

EMCS has been full of superb energy this week! We were honoured to welcome Brother Rick to EMCS. The drums he leads bring joy to our community! We have been able to hear the wonderful sounds of the band throughout the school as they rehearse each Monday and Wednesday. The Senior Musical Theatre class has also energized our school – it is amazing that they were up and performing the first day of the Octa!

Octa 6 report cards will be published by Friday at 4pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's teacher.



April 28, 2021 is the National Day of Mourning where we remember those who have lost their lives on the job and to renew our commitment to creating safer workplaces.

Please see link below for additional information.

https://www.dayofmourning.bc.ca/?_ga=2.17304697.1302392041.1588111305-

EMCS YEARBOOKS: Pre-order your 2020-2021 copy now for \$50! There are only 100 copies left for pre-order so act fast!

We still have 2019-2020 yearbooks available being sold at a reduced price of only \$35.00. Click on the posters below to order/pre-order your yearbook!



Our Spring Out of Hunger Campaign for the Sooke Food Bank will include our online donation and online auction. [Please click here for more details](#), or click on the links below:

- 1) If you would like to make an online donation, please click [here](#).
- 2) Please check back on Facebook ([@springoutofhunger](#)) on Monday, April 26 to view our online auction!



Grade 12 updates!

Grad Talk - A virtual Grad Walk alternative!

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the traditional Grad Walk through elementary and middle schools is not possible, which is why Leadership 12 is proposing an alternative - a virtual Grad Talk. Join the meeting at the time/date below using the link provided to connect with your former teachers! It will be a space to connect, reminisce, and celebrate as you remember your years with the Milne's Landing family.

Meetings will take place at 7pm on the following dates:

- John Muir, May 11: <https://meet.google.com/cjt-utkq-qjj>
- Saseenos, May 13: <https://meet.google.com/yhr-mvbe-dew>
- Sooke, May 18: <https://meet.google.com/gke-iuea-sbx>
- Poirier, May 20: <https://meet.google.com/bjb-hymn-fcr>
- Journey, May 25: <https://meet.google.com/knp-fsvn-iin>

Exploring Post Secondary Opportunities

StudentAid BC supports over 60,000 students each year with grants, loans, and other financial aid programs for post-secondary education. Parents/guardians of Grade 12 students, please see the attached 3 StudentAid BC documents for more information.

Programs for Students with a Permanent Disability

StudentAid BC offers grants and bursaries (funding you do not have to repay) to eligible students with a permanent disability. You can access these assistance programs through the StudentAid BC case application. To be eligible, you must provide medical documentation that verifies your permanent disability and states how your disability impacts your activities in an educational setting.

What is a permanent disability?
A permanent disability is a functional limitation caused by a physical or mental impairment that restricts the ability of a person to perform the daily activities necessary to participate fully in post-secondary studies.

Grants and bursaries can help you with the cost of:

- Education and living expenses
- Education-related services and/or equipment
- Educational assessment for a learning disability.

Learn more at: www.studentaidbc.ca/teplove/grants-scholarships

Get a question? Contact the disability coordinator at your school.

www.StudentAidBC.ca

Programs for Former Youth in Care

StudentAid BC has two programs that offer funding to help former youth in care in B.C. pay for post-secondary education. Both are grants that you do not have to repay.

1. **The Pretextual Tuition Waiver Program**
You could be eligible for free tuition if you are a B.C. resident, aged 17 or more years in government care and are between the ages of 18-26. You could also be eligible if you are 17 or 18 years old, have graduated high school and are no longer in care.
2. **The Youth Education Assistance Grant**
If you are a B.C. resident, were in a continuing custody order until you turned 19, are attending full-time and are between the ages of 19-24, you could be eligible to receive \$1,000 per year for 3 years.

How do I apply?
1. The Pretextual Tuition Waiver Program: Visit the financial aid office at your school to access and fill out an application form.
2. The Youth Education Assistance Grant: Complete an application form available on the StudentAid BC website and attach a letter from any Ministry of Children and Family Development officer or designated designated agency stating that you are a former youth in care.

Learn more at: www.ign3c.ca/tuitionwaiver and www.studentaidbc.ca/teplove/grants-scholarships
Find additional resources at: <https://ign3c.com>

Get a question? Email tuitionwaiver@ign3c.ca

www.StudentAidBC.ca

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For more information visit our website at: www.StudentAidBC.ca

Vancouver Island University Virtual Trades Expo May 27 3:00pm to 7:00pm

VIU is hosting this event so you can learn about which trades training programs can help you find a rewarding, high paying career after as little as nine months of school!

- Find out what programs are a good fit for your goals.
- Chat with VIU instructors and ask questions.
- Learn about apprenticeships and funding opportunities.
- Found out about job opportunities for graduates of VIU trades programs.
- Hear what it is like to be a student at VIU.

