

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



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Important Dates to Remember:

Oct 31	Costume Contest
Nov 2	Take Our Kids to Work Day—Grade 9's
Nov 4	Picture Day Retakes
Nov 7-18	Cafeteria Closed—Concession is open
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
Apr 7	Good Friday—no school
Apr 10	Easter Monday—no school
Apr 19	Grad Assembly
Apr 20	Early Dismissal(3 hours) P/T Conferences
Apr 21	Pro-D—students not in session



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

Halloween Costume Guidelines on October 31

We know that for many of you Halloween is a fun and exciting time. To keep our celebrations fun for all, we ask our students to ensure that their costume follows District guidelines (if you are wearing it to school on October 31st).

The District does not have an official policy regarding Halloween costumes, instead we ask that everyone be respectful and mindful of others by following the guidelines below.

1. Students must be identifiable and visible to ensure safety.
2. Masks are not permitted. Face makeup is permitted as long as the student is still identifiable.
3. Scary clowns are not permitted.
4. Costumes that depict violence, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate.
5. Fake weapons are not permitted.
6. Costumes that are provocative, sexual in nature or employ questionable props are not permitted.

Costumes should not hinder a student's ability to travel through the school and outdoor space safely.

Please remember that inappropriate costumes, even with good intent, may make others feel scared, upset, insulted or humiliated. Let's create a safe and enjoyable environment for all.

We look forward to seeing your "school spirit" on October 31st!

School Spirit Halloween Door Decorating!!!



Government House Band Pictures

EMCS was invited to provide music for the Awards for Excellence in Education ceremony at Government House on October 14. The Lieutenant Governor, Premier, Minister of Education and 200 recipients of awards were in attendance.

We felt honored to be asked. Three groups from EMCS and one from Journey Middle School rose to the challenge. They prepared solos, ensembles and a jazz combo to round out the evening program. Students were also treated to a meal at Government House and they had their photo taken with the LG and the Premier.

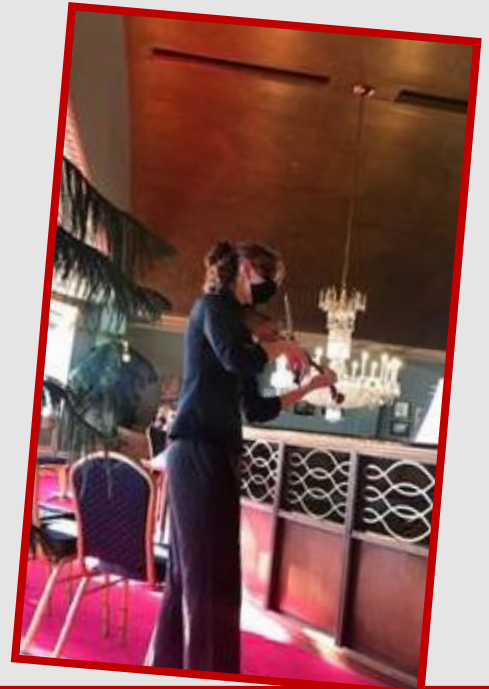
We are very proud of our young adults. They performed well, demonstrated professionalism and conducted themselves politely and respectfully. It was a memorable evening!

Check out a couple of the performances here: [Click to Download](#)
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Government House Band Pictures Continued

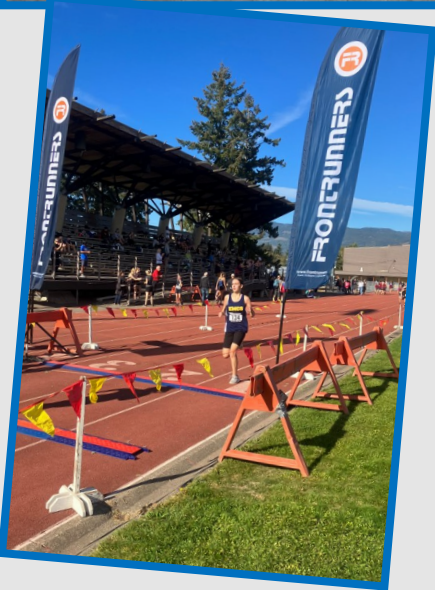
A huge **thank you** to **Lorna Bjorklund** who arranged this unique opportunity for our students to showcase their talents at such a special venue.



