

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.

*PEKELANEW—Moon that turns the leaves white
(October)*



September & October 2022

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

at EMCS



Source: Icon by Up and Out

Important Dates to Remember:

Oct 16	Skills for Life Bottle Drive
Oct 17-21	Grad Spirit Week
Oct 19	Grad Assembly
Oct 21	Pro-D—students not in session
Nov 7-18	Cafeteria Closed—Concession is open
Nov 1	Picture Retakes
Nov 2	Take Our Kids to Work Day—Grade 9's
Nov 9	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 10	Quarter Turnaround Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day—no school
Nov 14	Quarter 2 Starts—Nov 14 to Jan 31
Nov 14-18	Grad Pictures
Nov 24	Early Dismissal(3 hours) P/T Conferences
Nov 25	Pro-D—students not in session
Nov 28- Dec 9	10 000 Tonight Campaign
Dec 12-16	Winter Spirit Week
Dec 15	Locker Clean Out
Dec 16	Santa's Breakfast
Dec 19-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 7	Athletics Bottle Drive
Jan 11	Gr. 9 Immunizations
Jan 25 - Feb 6	Cafeteria Closed– Concession is open
Jan 31	Quarter Turnaround Day
Feb 1	Quarter 3 Starts—Feb 1 to April 25
Feb 6	Pro-D—students not in session
Feb 13-16	Grad Picture Retakes
Feb 17	Pro-D– Students not in session
Feb 20	Family Day– no school
Feb 23	Pink Shirt Day
Mar 3	Big Hockey Game
Mar 16	Locker Clean Out
Mar 20-31	Spring Break
April 7	Good Friday—no school
April 10	Easter Monday—no school



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Please visit our website at:

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

for staff contact information

Important Parent/Guardian Information

EMCS Parking

We have come to understand that parking out-front of EMCS has become a safety issue, especially on the side of the road closest to the school with the paved side walk. Parking on this side of the street has caused serious congestion, and recently, there have been numerous near misses of both cars and students. With an increase in our student population, it will continue to become even busier on the road. Due to the amount of car traffic, foot traffic, and bus traffic outside the school during time of pick-up and drop-off, we are asking you to park in another area near the school, and not on the road directly in front of the school, along the paved side walk.

Parking options include:

- The Sooke Park & Ride on both sides of Sooke Road
- The gravel lot at the soccer field
- The area by the SEAPARC sign



Digital Literacy and Technology Management



In order to support student achievement, staff at EMCS want to help students to use modern technology in a balanced and healthy manner that supports both academic and social/emotional development. It is imperative that students be able to focus during the day on learning activities, as well as in person social interactions with staff and peers. EMCS always appreciates your support.

- Students are not permitted to have personal devices out or earbuds/headphones in during *direct* instructional time.
- In keeping with the use of technology for learning, the use of students' personal electronic devices for educational purposes is up to the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- To minimize disruption to learning, we ask parents to not text or call students on their phones during the day until 3 pm. In case of emergency, where students need to be contacted, parents are asked to call the office. If your child needs to call or text you, they should communicate this with their teacher
- Students needing to communicate with family should come to the office to use a school phone. If they must use their cell phone to contact a parent, students should communicate this to a staff member for permission.

Students are not permitted to take photos or videos of other students unless for a teacher-approved class project, and students are not allowed to post pictures of others online as per [SD62 Policy C-221](#).

Volleyball Bottle Drive

What a success at our Jr. Div 1, Jr. Div 2, and Sr. Girls annual Bottle Drive Fundraiser!
The athletes worked hard and bonded over sludge and slime!
Thank you to all for your hard work and/or your contributions!



Culinary Arts Students

Our Culinary Arts students have been busy in the kitchen preparing and enjoying eggs bennies!



Calling All Chocolate Lovers!

EMCS's Grad Class of 2023 Purdys Chocolate fundraiser is in full swing!!

From **now until November 23, 2022**, you can order Purdys treats (did someone say Hedgehogs?) from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.

What you'll need to order:

Our campaign number: **59481**

Go to our fundraising website: [https://
fundraising.purdys.com/1367336-96682](https://fundraising.purdys.com/1367336-96682)

Click "Join Campaign"

Shop, shop, shop away!

