students will select their courses by February 22nd. Don't forget about our live parent/student Q&A evening on February 17th at 7pm. A link to the online event will be sent closer to the time.

Popular courses fill up quickly, so it's important that students log in to their student MyEd BC portal on a regular basis to ensure that they have access. Instructions can be found [here](#), and if you need help we ask that you please contact our office at 250-642-5211 or by emailing emcs@sd62.bc.ca.

THIS WEEK'S DEPARTMENT FEATURES: Languages & English



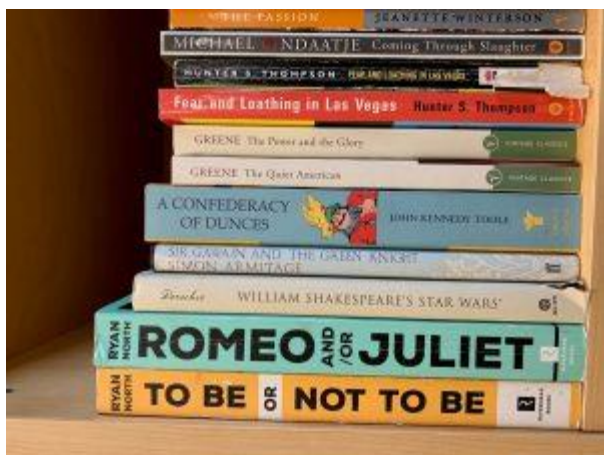
Languages are a key part of a balanced educational program. All students study **English** in Grades 9 through 12 while they are at EMCS. About 10% of our school population is also engaged in studying a rich **French Immersion** program. We encourage all students to challenge themselves by including **French** and/or **Spanish** in their course planning. Language learning has a wide range of cognitive benefits! Many Post-Secondary institutions, including UBC and SFU, actually require students study an additional language to apply to their programs.

French Immersion students study the following course as part of their overall program:

- Grade 9: **Sciences, Français Langue, Sciences Humaines, Éducation à la carrière**
- Grade 9: **Sciences, Français Langue, Sciences Humaines, Éducation à la carrière**
- Grade 11: **Langue et Culture de la Francophonie, Explorations en Sciences Humaines**
- Grade 12: **Français Langue (required), AP French 12 Évaluation de littérature.**

All students also have the opportunity to study:

- **Core French 9-12**
- **Spanish 9-12**



Here is a summary of English courses studied by students at EMCS:

- In Grade 9, students study a common **English Language Arts 9** course.
- In Grade 10, students choose between: **Composition & Literary Studies**, **English First Peoples**, **New Media and Creative Writing**, and **Core Composition/Literary Studies**.
- In Grade 11, students choose between: **Composition, Literary Studies**, **Creative Writing**, **New Media 11** and **English First Peoples**.
- Keen English students are able to select more than one Grade 10 and/or more than one Grade 11 English course!
- Grade 12 students study **English Studies 12**, **English 12 Advanced Placement** or **English First Peoples 12**.

More happenings at EMCS!

Hoping to try something new or build towards your post secondary/career dreams? Check out some of the programs available at EMCS for the 2021-2022 school year! You can check courses out in our [course catalogue](#), or by visiting the different programs and [academies](#).



"Rugby is starting", possibly the three best words ever strung together! Contact Mr. Lyall at jlyall@sd62.bc.ca if you're interested!

November 2020 Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessment Results

The results of the November 2020 Grade 10 Numeracy and Literacy Assessments have been released and are available for students to view. Students can access their results from the “Graduation Assessment/Provincial Examinations” link after logging in to their account on the Student Transcripts Service. Instructions for logging into the Student Transcripts Service website are found at: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/student-transcript-service-sts/>

Opportunities for Everyone!



Leadership Opportunity for Grade 11/12 Students

The Rotary Club of Sooke usually sponsors a student or two to and this year the event is virtual and will be a series of meetings and challenges during March. Participation would be an excellent learning experience and looks good on scholarship applications. Registration information can be found here: <http://rylanw.org/students/>. Please email Mr. Phipps at aphipps@sd62.bc.ca if interested.

Canadian Coast Guard College Virtual Presentations - January 28, or February 9 at 4:30pm (Sooke time). Learn about the Coast Guard's Officer Training Program! Register online by [clicking here](#).

Grade 12 Grad Updates!

You can support this year's Grad class by purchasing Purdy's chocolates through our spring fundraising campaign at the link below. If we sell over \$500 worth of chocolate before taxes, we get 25% of the profits! Don't forget to note the name of the student that you want to support in the 'additional information' field. Orders are due by February 22, with chocolates being picked up by students the week of March 8. Contact Ms. Williams at rwilliams@sd62.bc.ca with any questions. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/813172-82959>

Grads who missed the deadline to report their height for grad gown orders need to contact Ms. Williams **immediately** at rwilliams@sd62.bc.ca. She will be placing the order for grad gowns very soon!

Do you need retakes/first takes of your Grad Photos??? Retakes will be on **Tuesday, Feb. 16 & Wednesday, Feb. 17**. To sign up, go to: schedule.prestigeportraits.ca. Be sure to select Sooke as the city.

If you have a problem signing up, please call 250-744-4100 ext 1 or email at brgibson@lifetouch.ca and Bruce will assist you.

Exploring Post Secondary Opportunities



ADVENTURES IN HEALTHCARE
The Rotary Club is offering this FREE virtual program to students in Gr. 8 to 12! Learn about education and career opportunities in healthcare, and receive a certificate at the end. The program starts March 13. Register online [here](#) and also please email Mr. Phipps at aphipps@sd62.bc.ca to let him know you've registered.

Online Course Completion Deadline for Students Who Have Applied to UVIC - Grade 12 students who are taking an online course (e.g. through WestShore, SIDES, etc.) required for admission to UVIC, must have the course completed by **May 31**.

Grade 12 students are reminded to check the calendar on the EMCS website ([Grade 12 Timeline | Edward Milne \(sd62.bc.ca\)](#)) for the early scholarship and bursary deadlines. This year's [CUPE Bursary](#) is "here" and due April 15th.

UVIC Gustavson School of Business Virtual Information Sessions – learn about the Bachelor of Commerce program, application requirements, etc. To register, email bssclerk@uvic.ca

Wednesday, January 27th at 5pm

Book a private meeting with UVic Recruiter Stephanie Parker by clicking here! [Book an appointment](#).

Justice Institute of BC Law Enforcement Studies Information Sessions for students interested in the Law Enforcement Studies Diploma and/or Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies programs.

Thursday, February 11, 2021 7:00pm-8:30pm ([register here](#))

Stay in the loop

Be sure to stay in the loop with the list of important dates in each of weekly newsletters, on our website <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/>, the Wolverines App, and 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:

Jan 25th – Jan 29th – Literacy and Numeracy assessments window #2

February 2nd – Octa 5 courses begin

February 1st – Course selection opens on the [Student Portal](#), and a High School Planning and Course Selection video presentation will be [posted to our website](#)

February 8th – Octa 5 reports published to My Ed Portals

February 9th – PAC Meeting on MS Teams ([click here to join](#))

February 12th – Non Instruct Day

February 15th – Family Day holiday

February 16th and 17th – Grade photo retakes – book them at schedule.prestigeportraits.ca.

February 17th – Online Q&A with EMCS counselors at 7pm. The MS Teams link will be posted soon!

February 22 – Deadline for submitting course requests on the Student Portal

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