

EMCS NEWS



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EMCS would like to acknowledge the Coast Salish Territory, specifically we would like to acknowledge T'Sou-ke Nation, who have been gracious enough to share the beautiful land on which EMCS is built. We would also like to acknowledge Scia'new Nation, Nuu-chah-nulth: Pacheedaht Nation, and Métis Nation whom EMCS and District 62 work closely with.



The Weekly Schedule:

Monday	Concert Band 3:20pm-5pm Sr. Boys' Basketball 3:30pm-5pm
Tuesday	Jr. Boys' Basketball 3:30pm-5pm
Wednesday	Concert band 7:30am-8:30am Wellness Centre open 9:30am-3pm Jr. Girls' Basketball 3:30pm-5pm Jr. Boys' Basketball 5pm-6:30pm
Thursday	Sr. Boys' Basketball 7pm-9pm
Friday	Jr. Girls' Basketball @ lunchtime
Saturday	Sr. Boys' Basketball 7pm-9pm



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Important Dates to Remember:



Nov 17-Dec 24	10,000 Tonight online donations open!
Dec 14	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
Dec 16	Student locker cleanout
Dec 17	Last Day of school before Winter Break
Dec 17	Santa's Breakfast
Dec 20-Jan 3	Winter Break
Jan 4	School re-opens
Jan 12-14	Grad Photos
Feb 1	Quarter 2 "I" Day
Feb 2	Quarter 3 Begins
Feb 18	Pro-D - students not in session
Feb 21	Family Day - students not in session
Mar 18	Last day of school before March Break
Apr 4	School re-opens
Apr 7	Early Dismissal(3 hours)
Apr 8	Pro-D - students not in session
Apr 15 & 18	Good Friday & Easter Monday - students not in session
Apr 19-22	Grade 12 Capstone Presentations
Apr 26	Quarter 3 "I" Day
Apr 27	Quarter 4 begins
May 13	Pro-D - students not in session
May 23	Victoria Day - students not in session
June 2	Grad Rehearsal – tentative
June 4	Grad - tentative
June 18	Prom - tentative
June 29	Last Day of school

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Please visit our website at:

<https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/about/staff/>
for staff contact information

December Festivities



10,000 Tonight
Click on the link to
donate to this
great cause!



10,000 Tonight Food Drive Class Competition - Until Dec 10 money donations can be brought to your **A block** class. The winning class will receive a pizza party!

Candy Cane Grams - On sale for \$2.00 Dec 13-15, delivery on Dec 17.

Hot Chocolate Sales - Friday, Dec. 10, and 13-17 in the Commons.

December Locker Clean-out - THURS, Dec 16 - A BLOCK

Binders, textbooks, etc. are fine to leave in. However, PE strip, food & containers, garbage, etc. needs to be cleared out! Let's start the New Year with a clean and organized locker!

Check Out Some of the Winter Door Decorating Creations Below -

Judging will take place on Thursday, Dec. 16th, with the winning class



Around the School



Check out our **EMCS Society Garden**

Coordinator, Matthew Kemshaw's

amazing ***Plants of the EMCS Garden Guide Book*** and

website: www.matthewkemshaw.ca.

**Plants of the EMCS
Garden - Guide Book**

Congratulations EMCS student

Charlotte Baye Person - Charlotte is the newest Sooke News Mirror's Community Events Photographer, keep your eye out for more of her work to come!

Cafeteria - Munch cards are available through [School Cash Online](#), or students can pay in the Cafeteria. Click on the menu below to see what the cafeteria has to offer!

SENĆOŦEN - EMCS Equity Team members participated in a SENĆOŦEN language lesson last June. This year, the Equity team is introducing SENĆOŦEN greetings and basic phrases to staff and students to use in the classroom. The goal is for staff and students to be able to recognize and use some of these phrases throughout the year.

About SENĆOŦEN The SENĆOŦEN language alphabet was created by Dave Elliot from the Tsartlip Nation. He was born in 1910 and saw how the old people lived before British colonization took complete hold before Residential Schools came into full effect. Dave started to work at the Tsartlip Indian Day school as a custodian in 1960, where he saw the continued decline of SENĆOŦEN language being used. It was soon realized that the language had to be recorded or the language would be lost. Dave studied with a linguist but realized that the phonics of the SENĆOŦEN language had complicated sounds that needed their own letter for each sound, this ended up in the words being very long and complicated, therefore Dave made up his own alphabet. In 1978 the SENĆOŦEN alphabet was created and in 1984 the Saanich Indian Band school adopted the alphabet. The late Phillip Paul who led the Saanich Indian School Board immediately incorporated SENĆOŦEN into classroom learning. The SENĆOŦEN alphabet has continued to be used in the tribal school and in some surrounding School Districts as well.



