

If you have not already watched the [High School Planning & Course Selection video](#), now is the time as selections are due on Monday. The Course Selection Virtual Q&A is tonight at 7pm! Please see below for details.

If you are looking for something to do over Spring Break, the EMCS Society has arranged a fabulous, subsidized opportunity for students! Getting outside is one the best ways to stay physically and mentally healthy. EMCS Society/Youth for Sooke is teaming up with Westcoast Adventure College & Sooke Sailing Association to bring students ages 14-18 an extraordinary **SPRING BREAK ADVENTURE that allows youth to get out in THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA**. Click [HERE](#) for more info. **Please send your application, [WAC EMCS Application](#) to Ashley Green by February 26th at agreen@sd62.bc.ca**. Spaces are limited.

EMCS Course Selection Virtual Q&A happening TONIGHT

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.

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

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: Inclusive Education, Leadership, WEX



There are many ways to extend your core program at EMCS!

Students in all grades can enroll in the EMCS **Leadership Program**. This is a tremendous opportunity for students who want to learn as part of a fun, vibrant community! Students have opportunities to develop their personal leadership skills while contributing to the life of the school and community. Grade 12 students can also work on

the **Grad Council** through Leadership.

Students can also extend their high school education by coupling it with higher-level and post-secondary learning and credits. These include our **AP and Dual Credit courses**. These options can be found in their respective academic departments: **AP Art, AP English, Dual Credit Biology, Dual Credit Calculus, Dual Credit Law, and Dual Credit Psychology**.

If you are a senior student engaged in paid work, contact your Careers Teacher about opportunities to gain credit for **work experience**, and participate in **Apprenticeships**. Many of the apprenticeship opportunities lead into trades programs at the post-secondary level.

The EMCS Inclusive Education Service is available for students who require additional support and practice to enhance their learning and success in school. As well as supporting student learning needs the IES department at EMCS also works to identify learning barriers, advocate for support and develop plans to facilitate student success.

The Inclusive Education Services also offers a Peer tutoring course. This course provides the opportunity for students to explore and develop their skills and talents, while gaining an understanding of people and how they learn.

More happenings at EMCS!

Upcoming Leadership activities for the whole school:

Grads, get set for Grad Spirit Week from February 22-26! Our themes are Mimic Monday, Tacky Tourist Tuesday, I Want It That Way Wednesday, Blackout Thursday, and Famous Friday. Keep an eye out for our posters for more information.

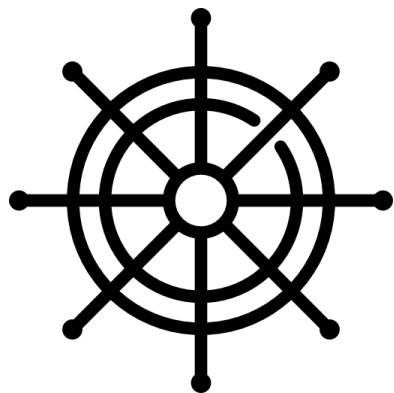
And coming up next:

- 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!



If you are a student looking for a hands-on career, with a great lifestyle that connects you to the water, consider a career in the Marine Industry! Event: Marine Service Virtual Career Fair @ the Vancouver International Boat Show, When: Feb 24, 25, 26 11am to 7pm and Feb 27 9am to 5pm. [Click here to Register!](#) For more information check out the Careers in Marine Service video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SvoyTxMwMlo>

Interested in a future in Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, or Science?

From February to June 2021 HPQC College will be hosting a "Career Coaching" lecture series, via Zoom: <https://hpqc.org/lectures/LectureFlyer.pdf>. Highly successful people working full-time at big-tech companies like Google, Netflix, and Instagram will be talking about how they got there and what interesting journeys they went through which they would not have anticipated when they were in high school. Check it out!



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



Grade 12 Grad Updates!

Last chance to order Purdy's chocolates through our spring fundraising campaign, just [click here to order](#)! 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.



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>

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**.

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)

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 17th – Online Q&A with EMCS counselors at 7pm.

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

February 22 – Deadline for Spring Purdy's Orders

March 8th – Octa 6 begins

March 9th – Virtual PAC Meeting at 6:30pm ([click here to join](#))

March 12 – Octa 5 reports published to My Ed portals

March 15-26 – Spring Break

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