If you would like the fundraising to go directly towards a specific grad, please ensure that you write the name of the student that you are supporting in the 'additional information' box.

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy chocolating!



EMCS Skills for Life Bottle Drive



EMCS Skills for Life Program is excited to be holding their first **bottle drive, Sunday, October 16th** from 10:00 - 2:00. This fundraiser is organized through Sooke Return-It Depot and will be held in the parking lot on the corner of Sooke Road and Phillips Road, next to the Seaparc digital sign.

Please share this event information with everyone you know so it can be a great first annual success! In addition, if you or anyone you know would like to donate sorted bottles at any later date, we have an account open at Sooke Return-It Depot, account #13 (EMCS Skills For Life).

Daily Breakfast Program



Did you run out of time for breakfast this morning? Give your body and brain the energy it needs to get you through the morning by helping yourself to toast and other free items starting at 8:00 am in the main commons area Monday to Friday.

Our EMCS Equity Team is fundraising for **Indian Residential School Survivors Society**.

We are collecting donations from our School Community to support this provincial organization to help provide services to Indian Residential School Survivors.

Please click on the link below to help with this cause.



Yearbook Info

THERE WILL BE A YEARBOOK CLUB MEETING ON **ALTERNATING WEDNESDAYS (October 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16)** AT LUNCH. Contact elutze@sd62.bc.ca if you are interested. It will be held in **Computer Lab #2042**.

THE YEARBOOK WILL BE MUCH BIGGER THIS YEAR, SO ACT FAST!
2022/2023 YEARBOOKS ARE FOR SALE FOR **\$50.00** ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE OR IN THE OFFICE.

*****Our extra 2020 Yearbooks are for sale at a reduced price of \$30. Proceeds are going into the Photography Program.** Please get them from Melissa Smith in the front office. **Please pay with cash or cheque for the 2020 Yearbooks.**

October 2022 Youth Drop-in



Victoria Native Friendship Centre
231 Regina Ave.
Victoria, BC
V8Z 1J6



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 RBC Survey and Ice Cream	5 Lacrosse	6 DIY Cookie Mix in a Jar	7	8
9	10 Holiday VNFC CLOSED	11 Lacrosse	12 Mini Drum Making Workshop	13 Festival of Fear at Galey farms (corn maze) Drop-in runs late!	14	15
16	17	18 Decorate Drop-in for Halloween	19 Lacrosse	20 Spooky Movie in Gym	21	22
23	24 2SLGBTQIA+ and allies Drop-in (3:30-6:30)	25 Youth Tech Time Workshop with URSA Creative	26 Paddle Pendant Workshop	27 Paddle Workshop Cont. And Youth Drop-in Halloween Party	28	29
30	31	Notes Bus tickets and meal provided DROP-IN 4:30pm-8:00pm Email: Brayden.c@vnfc.ca *All Programming will follow BC Provincial COVID-19 Guidelines.*				

Ages: 12-18
Facebook: Brayden Vnfc
Phone: (250) 883-9686

Fall 2022 LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES around EMCS

MONDAY



BEADING CLUB
With Kristi in the Seminar Room



BADMINTON
In the gym



WEIGHT ROOM OPEN
Everyone welcome

TUESDAY



BOARD GAME CLUB
With Ms. Jones in the Learning Commons



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB
Learning Commons



BASKETBALL
In the gym



WEIGHT ROOM OPEN
Everyone welcome

WEDNESDAY



MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB
Learning Commons
See Ms. Loepky for info.



FUTSAL & INDOOR SOCCER
In the gym



WEIGHT ROOM OPEN
Everyone welcome

THURSDAY



LEADERSHIP MEETING
Learning Commons



YOGA
With Kristi in the Seminar Room



VOLLEYBALL
In the gym



WEIGHT ROOM OPEN
Everyone welcome

FRIDAY



CREATIVE WRITING
With Ms. L'Heureux in the Learning Commons



Come spend your lunch in the learning commons or on our patio any day!

COMING SOON



GSA
Talk to Ms. Verhoeven for more info.



