

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 WESELANEW moon marks the beginning of Winter.



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. Loopy 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 Oliver 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!	

Important Dates to Remember:

Nov 7-21	Cafeteria Closed—Concession is open
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
Apr 7	Good Friday—no school
Apr 10	Easter Monday—no school
Apr 17-May 1	Cafeteria Closed –Concession is open
Apr 19	Grad Assembly
Apr 20	Early Dismissal(3 hours) P/T Conferences
Apr 21	Pro-D—students not in session
Apr 25	Quarter Turnaround Day
Apr 26	Quarter 4 Starts—Apr 26 to June 27
May 17	Grad Assembly
May 22	Victoria Day– no school



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Please visit our website at:

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

Quarter 2 Student/Parent Messages

Quarter 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 24th. This will be an early opportunity to connect with your students Quarter 2 teacher. Conferences can be virtual or in person, please ensure you note your choice when booking. The booking schedule closes 24 hours prior to the 24th.

Here is the link to schedule your conferences: [Microsoft Bookings for Parent-Teacher Conferences](#)

If the virtual conferences won't work for your schedule please don't hesitate to [contact your students' teacher\(s\)](#)

Conference times are available from 2-4pm and again from 5-7pm.

The half day schedule for students on Thursday, November 24th is:

B Block: 8:40am-10am

A Block: 10:15am -11:35am

Quarter 1 reports will be published to [MyEd BC](#) Wednesday, November 16th.

Sixteen students works are currently on show. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Sunday 11 – 4.

Quarter 2 will begin on Monday, November 14. In order to ensure that you are prepared, please check your schedule in the **MyEd Student/Parent Portal** before you arrive for classes. You can log on to MyEd [here](#). If you need assistance accessing your MyEd Portal, please contact the school. Clerical staff are very busy at the start of a new quarter so please help us out by knowing what your classes are and where they are located; many students find it helpful to take a photo of their schedule for future reference.

Student schedules were created from students' course requests. Most classes are full, so requests for course changes will be considered only under certain circumstances. For example, requesting changes to be in classes with friends is not something we can accommodate. **All requests for schedule changes are made by submitting a Course Change Request form available on the EMCS website at: <https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/counselling-centre/course-changes/>**

Students should check their schedules carefully before Quarter 2 starts. **The deadline for submitting requests for Quarter 2 course changes was November 9. Changes will only be accommodated if space is available in a requested class.**

Some classes require **workbook and/or class fees**. Families will receive an email when any such fees have been attached. Fees can be paid through [SchoolCash OnLine](#) or in the office with cash or a cheque made out to School District #62.

No student will be denied educational opportunities if they do not have the ability to pay. Please contact administration or counsellor to request for fees to be waived due to financial hardship.

Youth Art Show

Focus on Youth Art Show is now open at the Sooke Community Arts Council Gallery.
(2043 Church Rd.)



Mind over Metal Camp

Last week, Matt Harmeson our Metal TASK teacher at EMCS ran a [#welding](#) camp called Mind over Metal that was geared towards SD62 middle school learners. The free camp was fully sponsored by a generous donation from the [CWB Welding Foundation](#).

Thanks to our volunteers who stepped up to help put on this great event, including students from our current and former M-TASK cohorts, a couple of great teachers from EMCS, and a wonderful parent volunteer.



EMCS Society Events and Programs

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
(FREE for youth, \$10.00 for anyone else drop in)

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> Sunday Nov 27th 2pm-5pm

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

Sushi Art: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/sushi-art> Sat Dec 10th 11 am-2 pm

Food Safe: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/foodsafef> Sun Nov 20th 9am-5 pm

COMMUNITY COURSES

EMCS Society



Cold Process Soap Making
Sat. Nov. 5, 10 AM to 1 PM
\$55 +GST



First Aid
Sat./Sun., Nov. 19 and 20,
9 AM to 5 PM
\$120-\$220 + GST



Make A Christmas Swag
Sat. Dec. 3, 10 AM to 1 PM
\$40 + GST



Sushi Art!
Sat. Dec. 10, 11 AM to 2 PM
\$65 + GST

REGISTER: 250-642-6371 or emcsprograms@sd62.bc.ca

YOUTH FOR SOOKE PRESENTS:

MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT

ELVIS
NOVEMBER 12, 2022
7 PM TO 9 PM

POLAR EXPRESS
DECEMBER 3, 2022
2 PM TO 4 PM

TOP GUN: MAVERICK
JANUARY 15, 2023
2 PM TO 4 PM

Sooke Community Theatre at EMCS
Tickets at the Door
\$5 each
Doors open 20 min prior to screening
No Food Permitted in Theatre
Funded by District of Sooke & EMCS Society

Post Secondary Information and Opportunities

Upcoming Events from the University of Victoria

Parent Night - Back by popular demand and offered virtually, Parent Night information sessions are led by Dr. Lisa Surridge, Associate Dean Academic - Faculty of Humanities. The insightful, research informed and practical information she provides is invaluable to parents/guardians helping their student navigate the transition to post-secondary studies. The next one is November 13 at 7pm. Registration is available on the UVIC Events page. ([link](#)) .

The UVIC School of Business will be hosting a few specific events that proved extraordinarily popular the last time they were offered. The dates/times of these events are as follows:

“Adulting 101: Personal Finance for Students Planning for College & University” - November 17th at 6pm.

“Entrepreneurship 101: What Makes a Good Side-Hustle?” on November 22nd at 6pm.

[Registration is open now and available here.](#)

Students can explore more opportunities to learn more about UVic through various virtual sessions on the [Events section of the UVIC site](#). Students are encouraged contact Stephanie Parker (UVIC student recruiter) at stephanieparker@uvic.ca with any questions that they might have.

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.



Upcoming Post-Secondary Information Sessions

UBC MED SCHOOL OUTREACH VIRTUAL INFO SESSION FOR EMCS STUDENTS (AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS)

Current UBC Medical School Students will present to EMCS students and parents/guardians interested in learning about: the pathway to becoming a doctor, how to get in to med school, what medical school is like, etc.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 7:00PM

WHERE: ONLINE (ZOOM.... The meeting link will be emailed to those who register.)

WHO: ANY GRADE 10 TO 12 STUDENTS (AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS) INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT MEDICAL SCHOOL AND THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A DOCTOR

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/h2LaJJU5MM>

CAMOSUN COLLEGE NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 11:30AM

WHERE: EMCS OFFICE SEMINAR ROOM

WHO: THIS SESSION IS FOR GRADE 11 & 12 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE NURSING PROGRAMS (Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN))

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/9htG0E13zL>

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSION

VIU is located in Nanaimo and is an excellent option for EMCS graduates. It is a less than two hours from home and there is student housing. VIU offers a wide range of programs including trades training, a variety of 1 & 2 year certificate and diploma programs, and 4-year bachelors degrees.

VIU student recruiters will be at EMCS to share information about programs, entrance requirements, scholarships, the application process, student housing, and more.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 7:00PM

WHERE: EMCS THEATRE

WHO: GRADE 10 – 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/7vtxsxwYbU>

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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>



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!

November

- Check for the updated list of post-secondary info sessions taking place.
- TBD: Purdy's fundraising closes.
- Nov. 10: Capstone Activity Log #1 AND Mentor Notes #1 are due.
- First draft of your scholarship/bursary letter of application should be done.
- Transcript Verification Report: This report will be mailed home in late November or early December. The report contains your demographic information as well as completed courses, credits, and courses in progress. Ensure all information is accurate. See your School Counsellor if there are any errors on the report. The name on the TVR will be as it appears on your high school diploma which will be mailed to the address listed in the summer following graduation.
- If you failed a Quarter 1 course, this may impact your ability to graduate and/or be admitted to post-secondary programs. See your School Counsellor if you have questions.



EMCS PAC Corner

EMCS PAC meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of Each Month
Our Next Meeting in person or online: December 13 @ 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
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