

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.



Happy Holidays

Important Dates to Remember:

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 3 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
May 29	Pro D—students not in session
June 1	Grad Rehearsal
June 3	GRAD
June 6	Grad Walk
June 17	Prom (tentative)
June 27	Fun Day
June 28	Quarter 4 Turnaround Day



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Please visit our website at:

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

10,000 Tonight!!!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who made this year's 10,000 Tonight Campaign a tremendous success, which raised over \$14,000 for the second year in a row!! Congratulations to Chloe Clarkston and Sofia Baca for taking the lead on our event, and to the EMCS Leadership class for all of the in-school support. This year, as with every year, we could not have done this without the support of the entire Sooke (and beyond) community, from the incredible businesses who contributed to our on-line auction, and to everyone who donate through the school, out in the community, and directly to the Sooke Food Bank. There is no way that this campaign could have been possible without everyone's support. You have allowed MANY families in our community to have a joyous holiday.



Band Christmas Concert

Our EMCS and Journey Middle School Band Christmas Concert took place on December 12.



Congratulations Marley Dekelver and Emily Webb!
Our winners for the Legion Remembrance Day contest!



EMCS Adulthood 101 Career Life Connections

On December 6th, during Block B, students were called down to the commons to participate in an assignment for Career Life Connections 12A. Adulthood 101 is a fun way for you to consider things like car insurance, rent, phone costs, pet care, emergency costs, gym/swimming memberships, utility costs, insurance, and much more that you are going to need to know about when you graduate.



November 2022

Walking safely on ice and snow

Walking on snow and ice requires special attention to avoid slipping and falling. No matter how well the snow and ice is removed, you may still encounter some slippery surfaces. It is important for everyone to be constantly aware of these dangers.

To walk safely keep these important tips in mind:

- **Wear footwear that provides traction on snow and ice.**
 - Avoid boots or shoes with smooth soles and heels – look for non-slip rubber or neoprene with grooved soles.
- In cold temperatures, **assume that all wet, dark areas on pavements are slippery and icy.**
- Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles; use the vehicle for support.
- **Walk in designated walkways** as much as possible. Taking shortcuts over snow piles and other frozen areas can be hazardous.
- Look ahead when you walk; a snow or ice covered sidewalk or driveway, especially if on a hill, may require travel along its grassy edge for traction.
- Keep your **hands out of your pockets** and **walk like a penguin**, see image below:



Watch where you are stepping and ... GO S-L-O-W-L-Y!!

- If you do fall, try to avoid landing on your knees, wrists, or spine. Try to fall on a fleshy part of your body, such as your side. Try to relax your muscles as you fall. You'll injure yourself less if you are relaxed.

Welcome all interested potential students to our:

Education Assistant Training Program Information Session for 2023

January 5th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm
at Belmont Senior Secondary Theater
3041 Langford Lake Rd

Program Overview: Train to become an Educational Assistant working with students with special needs in a school setting (K-12). As an Educational Assistant you will assist teachers and support teams (occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, physical therapists, etc.) to implement individualized educational goals.

Program Highlights:

- Program begins March 2023
- 8 month program that offers 300+ hours of instruction
- Practicum Experience in SD#62 (4 week)
- Classes run in the evenings two nights a week and select Saturdays all located at Belmont Secondary School.



Belize 2024 Trip Update

Mr. Vink is thrilled to say that the **2024 trip to Belize has been approved by the school board!** Now that we are officially heading out on an adventure next Spring, he wanted to make sure you have all the necessary details about this educational opportunity.

This trip will give students the chance to learn by experience – they will expand their perspective of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow confident and independent. Mr. Vink decided to offer this opportunity now to give families plenty of time to plan and a chance to lock in the lowest price, and smaller monthly payments.

There is incredible growth that comes with seeing the world, exploring new places and experiencing new cultures - and Mr. Vink is excited to bring that opportunity to your family and our community.

To learn more, check out our personal group page:

[EMCS Belize Trip Page](#)

The EMCS Belize trip page shares more information about:

- The itinerary
- Information about our travel partner, EF Educational Tours Enrollment



Events and Programs

Line Dancing: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca> Fri Dec 16 7-8 pm

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

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



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!

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: January 10 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Microsoft Teams meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 237 280 078 113

Passcode: MGPB2L

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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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