

EMCS NEWS



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September 29, 2022

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.

CENQOLEW – THE DOG SALMON RETURN TO EARTH (September)



September & October 2022

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

at EMCS



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Important Dates to Remember:

Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—no school
Oct 1	Girls Volleyball Bottle Drive
Sept 24-Oct 7	Clothing Sales
Oct 10	Thanksgiving—no school
Oct 11	PAC Meeting at EMCS 6:30pm
Oct 17-21	Grad Spirit Week
Oct 19	Grad Assembly
Oct 21	Pro-D—students not in session
Nov 1	Picture Retakes
Nov 10	Quarter 1 Ends
Nov 11	Remembrance Day—no school
Nov 14	Quarter 2 Starts
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 31	Quarter 2 Ends
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



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

for staff contact information

Reconciliation Activities Today at EMCS

September & October 2022

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION at EMCS



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SCHOOL RECONCILIATION BLANKET

Scheduled classes

Kristi and Ms. Grenier have been working with classes to create a beautiful quilt that represents EMCS staff and student commitments to Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. It will be gifted a ceremonial name on **Thursday, Sept. 29th** by Elder Jackie and become a travelling blanket to be shared with Sooke schools.

RECONCILIATION VIDEO & REFLECTION

All classes

9:40am on Thursday, Sept. 29th

Please view the *Orange Shirt Day Slideshow* as a class prior to morning break on Thursday morning. This will allow us to consider our individual and community roles in reconciliation. All teachers are encouraged to discuss the significance of the walk, the importance of Orange Shirt Day, and the legacy of residential schools and reconciliation as a whole.

SCHOOL WALK FOR RECONCILIATION

The whole school

Thursday, Sept. 29th after morning break

Classes will be called down in staggered start times to walk to Saseenos Elementary school.

This is an opportunity to share in reflection about the legacy of residential schools and commit to TRC's Calls to Action.

As a school, we will walk to Saseenos to collectively recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada.

Instead of orange ties this year, EMCS Leadership will be giving 10 hearts to the classes at Saseenos. Each heart will share a child-friendly Call to Action that can be used in classrooms to talk about reconciliation in our community.

CLASS FUNDRAISING COMPETITION

All classes

Tuesday, Sept. 27th to October 21st, 2022

Donation envelopes will be distributed to B block teachers Tuesday afternoon by Leadership students and collected on October 21st.

Cash can be donated to B block teachers. Donations can be also made [here on our EMCS school cash online](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



DONATE ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE OR IN CLASS



WEAR ORANGE ON SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH

Questions? Ask John Mennie or Rhiannon Jones



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.



INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS SOCIETY





EMCS SCHOOL CLOTHING AND GRAD 2023 CLOTHING are now on sale and will close on Friday October 7. Options include t-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies and sweatpants.

Log in to your sd62.schoolcashonline.com account to order. Don't miss out!



Yearbook Cover Design Contest—School Wide

Voting on Friday Oct. 9!

We are excited to be having a COVER CONTEST for the Yearbook that is School Wide this year:

Calling all Artists and Visionaries who would like to be Published:
Please submit a 8 1/2 X 11" cover (JPEG OR PDF) to elutze@sd62.bc.ca by Monday, October 3rd with a YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN IDEA.

2021-2022 COVER WINNER
BY SOFYA GRYZOVA



Volunteer Teen Mentors Needed for BBBS Mentorship Program

Mr. Phipps is looking for 15 to 20 Grade 10-12 students to volunteer at Saseenos as “big buddies” for elementary school students.

We are looking for volunteers who are reliable, honest, fun, and mature. Mentors will spend 1 hour per week with their little buddy at Saseenos. See Mr. Phipps for more info and to apply. Volunteering as a mentor is lots of fun and looks great on scholarship resumes.

Katimavik will be presenting a lunch time kiosk, in the Commons, on October 12th and 13th. Katimavik is a life-changing experience for young adults to explore Canada, make new friendships, gain valuable experience and contribute to positive change through volunteerism. Drop by their table for more information.



Jr Girls Volleyball Div 2.

First game at St. Andrew's was awesome! Junior Div 2 girls strongly demonstrated their grit and team spirit. The game scores were tight and the coach is greatly pleased! Also, we had our EMCS team mascot, Marvin, supporting us as well! Go Wolverine's Go! Looking forward to a great season!



Sustainability students reap the fruits of the labor



SEAPARC is now offering students the opportunity to attend Swim Instructor training for free from Oct 18-Dec 13, 2022

Students must be at least 15 years of age upon completion of course. Deadline to apply is Oct 10.

Contact Collen Hoglund at choglund@crd.bc.ca for more information.