PLAYING FOR KEEPS

Sooke's Ryan Pfeiffer attempts to move the ball around a Saanich Fusion player during Under-17 soccer action at Fred Milne Park on Saturday. Sooke won the game 5-0. (Charlotte Baye Pearson - Sooke News Mirror)

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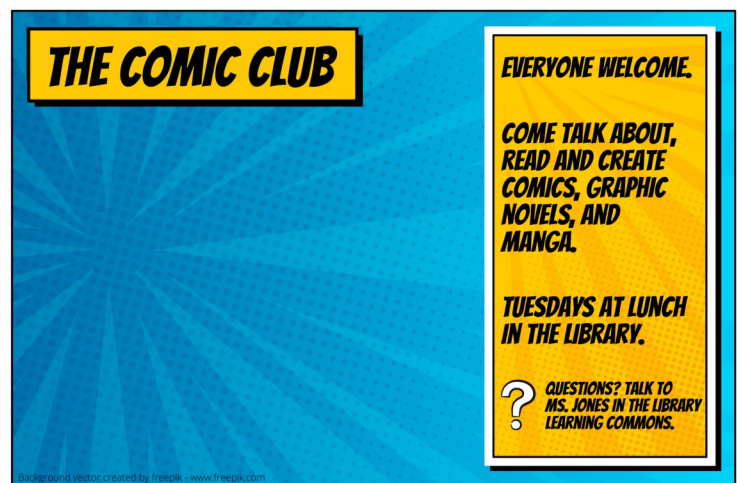
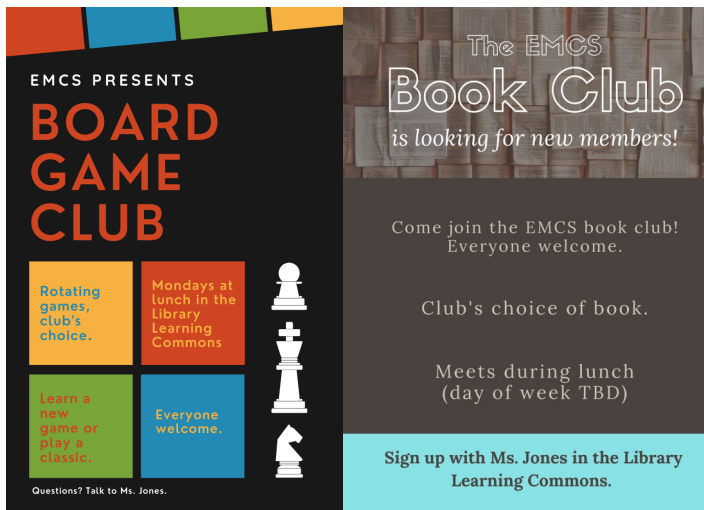
Opportunities/Resources for Everyone

New Student Lunchtime Clubs in the Library

Board Game Club: Rotating games, players' choice. Drop by, learn a new game or play a classic. **Mondays** at lunch.

Book Club: Club's choice of book. Read and talk about a book with a group - sign up with Ms. Jones **before Dec. 10th.**

Comic Club: Come talk about, read and create comics, graphic novels, and manga. **Tuesdays** at lunch.



Sign Language Club—Starting this January, EMCS will be hosting a Sign Language (ASL) club in the Library! We will use videos to learn vocabulary, conversational skills, reception skills, grammar, and we'll also explore Deaf culture. We will meet in the library every Tuesday, at lunch, **commencing on January 11th.**

EMCS Society - Don't forget to check out the many opportunities available through EMCS society

- ◇ Drop in Youth and Adult Badminton
- ◇ Vocal Lessons 16+
- ◇ Drop in Youth Basketball and More!

Visit <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/>

For more information and to register!



Opportunities/Resources for Everyone

Parent Resource - Please find below the link to the new Parent Handbook developed by a team of Victoria parents with Foundry meant to support parents who have children struggling with substance use. [Parents like us. The unofficial survival guide to parenting a young person with a substance use disorder - Foundry - \(foundrybc.ca\)](#)

Living Life to the Full - (a virtual mental health promotion course for youth)

Helping you help yourself. Want to know how to feel happier, more confident and worry less right now? Would you like to learn new ways of dealing with what life throws at you? Living Life to the Full is a fun and interactive course that will help you understand your feelings, thoughts and behaviours, and what to do about them!

The **virtual** course will run between Jan 18, 2022 to March 15, 2022. **Course time: 4:30pm-6pm. Runs every Tuesdays during 9 weeks**

Here is the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/213974863577>



Sooke Public Library Card Initiative—The EMCS Library Learning Commons is kicking off a year-long initiative to get all EMCS students signed up with their free public library card! This card gives students access to a vast collection of books, audiobooks and ebooks that complements what we have in our school library. Email our teacher librarian, Rhiannon Jones, at rjones@sd62.bc.ca if you consent to sharing your child's name and address with the public library.

