

The sun is starting shine, and the days are getting longer. That must mean that Spring Break is just ahead of us. With everyone looking forward to a well-deserved break, we're keeping our fingers crossed for nice weather to continue! Don't forget that clocks spring forward on March 14th for Daylight Savings, and we look forward to everyone returning well rested.

What's happening at EMCS



Listen to the EMCS band play Mambo Cubano by [clicking here!](#)

It's not too late to join in and celebrate this week's Spirit week with Jersey Day Thursday and School Spirit (blue and gold) day Friday!

Purdy's - Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Grad class with their spring Purdy's campaign! Orders were sent home with students yesterday and today. Please contact our office if you have any questions!



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

EMCS Spirit Wear & Grad Wear

EMCS School Clothing will be on sale, starting **Thursday, March 11**, closing on **Thursday, April 1**. All of this year's sales will be done through School Cash Online, which can be found at <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/links/school-clothing-orders/>.

Don't miss out! Order your EMCS Spirit Wear TODAY. Well, tomorrow 😊

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. **Those students who do not yet have an appointment need to come to the Career Center asap to book one for before Friday!**

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

Scholarships & Bursaries - Many major updates have been made on the scholarships section of the EMCS website. Several applications are due shortly after Spring Break.

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/scholarship-bursaries-student-loans/>

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)

Grade 12 Students..... Could you use \$1250 for your post-secondary education?

Apply for the District Scholarship. The District Scholarship recognizes achievement in any one of the following areas: Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity & Health, Indigenous Language & Culture, Community Service (Volunteer work), Technical & Trades Training. Our school district has 112 of these \$1250 scholarships to award. Last year, many EMCS students received one. Don't miss out! This money can be used for university, college, trades training, technical school, etc. Here is the link for the District Scholarship info: [CLICK HERE](#)

Also, visit the Scholarships & Bursaries section of the EMCS website for more scholarship opportunities and instructions: [CLICK HERE](#)

Important Deadlines & Reminders for Students Going to UVIC in 2021-2022

- Specific Criteria Application-based Entrance Scholarships deadline: **April 30**
- Reminder that students must accept scholarship offers by the deadline indicated in the scholarship offer email from Student Awards office. They do not need to have accepted their offer of admission to accept a scholarship. Accepting scholarship simply holds that scholarship for them in the event that they do accept their offer of admission.
- Deadline to accept most offers of admission: **May 1**. Some programs have earlier deadlines and students should review their offer of admission in detail for this information.
- Online course deadline: **May 31**. If the course being taken is one of their admission requirements, it must be 100% complete by May 31st.
- First Year Priority Housing Application deadline: **June 30**
- Registration 101 Virtual Presentations** start in mid-May to assist admitted students in navigating the course selection process. Students will be able to register for these sessions on the Tours and Events section of the UVIC website in April.

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 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 14 – Daylight Savings, clocks spring forward

March 15-26 – Spring Break

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