G S A
GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE

GSA is a club supported by Edward Milne Community School. We aim to provide lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and two-spirit (LGBTQ2S+) students and their allies with a safe, inclusive, and respectful place to connect. At GSA we will learn about sexual orientations, gender identities, and commonly used terms to help you better understand yourself and those around you. It will be a space for open, honest, and kind conversations.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY DURING LUNCH IN PORTABLE #2
FIRST MEETING: SEPT 28
EVERYONE WELCOME

Fall 2022

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

around EMCS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 BEADING CLUB With Kristi in the Seminar Room	 BOARD GAME CLUB With Ms. Jones in the Learning Commons	 MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB Learning Commons See Ms. Loepky for info.	 LEADERSHIP MEETING Learning Commons	 CREATIVE WRITING With Ms. L'Heureux in the Learning Commons
 BADMINTON In the gym	 ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB Learning Commons	 FUTSAL & INDOOR SOCCER In the gym	 YOGA With Kristi in the Seminar Room	
 WEIGHT ROOM OPEN Everyone welcome	 BASKETBALL In the gym	 WEIGHT ROOM OPEN Everyone welcome	 VOLLEYBALL In the gym	
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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.	Come spend your lunch in the learning commons or on our patio any day!

EMCS Society Events, Programs & Updates

First Aid: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/first-aid> Nov 19 & 20

Lean Team: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/lean-team> every Tues, Thurs and Saturday

Kickboxing: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/kickboxing> every Tues, Thurs and Saturday

Badminton: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/drop-in-badminton> every Thursday 7-9 pm at Journey (Youth are FREE)

Drop In Basketball: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/drop-inbasketball> starting Oct. 7, ages 16+, Fridays 7-9PM

Soap Making Course: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/soap-making> Nov 5th

Make a Christmas Swag: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/christmas-swag-making> Dec 3rd

Coming Soon – Monthly Movie Night at EMCS theatre! Send your title suggestions to emcsprograms@sd62.bc.ca

The Sutcliffes Present Get Back: A tribute to The Beatles' Music and their Roots in an exciting multi-media and live performance <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/canada-sooke/the-sutcliffes> . Tickets also available at the Program Office.

Does your child have Indigenous Ancestry?

No documentation required!

Did you know?

If you have identified your child as having Indigenous ancestry, they are entitled to receive enhanced programming and support through the Na'tsa'maht Indigenous Education Department. The Annual Consent Form with Information regarding programming will be available on the Online Consent Portal.

If you missed identifying your child's Indigenous ancestry, please contact your school's secretary.



Self-Identification of Indigenous Ancestry

- determined on a voluntary basis through self-identification
- First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit
- documentation not required
- ancestry can go back several generations

Hych'ka - Coast Salish Kleco Kleco - Nuu-chah-nulth Marsee – Michif

FREE Digital Safety Workshops: Student Sessions with Parents (after school hours) - Social Media Awareness - Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints and Cyberbullying

November 15, 2022 6:30pm to 7:30pm [Register Student with Parent Session 1 - November 15, 2022 \(event-wizard.com\)](https://www.event-wizard.com)

November 30, 2022 6:30pm to 7:30pm [Register Student with Parent Session 2 - November 30, 2022 \(event-wizard.com\)](https://www.event-wizard.com)

Free Suicide Prevention Workshops for Anyone Aged 15+

Canadian Mental Health Association (BC Chapter) is **hosting two FREE [safeTALK](#) suicide prevention workshops**. They will be taking a \$10 deposit from participants to secure a spot in the workshop; however, the deposit will be refunded if the workshop is completed (or if the participant cancels more than 48 hours before the workshop). If you are interested in attending, please see below for details. Just a reminder that no experience is necessary to attend a safeTALK training – it is appropriate for anyone in the community aged 15+ who feels willing and able to learn about how to help someone who is having thoughts of suicide. Currently, we have scheduled:

safeTALK – Suicide Prevention Training Workshop
Wednesday October 5th, 2022
9:00am – 12:30pm
Colwood Pacific Activity Centre

Register: [HERE](#)

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-uncampus/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.

https://extendedlearning.ubc.ca/programs/future-global-leaders-uncampus/ubc-president-bursary-program?utm_campaign=Digital%20Mail%20Out%202022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua

Gustavson School of Business (UVIC) Info Session for Grade 11 & 12 Students

Representatives from the University of Victoria's Gustavson School of Business will be at EMCS to meet with students.

- **Thursday, October 6, 11:30am in the EMCS Office Seminar Room.**
- Please see the attached poster for more info.


Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/vKZi6WaHWp>

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.



Gustavson
School of Business
University of Victoria




INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11:30 TO 12:30
WHERE: EMCS OFFICE SEMINAR ROOM

Would you like to study **BUSINESS** in university?
UVIC's Business recruiters will be at EMCS to share information about their Bachelor of Commerce program.
Any interested Grade 11 & 12 students are encouraged to attend.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/vKZi6WaHWp>



For All Students wishing to pursue a career in the Film Industry!