SD62 is Hiring On-Call Noon Hour Supervision Assistants

Dear Families,

We are asked by our School District's Human Resources Department to forward the following message to you:

School District No.62 (Sooke) requires Noon Hour Supervision Assistants to work on-call immediately. These are school district paid positions, whereby adults are hired to assist schools in supervising students. Qualified candidates must be a holder of a valid Occupation First Aid Level 1 Certificate or be willing to get it at their earliest possible convenience. The hourly rate of pay is \$24.91. Please see job description attached.

For more information about our District, please refer to our website at www.sd62.bc.ca. Qualified individuals are invited to submit their cover letter and resume, including the names and telephone numbers of at least two references to the Human Resources Department at hr@sd62.bc.ca or www.makeafuture.ca.





Grade 12 Updates!

Make sure to check the [Grade 12 Timeline](#) for a list of important dates and things to do during your Grade 12 year!

December Grad Timeline

- ◇ **TBD:** Purdy's pick up. Details to come.
- ◇ Book your session for Grad Photos on the Lifetouch website [here](#).
- ◇ Complete any online or paper-based distance learning courses that must be finished by the beginning of Semester 2.

Scholarships & Bursaries - Interested in updates regarding scholarships and bursaries? Please join the “***Scholarships 2021-2022***” group on the Wolverine App and/or visit the [scholarship & bursary section](#) of the EMCS website for step-by-step application instructions, a large database of scholarships/bursaries.

Interested in a Career in the Marine Trades? This fully funded program welcomes youth (ages 17-29) from Jan 12 – Mar 30, 2022. **See the poster below for more information.**

MULTI-INDUSTRY TRADES
EXPLORATION & EMPLOYMENT

TRADES SAMPLING PROGRAM: MARINE

Interested in a career in the Marine Trades?

FUNDED TUITION FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

This fully funded program introduces youth (ages 17-29) of all genders to theoretical and practical learning in the marine industry. This opportunity provides hands-on trades sampling, industry specific safety certifications, safe work practices and direct knowledge to make an informed decision about rewarding career pathways.

EXPLORE THE TRADES

TRAINING may include:

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Plumbing & Pipe
- Metal & Mechanical
- Recreational Marine
- Occupational First Aid
- WHMIS
- Fall Protection
- Confined Space Entry
- Site tours

FUNDING may include:

- Tuition
- PE
- Ticket training
- Tools & supplies
- On campus supports
- PAID work experience

WHEN: January 12, 2022 – March 30
FULL TIME Blended program – online, on campus & off campus (Quadrant Marine & tours)

CREDENTIAL: CORE 110 Trades Skills-Marine

Students in this course will receive an introduction to the terminology and culture of the marine industry, safe use of tools, equipment and the proper use of personal protective gear. This includes paid work experience.

PRE-REQUISITES:

- Age 17 - 29
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person
- Living in BC
- Unemployed or precariously employed

HOW TO APPLY:

Please email: TDSP@camosun.ca or visit: Camosun.ca/mi-tee

Applicants must meet eligibility criteria to gain admission to the fully funded initiative.

Quadrant MARINE INSTITUTE

MI TEE

camosun.ca/mi-tee

Need help with a post-secondary application? Book an appointment with your counselor at <https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/counselling-centre/book-a-counselling-appointment/>

Grade 12 Updates!

Student Transcripts Service (STS) – Post-Secondary Institution Selections

Grade 12 students can now make their post-secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [StudentTranscripts Service](#) (STS). How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the PSI and the options selected in STS. For full details, please visit the [Transcripts and Post-Secondary Selection](#) web page.

Grade 12 students can make up to 25 free PSI selections in STS. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose. All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10 each.

Important Reminder about Authorizing Select PSIs to Retrieve Transcripts Updates - If a student's selected PSI is capable of receiving [ongoing electronic updates](#) (i.e., XML transcripts), the student should choose the second option to "Send my transcript now and allow this Post-Secondary Institution to request transcript updates until the date specified below." To ensure there are no issues with their PSI application process, it is also recommended that they leave the authorization period set to the default date of one year.

Help Resources - Detailed STS help videos and documentation are available at [StudentTranscripts Service Help Documentation](#).

Questions? - Email: StudentTranscripts@gov.bc.ca



EMCS PAC Corner

Meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month virtually and in person!

Join us at our next EMCS PAC meeting:

December 14th, 2021 @ 6:30 pm in the EMCS Seminar Room,

Or [click here to join the meeting online!](#)

If you are interested in joining the PAC as vice president or SPEAC Rep (district PAC) please reach out to us.

If you want to advocate, support, contribute, advise, assist, or enhance EMCS come to a meeting! No commitment needed, join online or in person, one-hour meetings once a month. PAC can encourage involvement with your community and school. What are you waiting for? It's just a click away.

2021-2022 PAC Executive Members:

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Secretary: Olivia Hollinger
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SPEAC Rep (District PAC): Vacant

Communications Officer: Vacant