BOOK CLUB
Sign up with Ms. Jones or Greer in the library



GARDENING IN THE GARDEN
Everyone welcome

*New students must complete an Orientation before using the weight room. See Ms. Hunter for info.

Global STEM Leadership Program

This program gives students the opportunity to engage in STEM-Immersion learning via extra curricular activities through our Global STEM Leadership Program targeting students Grade 5-12.

LEADERSHIP S.T.E.M. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

- Workshops
- Scholarships
- Mentorships
- Internships
- University Readiness Classes
- Global STEM Opportunities
- Global Networking
- Peer to Peer Collaboration
- Unique STEM Programming
- Global Competitions
- Global STEM Clubs
- Volunteer Opportunities

Programming By:

- STEM Montessori Canada
- STEM International Academy Canada
- Canadian Institute of STEM Innovation
- Programming Partners

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LEADERSHIP S.T.E.M. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education is among the most competitive and sought-after programs in the world. STEM promotes innovation, critical thinking, and science literacy. In today's world of ever-evolving technology, the trajectory of the future of education and the career sector is contingent on an increased need for basic and advanced application and understanding of math and science.

The Global STEM Leadership Program (GSLP) is available to children ages 10-18. The program will provide children and youth with immersive STEM-based learning.

Students will have the opportunity to engage in unique Global and global STEM opportunities, programs, workshops, and mentorship sessions directed towards the pursuit of post-secondary education and enhanced STEM career aspirations, ultimately pioneering change within the world around them.

Youth will have the opportunity to create exciting and innovative work, collaborate with other bright and like-minded individuals at post-secondary institutions as well as participate in various world-class STEM conferences and leadership events.

Areas of interest and topics to be introduced and taught include:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Animation & Media Design
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Earth Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medical Science Innovation
- Neuroscience
- Pathology
- Robotics and Automation
- Coding and Software Development
- Physics, Math and Statistics
- Environmental & Architectural Design
- 3D Design and Print
- Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality

Level 1 : Grade 5/ Grade 6
Level 2 : Grade 7/ Grade 8
Level 3 : Grade 9/ Grade 10
Level 4 : Grade 11/ Grade 12

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EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS

The Global STEM Leadership Program (GSLP) combines STEM concepts and education with hands-on leadership opportunities and leadership studies.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) is increasing in popularity. All four disciplines are continuously expanding into every aspect of our lives. The skills gained from STEM education will not only cultivate passion and interest for STEM, but equally prepares children to forge successful careers in any field.

10 Benefits of the STEM Leadership Program:

1. Exposure to unique Global STEM opportunities.
2. Interaction with prominent STEM and Tech companies worldwide (Google, Microsoft).
3. University driven mentorship from Grade 5.
4. Creation and innovation of STEM-based projects.
5. Long lasting friendships and networking connections.
6. Develop critical transferable leadership skills.
7. Develop and enhance problem-solving skills, analytical and critical thinking.
8. Teaches teamwork and collaboration.
9. Prepares children for future technological changes and innovations.
10. Students build resilience.

Learn More: (click on the links below)

- Exploring the Global STEM Leadership Program
- Hear From Our Students
- Level 1 Student: Age 11

REGISTER NOW

Book an Information Session: here

For registration information, visit stemleadershipcanada.com
 Registration Code: 2023YR

Program begins October 15, 2022
 Registration closes November 11, 2022

WHO CAN REGISTER:
 All students across Canada born in 2012 or earlier (Grade 6) registered in public, private, catholic, independent or home schooling.

All programming is virtual or in person at select locations across Canada on evenings and/or weekends.

Free downloadable A3 Microsoft and Alteryx License with registration.

Cost: \$1495 (Admin Fee)
 Runs: Oct 2022 - June 2023

Programming By:

- STEM Montessori Canada
- STEM International Academy Canada
- Canadian Institute of STEM Innovation
- Programming Partners

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Programming Partners: (click logos to view video)

Microsoft, YALE QUANTUM INSTITUTE, Manulife Kids Education, Google, alteryx, STEM Immersion Institute

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The program's mission and focus is to help each child achieve academic excellence, master self-learning skills, and develop equal character while fostering self-discipline, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills in STEM-based learning environment. Students enrolled in the leadership program will be exposed to unique national and international STEM opportunities by way of mentorship from STEM professionals, STEM learning opportunities, peer interactions, training, and workshops with leading tech companies like Google, Alteryx, and Microsoft. Students will receive a free downloadable A3 Microsoft license and unlimited access to STEM Immersion programming.