EMCS Cross Country Team

The EMCS Cross Country team has had an amazing season. Six athletes just finished the Island Zone Championships held in Port Alberni on Wednesday October 19th after four local races over the past month. EMCS had two Junior Girls—Liv Kolbe and Haley Reburn; two Senior girls—Emma Childs and Yu Okaniwa; and two Senior boys—Owen Hilderley and Finn Unger participating. Emma Childs earned ribbons in all of the local races (6th, 7th, 4th, and 7th), and qualified for the provincial championships which will take place on November 5th at Royal Roads. **Congratulations to Emma!**

All the runners have improved greatly over the season, enjoying the beautiful courses in the sunshine, and giving their best effort every week. **Well done, EMCS runners!** Although the cross country season is over, the EMCS running club will continue running on Tuesdays after school—please feel free to join us (staff and students)! We will meet in the commons and aim to be out on the trails around 3:25pm. We will likely choose a community race to work towards in the spring if there is interest.



Congratulations to last year's graduating students who pulled in **\$50,647** in UVic Scholarship money!

Poinsettias for Sale

Skills for Life is excited to be selling beautiful **poinsettias, wreaths and greenery** for the upcoming holidays.

Orders can be placed in room 1166 (Skills for Life) or online at:

<https://skillsforlife.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>




















Cash, cheque and credit cards are accepted methods of payment. Order deadline for cash and cheques is November 18 and for credit cards is November 21. Orders can be picked up Wednesday, November 30th between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.




Fall 2022

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

around EMCS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>BEADING CLUB With Kristi in the Seminar Room</p>  <p>BADMINTON In the gym</p>  <p>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN Everyone welcome</p>	 <p>BOARD GAME CLUB With Ms. Jones in the Learning Commons</p>  <p>ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB Learning Commons</p>  <p>BASKETBALL In the gym</p>  <p>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN Everyone welcome</p>	 <p>MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB Learning Commons See Ms. Loeppky for info.</p>  <p>FUTSAL & INDOOR SOCCER In the gym</p>  <p>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN Everyone welcome</p>	 <p>LEADERSHIP MEETING Learning Commons</p>  <p>YOGA With Kristi in the Seminar Room</p>  <p>VOLLEYBALL In the gym</p>  <p>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN Everyone welcome</p>	 <p>CREATIVE WRITING With Ms. L'Heureux in the Learning Commons</p>
<p>COMING SOON</p>  <p>GSA Talk to Ms. Verhoeven for more info.</p>  <p>BOOK CLUB Sign up with Ms. Jones or Greer in the library</p>  <p>GARDENING IN THE GARDEN Everyone welcome</p>				<p>*New students must complete an Orientation before using the weight room. See Ms. Hunter for info.</p> 



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

Youth Empowered Speakers (YES) Program at First Peoples' Cultural Council applications are open. Applications will close on January 16, 2023. This program is for BC First Nations youth aged 18-30 and offers:

- Funding for youth to learn their language with a mentor using the Mentor-Apprentice model
- A paid internship for language work in community
- Post-secondary tuition & living expenses for full-time students

There will be an information webinar happening in November – please sign up for FPCC's newsletter to ensure you receive this information:

<https://fpcc.ca/signup/>

Interested youth can apply at

https://fpcc.smartsimple.ca/s_Login.jsp

The website is <https://fpcc.ca/program/yes/>

We are happy to answer any questions about the program; our team can be reached at yes@fpcc.ca

Youth Empowered Speakers (YES)

Funding for post secondary tuition, living expenses and language learning!

DEADLINE: JANUARY 16, 2023

Funding amounts up to: \$30,000

The YES program is for B.C. First Nations students age 18-30 who are working towards a career as a language immersion teacher or early childhood immersion educator.

This program includes:

- Tuition
- Living allowance
- Mentor-apprentice language learning
- Paid internship

The goal of the program is for youth to learn their language while preparing for a career in language revitalization in one of two streams:

1. Early Childhood Immersion Educator Stream for ECE students
2. Language Immersion Teacher Stream for BEd. students

Program Contacts

Hannah Green, Language Program Coordinator
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For more information and guidelines, visit: fpcc.ca/yes

fpcc.ca/grants

EMCS Society Events and Programs

Tale of a Whale Film Screening: Learn of the whale skeleton came to EMCS—Nov 4th at 6pm

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

Pizza Making: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/pizza-making> Sat Nov 5th 11am-1 pm

Shale and Taylor Casperson Concert: Nov 5th at 7pm. Tickets available at the EMCS program office.

Monthly Movie Night at EMCS theatre! - ELVIS—Nov 12, 7-9pm.

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

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>

EMCS SOCIETY PRESENTS:

MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT

ELVIS

NOVEMBER 12, 2022
7 PM TO 9 PM

POLAR EXPRESS

NOVEMBER 12, 2022
2 PM TO 4 PM

TOP GUN: MAVERICK

JANUARY 15, 2023
2 PM TO 4 PM

Tickets at the Door
\$5 each

Doors open 20 min prior to screening
No Food Permitted in Theatre

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.





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
Next Meeting in person or online: November 8 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: **263 138 697 468**

Passcode: **59JifW**

[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	