

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, Nuw-cha-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. Lheureux 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 Griener 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 25	Pro-D—students not in session
Nov 28- Dec 9	10 000 Tonight Campaign
Dec 1	Students vs Staff Volleyball Game
Dec 12	EMCS & Journey Band Christmas Concert in the theatre at 7pm
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 19	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
May 22	Victoria Day— no school
May 25	Big Soccer Game



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Please visit our website at:

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

for staff contact information

Parents/Guardians,

Parking along Edward Milne Road is continuing to be a safety issue, especially on the side of the road closest to the school with the paved side walk. With this also being the main road for both buses and large dump trucks travelling to adjoining properties, dangerous congestion is increasing. Recently, there have been numerous near misses of both cars and students, as well as cars pulling around buses and dump trucks, who have stopped for other cars and pedestrians.



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 gravel area by the SEAPARC sign

Thank you for your attention and assistance with this matter.



Band Christmas Concert

Journey and EMCS will perform together in the EMCS the theatre
December 12th at 7 pm.



10,000 Tonight Food Drive



Our annual 10,000 Tonight Campaign will be taking place from November 28 - December 9. This year, we will be accepting monetary donations rather than food donations at the request of the Sooke Food Bank. Monetary donations provide the food bank with the flexibility to meet people's most immediate needs, and every \$1 donated equals up to \$3 worth of food with their buying power. We will gladly accept cash or cheque donations which will go straight to the Food Bank. Below are some ways you can help make the event a success:

You can also visit our website for more information at <https://sites.google.com/sd62learns.org/10000tonight2022/home?fbclid=IwAR2VC91dwR0g4Nk44gqcfQIM2nmIMCdUk-YayVIG9NeXJ3zENSCJ3DQdG7s&pli=1&authuser=1>

There is going to be an online auction here on Facebook ([10 000 Tonight Food Drive page](#)) where you will be able to bid on gift baskets, gift cards, and other items that have been donated by amazing local businesses. The auction will open on Monday, November 28.

Available on November 28 there will be an easy-to-access online donation through SchoolCash online, found on our school website.

From November 28 until December 8 keep an eye out for our students standing outside of Village Foods and Western Foods collecting donations. Local businesses will have donation tins at their registers. Every dollar counts so we will gladly accept any loose change you may have.

On behalf of the EMCS Leadership class, we thank you for helping us give back to the Sooke community. Monetary donations allow the Food Bank to purchase up to \$3 worth of food with every \$1 donated. Please share with your family and friends!

Shoebox Project

Working in unison with this year's 10,000 Tonight campaign, is a brand new initiative to EMCS: the Shoebox Project. Our Leadership class is spear-heading this initiative, which distributes shoeboxes filled with essentials to local women's shelters and community agencies who serve battered and homeless women. Classes will have the opportunity to fill a box with essential products, **NOT MONEY**. These items are very specific, as are the items that cannot be included (as per the organization's guidelines).



GO CANADA!

Nice to see so many EMCS students cheering on team Canada men's soccer team today. Canada has not made an appearance to the World Cup since 1986! Unfortunately, the game didn't go their way as Canada lost to Belgium 1-0. Hopefully they can get a better result against Croatia on Sunday. Go Cana-
da!!



Check out this amazing student creation!
The Chemis-tree by Alison Forget



Interested in Journalism?

ISLAND SOCIAL TRENDS... BUILD YOUR JOURNALISM PORTFOLIO

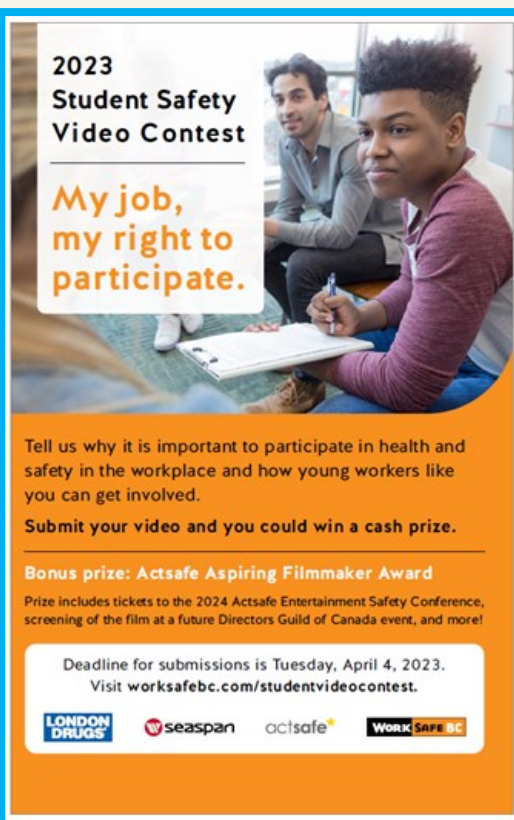
Students interested in journalism have the opportunity to submit articles to Island Social Trends.

