

With only 6 weeks to go till Spring Break students and this year's grads should pay special attention to the timelines listed below. Be sure to check your grades through your MyEd BC portals to make sure you're on track - Octa 4 reports will be posted by 4pm on February 8th ([students click here](#) for instructions, [parents click here](#)).

Course selection timeline

Whether your student is interested in the Academics, Arts, Culinary, Physical Education or Applied Skills, we have plenty of opportunities here at EMCS! Course Selection is now open on the MyEdBC Student Portal. Important information and course selection instructions are posted on our website. (Click [HERE](#).) The first step for selecting courses is to watch the Course Selection & Career Planning video presentation. (Click [HERE](#) to view.)

February 8th [Academy registration opens online here](#) – curious what's being offered at EMCS? Check it out on our website [here](#).

February 17th at 7pm counselors will be hosting a live parent/student Q&A evening – link to follow
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: Applied Design Skills and Technology (ADST)



EMCS has a huge range of opportunities for applied learning!

- **Computer Studies 10**
- **Computer Programming 11&12**
- **Culinary Arts 10-12**
- **Professional Cook Training 12**
- **Digital Media development 12**
- **Drafting 9-12**
- **Food Studies 9-12**
- **Electronics 9-12**
- **Metalwork 9-12**
- **Robotics 9-12**
- **Sustainability 9-12**
- **Textiles 9-12**
- **Woodwork 9-12**

EMCS also hosts an amazing **Metalwork TASK Program**. This is a full-time, four course program in which students gain both high school and college credits! More information and video can be found [here](#). A link to the Metal TASK Program application form can be found [here](#).

More happenings at EMCS!

Upcoming Leadership activities for the whole school:

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

Student Parking Passes go ONLINE!

Please fill the form out here: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/parking-passes-student-vehicle-registration/> . Once submitted the completed form will be automatically sent to the administrative team. After processing, a parking pass sticker will be sent to your classroom for you.

"Rugby is starting", possibly the three best words ever strung together! Please email Mr. Lyall at jlyall@sd62.bc.ca for more information!

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!

YOUTH ART EXHIBITION CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
"Mindfulness in May": THE ART OF KINDNESS
Sooke Arts Council Gallery



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

CAREER DISCOVERY EXPO
FREE!
#DREAMBIG
REGISTER @ dreambiggreaterictoria.cyouventorito.ca

ita YOUR TICKET.
February 24, 2021
Dear Community Partners,
On behalf of Industry Training Authority, the pleasure is to invite you to attend our upcoming It's About Business workshop.

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

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.



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.



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

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

[The University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry will be holding an information session for indigenous students.](#)

February 9th, 2021, 5:30pm-7:00pm ([click here to register](#))

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](#))

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 8th – Octa 5 reports published to My Ed Portals, and Academies registration opens

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

February 22 – Deadline for Spring Purdy's Orders

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