The Reel Opportunities programme offers online workshops designed to expose young people to the hundreds of career opportunities in the Canadian film industry — completely free of charge! One-hour workshops will be led by REEL CANADA facilitators who provide an overview of career paths in Canadian film and will feature a working film industry professional speaking about their own experiences in a specific area of interest. Call 1-888-508-0881, ext. 233



REEL CANADA presents:

REEL OPPORTUNITIES

CAREER WORKSHOPS IN FILM & TV

Host a one-hour online workshop featuring film industry professionals who will share their own experiences in the industry, and provide an overview of career paths in Canadian film and television.

The Reel Opportunities programme includes:

- Online interactive workshops with Q&A, suitable for in-person or remote learning
- Option to focus on a particular job role/department (see inset for some choices)
- Youth-centred web resources and follow-up activities for further exploration
- Flexible timing throughout the school year
- Available for youth aged 15-30
- All completely free of charge!

SIGN UP NOW
Fill out the form below to get started:
www.filmforms.com/4862352

LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN:

Cinematography/ Camera Department	Hair and Makeup Grip Department Gaffer and Electrical Animation	Visual FX Video Editing ...and many more!
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reelcanada.ca | @reelcanada

WHY?

New studios are opening across Canada, and production volume is rising at unprecedented rates (even with the pandemic). It is predicted that the industry will soon face an actual workforce shortage — which will present new opportunities for young Canadians to find viable careers in this sector.

The film industry caters to a broad range of skills and interests, with some jobs requiring highly specialized post-secondary training while others are accessible straight out of high school through apprenticeship. For many youth facing challenges, it could provide a perfect work environment.

REEL CANADA wants to help Canadian youth find a path in this booming industry.

ABOUT REEL CANADA

We're a non-profit organization that celebrates Canada through film, bringing Canadian film into the classroom and engaging students and youth in a conversation about identity and what it means to be Canadian.

Over the past 16 years, we have held over 6,000 screenings in both English and French, and have reached more than one million young people.

Partners: Toronto, Canada, Ontario, Telefilm Canada, Ontario Creates, Warner Bros. Discovery, NBCUniversal, CIPA, and others.

Fully Funded Aquaculture Technician Diploma at Excel Career College

There are openings in the Aquaculture Technician program starting **October 11**. All costs for the program are covered and supplies are provided (including a laptop). High school graduation is not required but participants must be at least 16 year of age. The program is half days for 25 weeks. See the two attachments below for more information. Feel free to share this information with anyone in your personal network.

Anyone interested may contact Rachael at Excel Career College (778-265-7111).



EXCEL CAREER COLLEGE

WOULD A FULLY FUNDED AQUACULTURE PROGRAM CHANGE YOUR LIFE?

Grads have well paying careers in Hatcheries, Shellfish, Land-based & Net pen farms, as well as with employers like BC Ferries, net-mending and more.

TRAINING STARTS OCT 11TH & INCLUDES WORK GEAR AND A LAPTOP!

APPLY NOW!
info@excelcareercollege.com
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Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement.

EXCEL CAREER COLLEGE

Aquaculture Technician Diploma Program Outline

Job Market

- Excellent employment rate for graduates
- Competitive salary & benefits within the industry
- Extensive opportunities for outdoor work on Vancouver Island's coastal wilderness
- Farmed salmon is BC's largest agricultural export crop
- BC produces 75,000 metric tonnes annually, valued over \$200 million
- Shellfish operations produce 9,000+ tonnes annually, valued at nearly \$20 million
- BC's aquaculture industry is expected to expand significantly in the next ten years

Types of Employment

Work in fish farms, netting/guiding operations, hatcheries, stream restoration, processing plants, fisheries observatories, shellfish culturing and harvesting, feeding aquaculture stocks, vaccinating stocks, performing culling and marking or branding techniques and more.

Practicum Placement

- A minimum 40 hour practicum component occurs near the end of the program
- Students work as employees, putting their training into practice gaining valuable experience
- Rubber boots and rain gear may be required for the practicum
- Practicum placements that take place in a camp situation are a minimum of 1 shift so will exceed the minimum 40 hours.

Instructional Methods

- Lecture
- Demonstration
- Project Based Practical Usage

Program Duration

- 25 weeks (520 hours total) with 400 hours of classroom training, 80 hours of industry certifications, and 40 hours of non-camp practicum placement or 80 hours of camp practicum placement.

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250-334-2452 | info@excelcareercollege.com

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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: October 11, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 292 383 795 323

Passcode: Jt9KBA

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)



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:

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Vice President:	Vacant	
Treasurer:	Janine Houchin	
Secretary:	Danielle Huber	
SPEAC Rep (District PAC):	Vacant	
Communications Officer:	Vacant	