Victoria Native Friendship Centre

Mark your calendars for **November 30th, 2022**, as the Victoria Native Friendship Centre Presents a 2SLGBTQIA Youth Gathering and Celebration. All allies are welcome! Priority is for interested folks who are 12-25 years old. For more information see or email Kristi Schafer, Greer, Amy Hawkings and Kyla Blacoe.

Tri –District Indigenous Learners Day

Grade 12 Na'tsa'maht students are invited to a Tri-District Indigenous Learners Day on December 1st. The purpose of the event is to expose students to the various options available at Camosun beyond graduation. During the day students will be exposed to Indigenous supports, as well as, multiple opportunities to explore and participate in trades activities. Please see Kristi in the Learning Commons if you are interested.



The YMCA-YWCA Y Mind Groups are a **free, weekly psychoeducational support group** for teens 13-18 and young adults 18-30 experiencing stress, worries and anxiety. Participants learn healthy coping skills through mindfulness and the ACT (Acceptance and Commitment Therapy) process to manage their anxiety, connect with other young people and receive support all in a safe and supportive community environment. The program is designed to provide tools and support to folks who experience mild to moderate anxiety and is funded by the Ministry of Health as an early intervention program. During the program they get a Y membership and if they attend all sessions a two-month extension.

Programming is supervised by two trained facilitators (one or both are clinical counsellors) and is available to young adults and teens who experience mild-to-moderate anxiety. No referral is necessary for participation, however interested participants must register in advance for an online information session which is followed up with an intake meeting with one of the group facilitators.



Learn to Cope with Stress
Y Mind

Everyone experiences worries and stress. Y Mind is here to help young people learn how to cope with stress so they can live their best lives.

Teen group offered this winter at Downtown YMCA-YWCA, Broughton Street. Online information sessions February 1 and 8, 2023. To register or get more information, contact mindfulness@vancouverisland.ca or use the QR code below.

This FREE program is run by caring, trained staff, in a safe supportive environment.

 **BRITISH COLUMBIA**
Supported by the Province of British Columbia

Mind Youth (18-30) Upcoming program times and dates:

In person - Downtown Victoria YMCA-YWCA 851 Broughton St. Information & Intake Sessions: Tuesday January 17 th & 24 th , 2023 5:30-6:15pm (Online) Program Dates: Weekly on Tuesdays, February 7 th to March 21 st 6:00-8:30pm (In person)	Online via Zoom (offered through partner and other Y sites across BC) Program Dates: Dates TBA Information & Intake Sessions: Email Lana at lmillott@vancouverisland.ca * note your interest in an online group.
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In person - Downtown Victoria YMCA-YWCA 851 Broughton St. Information & Intake Sessions: Wednesday February 1 st and 8 th , 2023 5:30-6:15pm (Online) Program Dates: Weekly on Wednesdays, March 1 – April 12 th , 2022 6:00-7:30pm (In person)	Online via Zoom (offered through partner and other Y sites across BC) Program Dates: Dates TBA Information & Intake Sessions: Email Lana at lmillott@vancouverisland.ca * note your interest in an online group.
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Online registration for information/intake sessions is available here: [YWCA-YWCA of Vancouver Island Online Services \(activecommunities.com\)](https://www.ywca.ca/vancouver)

Sooke Harbour Players Presents "CAMELOT: THE PANROMME!"

Come down on the 25th, 26th, and 27th of November, or the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of December and see *Camelot: The Pantomime!* The Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:00 PM in the EMCS theatre, and the Sunday shows are at 2:00 PM, also in the EMCS theatre. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://sookeharbourplayers.com/tickets/>.



For any additional information regarding the show, you can contact the President of Sooke Harbour Players, Andrew Donnelly at: andrewdonnelly@hotmail.co.uk

EMCS Society Events and Programs

Soap Making Course: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/soap-making> Sunday Nov 27th 2pm-5pm

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> Ages 16+, Fridays 7-9PM

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/foodsafes> 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



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

- Complete any online or paper-based distance learning courses that must be finished by the beginning of Quarter 3.
- **Dec. 9:** Capstone Activity Log #2 & Mentor Notes are due.

January

- Information regarding booking your Grad Ceremony gowns will be available soon. The deadline is for submitting measurements/sizing for grad gowns: **TBD**.
- **January 10-14:** Grad Photos with Lifetouch. The mobile photo studio will be set up at EMCS. Continue to check the **Scholarship & Bursary section of the EMCS website**.
- Complete your scholarship/bursary letter of application.
- If you failed a Quarter 2 course, this may impact your ability to graduate and/or be admitted to post-secondary programs. See your School Counsellor if you have questions.
- **January 31:** University of Victoria application deadline.



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.

EMCS PAC Corner

EMCS PAC meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of Each Month
Our Next Meeting in person at EMCS or online: December 13 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Microsoft Teams meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



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	