

We were excited to welcome students from Spring Break this week! Everyone has quickly settled back into a routine. Students are congratulated on their success in Octa 5. The data is showing one of the strongest pass rates this year at 98-99%! It is our community that has led to this success. Students have consistency demonstrated maturity and adaptability as they have navigated new learning contexts, and constantly shifting health protocols. This is a testament to the cornerstone of the support that parents and guardians provide each and every day. EMCS staff have also excelled in demonstrating optimism, creativity and incredible skill in building rich and supportive learning environments. The dedication of each and every staff member in every area of the school has been beyond impressive. It is inspiring to be a part of a community that is characterized by such beautiful resilience and care!

What's happening at EMCS

A HUGE congratulations to this year's Grad Valedictorian, Alyssa Taylor! Alyssa has been an exemplary student, both in her academics and community involvement, during her years at EMCS and we look forward to hearing her speech at this year's Graduation Ceremony.

We have been honoured to welcome Brother Rick Peters into our school this month. He spent the day teaching students the game of Lahal in the sunny spring weather!!!



Rugby starts Wednesday, April 7th! Please visit the office for new forms! Questions? Contact John Lyall at jllyall@sd62.bc.ca.

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

School Clothing orders are due by midnight, April 1st!! Visit our website at <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/links/school-clothing-orders/> to place your order!!!



TOPS SIZE CHART

Size / Talla	Chest (in)	Chest (cm)
S	34"-36"	86-91cm
M	38"-40"	97-102cm
L	42"-44"	107-122cm
XL	46"-48"	117-122cm

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Chest (in)	30-32	32-34	34-36	36-38	38-40	40-42	42-44
Chest (cm)	76-81	81-86	86-91	91-96	96-102	102-107	107-112



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/>.

If you are interested in an Assessment Prep session Wednesday April 7th, please contact John Lyall (Vice Principal) at jlyall@sd62.bc.ca. You would do so in the morning or afternoon that is opposite your class schedule. Schedule. Please keep an eye out for your student's name.

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

- Mr. Clark Octa 1 Science 10
- Mrs. Dorrان 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/ASR27Y52HHKGJNFZ8>. 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!

Pharmasave in Sooke is offering two excellent opportunities for employment starting in April. They are looking for a full time Pharmacy Assistant as well as a Front Store Clerk. Please see the attached poster for contact information.



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/>

Could you use \$1250 for your post-secondary education?

Apply for the District Scholarship in any of the following areas: Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity & Health, Indigenous Language & Culture, Community Service (Volunteer work), Technical & Trades Training. Don't miss out! This money can be used for university, college, trades training, technical school, etc. The application deadline is **Tuesday, April 6 at 8:45am** and you can find the info [HERE](#).

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 2nd – Good Friday Holiday

April 5th – Easter Monday Holiday

April 12-16 – Assessment Window

April 15 – Early dismissal

April 19 – Non Instruct Day

April 20th-21st – Capstone Project Presentations

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