

We are now almost half way into Octa 6. Please make sure that you remain in close contact with your student's [teacher](#) so that you can support them in ensuring success in their learning. In addition to ongoing communication with teachers, we are also offering virtual learning conferences on Thursday, April 15th from 1:20-3:20pm. Parents can schedule an appointment through our School Appointments online booking system: <https://emcs.schoolappointments.com/>. Teachers will follow-up with a Google Meet or MS Teams link for the meeting. Appointments are now open for booking, and will close on Wednesday, April 14th at 9:00 pm.

Class schedules will also be adjusted to allow time for the conferences.

The schedule for April 15th will be:

AM Cohort: 8:40 am - 10:40 am

PM Cohort: 11:10 am- 1:10 pm

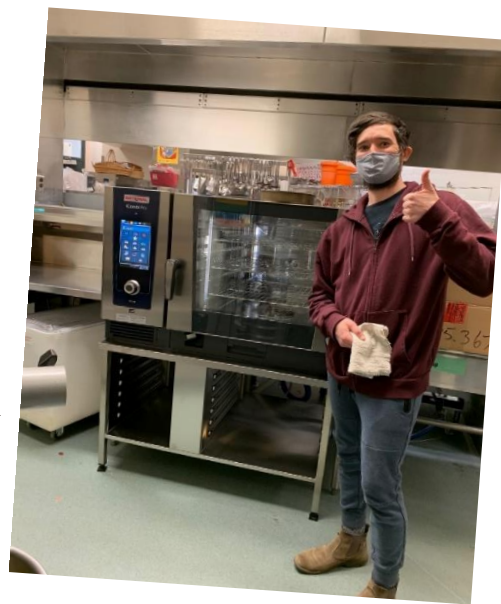
Staff availability to Parents & Students for Communicating Student Learning: 1:20 pm – 3:20 pm

For bussing students, please pay careful attention to notices from Transportation.

What's happening at EMCS

We would like to welcome Vice Principal Mr. John Mennie to the EMCS Principal/Vice Principal Team. Mr. Lyall will be filling in as term Principal at Westshore-Colwood until July 2020, returning to EMCS in September. Mr. Mennie is an experienced Vice Principal and Teacher who is very excited to be working with EMCS! Mr. Mennie will be working alongside Ms. Jesson to serve families with last names A-L. Mr. Mennie is available at jmennie@sd62.bc.ca, or at the main school phone number (250-642-5211).

Students experiment with Copper II Chloride in Mme Dorran's Science 9 class. We are very excited to welcome a brand new oven to the EMCS culinary program!



Congratulations to this year's Grad Historians - Emily Lambert, Nick Ralph, and Taya Stephens! All three of these students submitted such amazing write-ups about why they wanted to be Historian that we decided to switch up tradition and go with a trio. We look forward to hearing their speech at this year's Graduation Ceremonies!

Ultimate Frisbee forms are now available in the office! Stop by for your copy.

EMCS PAC will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 13th. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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.**

Student Assessments

In order to graduate, students are required to write two provincial assessments in grade 10: a *Literacy Assessment* and a *Numeracy Assessment*. The Literacy Assessment 12 is postponed this year. We strongly encourage you to look at the following link for further information and sample questions:

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/provincial-examinations-transcripts/>.

We will schedule students Monday April 12 - Wednesday April 14 from:

- Mr. Clark Octa 1 Science 10
- Mrs. Dorran Octa 2 Sciences 10
- Ms. Sudlow Octa 5 Social Studies 10
- Ms. Mullin's Octa 5 Science 10.

Wednesday April 14th

- Ms. Verhoeven Science 10 class will write Numeracy in their class
- Mr. Stephens SS 10 class will write Literacy in their class
- Ms. Mullin's Science 10 class will write in the library in the class time opposite their class time.

Grade 12 Updates!

GRADS: Please complete your Grad Comment Form for the Graduation Ceremony by April 27th at <https://forms.gle/ASR27Y52HHKGNFZ8>. This is DIFFERENT than the comment that you submitted for the Yearbook. If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Williams at rwilliams@sd62.bc.ca

Opportunities for Everyone!

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!

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THE PROGRAM
Learning to Lead™ is a five-day leadership program open to **Grade 11 girls, transgender, and non-binary youth.** Participants attend Zoom sessions every day from Monday - Friday for 2.5 hours and gain confidence through interactive workshops and activities within a safe and supportive community.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN
Learning to Lead™ focuses on:
• Self-knowledge
• Being a leader
• Increasing confidence
• Being authentic
• Creating connections

2021 DATES
Week 1: May 3 - May 7
Week 2: May 10 - May 14
Week 3: May 17 - May 21
Week 4: May 31 - June 4

JOIN US!
We are looking for youth who demonstrate independent thought, a desire to create a better world, and have taken on and overcome challenges.

50 participants will be selected to attend each one-week program (200 in total). Indigenous youth are encouraged to apply. To nominate a student, contact Ashley Milbury (Youth Programs Manager) at ashleym@minervabc.ca

To learn more and apply, visit minervabc.ca/learningtolead

Thanks to our generous sponsors, Learning to Lead™ is offered at no cost to participants.

I recommend it to every possible girl who wishes to feel the true essence of being a leader!

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Exploring Post Secondary Opportunities

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.

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 12-16 – Assessment Window

April 13 – PAC Meeting ([Click here to join the meeting](#))

April 15 – Early dismissal for Learning Conferences

April 19 – Non Instruct Day

April 20th-21st – Capstone Project Presentations

April 30th – Octa 6 report cards published

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