

More than halfway through Octa 5, it's important to stay in close communication with your student's teacher (emails can be found on our website [here](#)). Octa 6 begins March 8th, and report cards will be published to MyEd BC [Student](#) and [Parent](#) Portals March 12th. We will send out letters confirming am/pm assignments next week. Please note that in order to keep class sizes balanced, and respect bus routes, we are not able to make changes.

What's happening at EMCS

The Sooke School District would like to announce that Principal Laura Fulton, will be moving to Belmont Secondary School for September 2021. Ms. Fulton remains committed to ensuring that EMCS provides an excellent learning environment. She continues to be honoured to serve the EMCS and the Sooke communities, and will also be working closely with the new Principal to ensure that the school builds on its successes and to ensure a smooth transition. The school district is beginning the search process for a new Principal now, will work with the community, and share the results of that search as soon as possible.

Upcoming Leadership activities for the whole school:

We still have 2 days left of Grad Spirit Week! Our themes are Blackout Thursday, and Famous Friday! Keep an eye out for our posters for more information.

Coming up next:

- Spring Spirit Week (whole school) – Mar 8-12
- Spring Out of Hunger Campaign – Apr 26 – May 7

For the yearbook we are looking for candid photos of students from all grades for our collage pages.

You may email them via elutze@sd62.bc.ca or download the Friesen's UploadIt app from the Google Play

store or Apple store and then use the **CODE #267843-you only need to use the code the first time.**

Grade 12 Updates!

Capstone Project Previews will be happening March 1st through the 12th in preparation for the formal presentations being held April 20th and 21st. More information and schedules will be handed out through your teacher.

GRADS: Please check your sd62learns Gmail for a message entitled Grads Online Assembly Yearbook Submissions. There you will see

three forms that need to be filled out by Friday if possible:

- Plans after Grad For Fun! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E-hwp25yvxdHbP4vlc739mRgh0dBS6cTd9DvjeTa17Q/prefill>
- Grad Yearbook Submissions (Baby Photo, Special Message, Quote etc.) <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R0vDEMpoR97A-0DoDaio4NudX1BjIrW3vXweES1pMgM/prefill>
- Best and Most Likely For Fun! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11YjPTj7_1H_1pgE6njaISKSWM9TDpQXzN7AmZwUnF_8/prefill

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=5voYTeMwWlo>

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!

**MARCH 15-21
SPRING BREAK
ADVENTURE**

GET IN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA.
EMCO Society/Youth for Sooke is teaming up with Westcoast Adventure College & Sooke Sailing Association to bring you an extraordinary Spring Break opportunity. One full week to learn and practice wilderness and leadership skills while exploring new places in the water and on land.

WESTCOAST ADVENTURE COLLEGE

**Session 1: Mar. 15-19
at Westcoast
Adventure College**

**Wilderness Skills
Navigation
Leadership**

Cost: \$125 (\$300 Value)

**Session 2: Mar. 20-21
with Sooke Sailing
Association**

**Intro to Sailing
Seamanship
Racing**

Cost: \$90 (\$180 Value)

**Register by Feb. 29*
Ages 14-18
*Waiver Fee Available**

**LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE – FIRST COME
FIRST SERVED
TO REGISTER**

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PICTURE SOOKE

picturesooke.ca
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

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:

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

March 15-26 – Spring Break

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