[Click here to register](#)

New Post-Secondary Opportunity: [Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art at Coast Mountain College](#)

Please see the attached posters regarding an exciting new program in Terrace.



Scholarships & Bursaries - Several applications are due shortly! Check them out on our website: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/scholarship-bursaries-student-loans/>

Important Information for UVIC Applicants --- ACTION REQUIRED

If you have applied to UVIC, you should have received an email recently with a request to submit transcripts using the Student Transcripts Service (STS) website. UVIC has changed the way they access marks, so you must log on to your STS account and release your marks to UVIC (EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE SO). Instructions are in the email that UVIC sent to applicants.

Students who aren't offered early, conditional admission decisions based on their self-reported grades will be re-evaluated based on the transcripts sent to UVIC (through the STS). After being reconsidered, they may receive an admission offer in late April to mid-May if they are eligible.

Registration 101 webinars will be taking place throughout May and June to help students plan which courses to take in their first year and learn how course registration works at UVIC. Dates and registration information will be available on the UVIC [Events website](#) in mid-April.

And finally, here are a couple of upcoming UVIC deadlines:

- Specific-criteria scholarship application deadline: **April 30**
- Deadline to accept offer of admission: **May 1**. Students should reference their offer of admission to confirm, as some programs may have earlier deadlines.
- Remember, if you have been offered a scholarship from UVIC, you must also accept the scholarship offer by the deadline stated in the offer.
- Deadline for completing online courses required for UVIC entry: **May 31**
- First year priority housing application deadline: **June 30**

See your school counsellor if you have questions.

Opportunities for Everyone!



Gypsea Trucking is looking for a junior vehicle maintenance worker. Please contact Sean or Stephanie Welters by email at gypseatrucking@gmail.com or by phone - Sean: 250-589-5442 or Stephanie 250-882-5050.

The Sooke Region Museum has 6 job positions for students this summer. If you enjoy working with the public please click on the links below for the job descriptions and application instructions.

[Program Assistant job posting at Sooke Region Museum and Visitor Centre](#)

[Visitor Counsellor job posting at Sooke Region Museum and Visitor Centre](#)

Summer sun, outdoor, volunteer opportunity! Hello volunteers! Thank you for your willingness to help the Sooke Country Market be safe, supported, and awesome this season! In order to help implement our COVID-19 safety precautions the market needs 4-6 volunteers each week: 1-2 at the entrance, 1 at the exit, and one directing parking for 2 different shifts! You can email Emily at sookecountrymarketvolunteers@gmail.com OR a call or text at 236-562-3324."



WHAT MAKES A GOOD SIDE-HUSTLE?

A Zoom-based entrepreneurship workshop exclusively for grade 10 & 11 students, by UVIC's Gustavson School of Business

- Side-hustles are micro businesses you can run out of your home to make some money
- How do you know if you have a good idea for a side-hustle business?
- Learn from UVIC, TV and industry experts how to evaluate side-hustles and other new business ideas
- Consider applying what you learn in the session in your own side-hustle this summer

See what a university entrepreneurship class is like and learn why you might want to consider UVIC's Gustavson School of Business.

This free entrepreneurship workshop for grade 10 and 11 students allows attendees to test drive what it's like to be in a UVIC Business classroom. This workshop is being led by entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurship workshops for Grade 10 and 11 students

UVic's Gustavson School of Business will be hosting zoom workshops at the end of May for Grade 10 and 11 students who may want to learn how they can flex their entrepreneurial skills through a side-hustle or microbusiness of their own. Please find attached the poster with more details and registration information.

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

Through 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!



Heirs to Our Oceans British Columbia is currently recruiting for new members!

[Heirs To Our Oceans \(H2OO\)](#) is a global youth environmental organization dedicated to educating and inspiring the next generation of leaders through worldwide events and initiatives, as well as hosting local chapters. The British Columbia chapter of H2OO is looking for youth passionate about the environment and marine conservation to join us! Members will be able to make meaningful connections with like-minded youth around the world, while also building their network and combating the environmental and humanitarian crises globally. For more information or to get involved, please contact

Emma at emma@heirstoouroceans.org

Homestay families needed!

Please find attached a poster from our school district's international program, as they are looking for families interested in hosting an international student in the 2021-22 school year. Have questions? For more information, and to learn about COVID19 safety protocols put in place before and after students arrive, [please click here](#).

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:

April 30th – Octa 6 report cards published

May 11 – Virtual PAC Meeting at 6:30pm on MS Teams – [click here to join](#)

May 14 – Non Instruct day

May 24 – Holiday (Victoria Day)

May 28 – Octa 8 begins

June 15, 16, 17 – Grad (details TBA)

*The EMCS Wellness Center is open every other Wednesday, 12pm-3:30pm; next date is May 5.