

Report cards for Octa 4 were published on Monday, and students have now fully settled into Octa 5. We are excited to see that students have continued on a path of success, with many stories of great learning, and a continued pass rate of 97%! Students are congratulated on their amazing efforts this year!

Make sure to take note of course selection deadlines and resources below. The link to sign into the EMCS Course Selection Virtual Q & A on February 17th at 7pm can be found [HERE](#).

EMCS Course Selection Virtual Q & A

Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00pm

Agenda:

- a short review of graduation requirements
- EMCS Eco-Academy (Mr. Gale)
- Sports Academies in SD62 (Mr. Kelly)
- School counsellors, EMCS admin team, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Kelly will answer questions from students and parents/guardians about anything related to course selection (e.g. grad requirements, credits, course offerings, academies, post-secondary entrance requirements, etc.).

Click [HERE](#) to join the event.

EMCS Course Selection Video

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to watch the High School Planning & Course Selection video. Here is the

link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zo4s7JkvXM&feature=youtu.be

Course Selection Timeline:

[Course selection is open on MyEd BC student portals](#), and [Academy registration is also open online](#) now

February 17th at 7pm counselors will be hosting a live parent/student Q&A evening (see above)

February 22nd course selection will be closed

March 12th all Metal TASK applications must be in – [click here for more information on this program!](#)

THIS WEEK'S DEPARTMENT FEATURE: Arts



The arts bring a rich diversity of learning experiences to EMCS students, and fill our school with sounds, colour and action!

Music lovers can join EMCS' fantastic band! This course takes place before and after school. Options include:

- **Band 9**
- **Concert Band 10-12**
- **Jazz Band 10-12**

Visual arts students are always busy creating! They also display their art throughout the Sooke community, and each year participate in the Sooke Fine Arts Show. Students have a wide selection of visual arts courses from which to choose:

- **Studio Art 10**
- **Photography & Digital Art 10, 11, 12**
- **Marketing and Promotion 11 & Entrepreneurship 12** – an exciting opportunity to create and market sellable art!
- **Art Studio 11 & 12**
- **Studio Arts 2D 11 & 12**
- **Studio Arts 3D 11 & 12**
- **Graphic Arts Pre-AP 11**
- **Graphic Arts 12 AP**

If you are lucky, you have been able to view one of EMCS' outstanding musical theatre or film productions! To learn more about all things drama, musical theatre and film, students can select from:

- **Drama 10**
- **Theatre Company 10, 11 & 12**
- **Musical Theatre 10, 11 & 12**
- **Film 10, 11 & 12**
- **Theatre Company 10**
- **Vocal Music (paired with Musical Theatre)**

More happenings at EMCS!



Students and Staff work together to move 15 cubic yards of soil for the school garden!



And Inclusion Services brightens our hallways on this chilly February day!

Upcoming Leadership activities for the whole school:

- Grad Spirit Week – Feb 22-26 (details TBA)
- Spring Spirit Week (whole school) – Mar 8-12
- Spring Out Of Hunger Campaign – Apr 26 – May 7

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!

[Click here for more information on Parenting during COVID 19](#)



Ships & Shores

A youth-led discovery of Canadian waters and the ships that sail them

Starting Fall of 2020, PICTURE SOOKE is looking for people to help discover and explore the rich and diverse waters of Canada. PICTURE SOOKE is a youth-led initiative to promote awareness of our waterways, their history, and the people, animals, and ecosystems that inhabit them. We're looking for young people (16-19 years old) who are interested in water, nature, science, history, and the environment to help us explore our waterways.

Have your ideas and experiences with thousands of youth across the country and let us realize our vision of a water-rich future. We're looking for young people who are interested in water, nature, science, history, and the environment to help us explore our waterways.

PICTURE SOOKE
Official Community Plan (OCP) Review

Your voice will inform the OCP and guide the land use and development of Sooke over the next 10 years.

Land use and development impact many aspects of daily life from the types of housing available, how we get around the community and what amenities are available to enjoy.

We want to hear from families how you PICTURE SOOKE.

Learn more & join the conversation at picturesooke.ca



Looking for Volunteer Hours?

Sooke Arts Council Gallery is looking for youth artists to volunteer at the Gallery on the weekends. Bring your sketch book, welcome visitors and hang with other artists anytime between 11 till 4, either Sat. or Sun.

Call or text Lynda @ 778-350-4638

YOUTH ART EXHIBITION CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
"Mindfulness in May": The ART of KINDNESS

A Sooke Student has partnered with Sooke Secondary School and Sooke Arts Council to host a youth art exhibition and art sale during National Mental Health Week. The exhibition is open to all youth artists (16-19 years old) who are interested in mental health and art. The exhibition is open to all youth artists (16-19 years old) who are interested in mental health and art. The exhibition is open to all youth artists (16-19 years old) who are interested in mental health and art.

EXHIBITION
The exhibition is taking place during BC Youth Week and during National Mental Health Week. It will be held at the Sooke Arts Council Gallery on the weekends of May 15-16 and 17-18, 2020. The exhibition is open to all youth artists (16-19 years old) who are interested in mental health and art. The exhibition is open to all youth artists (16-19 years old) who are interested in mental health and art.

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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>

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

Video Lesson on Scholarships & Bursaries

Mr. Phipps has posted an instructional video on the scholarship and bursary application process. Grade 12 students (and parents/guardians) are encouraged to watch. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5E1bu6YuI4M>

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

University of Victoria... Next Steps Virtual Series

The UVic Next Steps virtual series, designed for September 2021 applicants, is now live on the UVIC website and registration is available online at: www.uvic.ca/join-us

This virtual series of events includes:

- Self-Reporting 101 information sessions
- Faculty-specific events
- Registration 101 information sessions (which will be posted online closer to the events in May)

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](#))

Camosun College CAMWEEK 2021 - February 23, 24, 25 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
CamWeek 2021 is a series of virtual information sessions. Over the 3-nights there will be presentations from the [Centre for Sport & Exercise Education](#), [School of Access](#), [School of Arts & Science](#), [School of Business](#), [School of Health & Human Services](#) and [School of Trades & Technology](#). The schedule will vary each night so that students have the option to attend multiple sessions. There will be an opportunity to live chat with an Admissions officer each night.

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**.

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**.

Stay in the loop

Be sure to stay in the loop with the list of important dates in each of weekly newsletters ([archived here](#)), on our [website](#), the Wolverines App, and the [District website](#).

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:

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

February 22 – Deadline for Spring Purdy’s Orders

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