All programming is after-school or on weekends, and provides free, unlimited programming to students. If interested, you may opt to register or attend an information session via link on the flyer or here: <https://stemleadershipcanada.com/information-session-request-yr/>

Post Secondary Information and Opportunities

UBC Future Global Leaders ... a pre-university program for students ages 15 to 18

This is an exciting pre-university program, offered online and in-person, for high school students ages 15–18.

The program allows students to try an academic course taught by UBC professors and instructors, get a taste of life at a top-tier university, and prepare to succeed beyond high school. Courses are delivered either in-person or online, and are offered in the fall, spring, and summer.

UBC President Bursary Program

The UBC President Bursary program was set up to support **grade 11 high school students in British Columbia** to attend [UBC Future Global Leaders](https://extendedlearning.ubc.ca/programs/future-global-leaders-ontampus/ubc-president-bursary-program?utm_campaign=Digital%20Mail%20Out%202022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua). Each bursary is valued at \$850 to \$3,160.

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Would you like updates and important information about scholarships and post-secondary?

Download the EMCS Wolverines App and join the “*Post-Secondary & Scholarships*” group.

Grade 11 & 12 students and parents/guardians are encouraged to join.

Apply Now to Camosun College: Camosun College applications opened **September 15**. **Many Camosun programs are filled on a first applied, first admitted basis.** Grade 12 students planning to start at Camosun in September 2023 should apply now. See your counsellor if you have questions.





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!

October Grad Timeline

- Review the [Grad 2022 powerpoint from the October 5 meeting](#).
- **October 20:** Capstone Proposal & Mentor Forms due.
- Look at the schedule for [post-secondary info sessions](#) and register to attend. Check back regularly as the schedule will be updated throughout the year. During 2020-2021, post-secondary info sessions are taking place virtually.
- [Purdy's fundraising](#) efforts begin. You can earn 25% of your individual sales to put towards your Grad fees and Prom tickets! Stay tuned for more info.
- [Apply for post-secondary](#) if you would like to begin your post-secondary studies next September. See your school counsellor if you would like help with the application.
- Log on to your Student Transcripts Service (**STS**) account and give consent for the Ministry of Education release your transcripts to the post-secondary schools to which you have applied (or will be applying). It is best to wait until mid-October (when all features of the STS are activated for current Gr. 12 students) to select which post-secondary schools will have electronic access to your transcripts
- Start researching [scholarships, bursaries, and student loans](#). Begin working on your application materials.
- Are you taking an online or paper-based distance learning course? Make sure you are submitting work consistently throughout the school year. Note that many post-secondary schools have very early deadlines for distance learning courses that are required for admission.
- Consider borrowing your prom clothing (dress, tuxedo/suit, shoes, etc.) from the [Magic Wand](#) rather than buying. Why buy a Grad Tux, or Dress when you can borrow one? The Magic Wand is a non-profit organization that offers an eco-friendly and inexpensive alternative to purchasing grad outfits. You can borrow like-new grad dresses, tuxes, suits, shoes and accessories. A small fee for cleaning is the only cost. To book an appointment email Elizabeth at esurerus@telus.net or Joy at jandtharrison@shaw.ca. While appointments can be booked starting in October, we do not yet know what Prom is going to look like this year so we encourage students to hold off until more information is released.



EMCS PAC Corner

EMCS PAC meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of Each Month
Next Meeting in person or online: November 8 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device



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.

2022-2023 PAC Executive Members:

President:	Glyse Clarkston	glyseclarkston@gmail.com
Vice President:	Vacant	
Treasurer:	Janine Houchin	
Secretary:	Danielle Huber	
SPEAC Rep (District PAC):	Vacant	
Communications Officer:	Vacant	