

A week and a half till spring break, and we have a lot to do in that short time! Octa 6 begins March 8th, and report cards will be published to MyEd BC <u>student</u> and <u>parent</u> Portals March 12th. We have sent out letters confirming am/pm assignments and learning groups this week – if you have not received yours please contact our office.

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



Thank you to David L. for sharing his Capstone project and livening up the bus loop this week!

Spirit Week - Wolverines, it is time for our second Spirit Week of the year! From March 8 to 12, we will be kicking up our school spirit with the following themes:

- Monday Pandemic PJ's
- Tuesday Twin Day
- Wednesday Green Day (not the band) for an early St. Patrick's Day!
- Thursday Jersey Day
- Friday School Spirit with blue and gold

You can submit any photos of you in your Spirit Week gear for the yearbook through Friesen's Upload It app, using the code #267843.

Purdy's - Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Grad class with their spring Purdy's campaign! We sold over \$1800 in chocolate. Students can pick up the orders for their family and friends later next week. Stay tuned for more details via the Wolverine app.



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.

And one fun question for a graph in the yearbook - How long have you lived in Sooke? Please submit your answer here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tUiBSt127depR4zujUbNMrsqWkRQr6f81uQn UAMt3A/prefill

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.

Opportunities for Everyone!

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!

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

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 <u>online</u> course (e.g. through WestShore, SIDES, etc.) required for admission to UVIC, must have the course completed by May 31.

UVic Parent Night for Local Schools

What: An informative session that will address the transition from high school to university in addition to information about UVic academic planning.

- Presentation from Dr. Lisa Surridge, Humanities Associate Dean Academic
- Presentation from Dr. Susan Lewis, Acting Vice-Provost
- Q&A with both presenters

Who: Grade 11 and Grade 12 parents (students are welcome to attend as well)

When: March 9 from 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Zoom - https://uvic.zoom.us/j/87512034120

Please RSVP to: Stephanie Parker, stephanieparker@uvic.ca

(There is no online registration required for this event but parents are asked to RSVP to stephanieparker@uvic.ca so that UVIC can send a reminder and Zoom link the day of the event.)

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 (<u>archived here</u>), on our <u>website</u>, the Wolverines App, and the <u>District website</u>.

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 8 – Octa 6 begins

March 9 – 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 – <u>click here for more information on this program!</u>

March 15-26 – Spring Break

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