

# EMCS NEWS



## Edward Milne Community School

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## February 10, 2023

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 NININE moon. The face of the young man represents youth, a new beginning, the rebirth of the animal world, and the new edible shoots. We have much to look forward to as we welcome the New Year!

<https://www.racerocks.ca/the-13-moons-of-the-wsanec/>



### Early Winter 2022 LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES AT EMCS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>READING CLUB</b> With Kristi in the Seminar Room <b>BADMINTON</b> in the gym <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome	<b>BOARD GAME CLUBS</b> with Ms. Jones in the Learning Commons Chess and OGD clubs weekly! <b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB</b> Learning Commons <b>TEXTILES LUNCH CLUB</b> with Ms. Lutz & Ms. Grenier in the textiles room 1103 <b>BASKETBALL</b> in the gym <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome	<b>MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB</b> Learning Commons See Ms. Loepply for info. <b>GSA</b> in Portable 2 with Ms. Walker & Ms. Verhoeven. <b>YEARBOOK CLUB</b> in Lab 2042 with Ms. Lutz. Drop in every Wednesday at lunch. <b>FUTSAL &amp; INDOOR SOCCER</b> in the gym <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome	<b>LEADERSHIP CLASS</b> Learning Commons <b>BOOK CLUB</b> Weekly in the seminar room. Sign up with Ms. Jones <b>VOLLEYBALL</b> in the gym <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome <b>ROBOTICS CLUB</b> Room 1094 (Electronics Room) weekly with Mr. Brady	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> With Ms. L'Heureux in the Learning Commons <b>GIRLS SPORTS LUNCH</b> in the gym Come spend your lunch in the Learning commons or on our patio any day!

\*New students must complete an orientation before using the weight room. See Ms. Hunter for info.

## Important Dates to Remember:

<b>Feb 13</b>	EMCS PAC Meeting Monday @ 6:30pm
<b>Feb 13-16</b>	Grad Photo Retakes
<b>Feb 17</b>	Pro-D– Students not in session
<b>Feb 20</b>	Family Day– no school
<b>Feb 21</b>	Gr 10/11/12 Course Selection Closes
<b>Feb 22</b>	Pop Up Thrift Shop
<b>Feb 23</b>	Pink Shirt Day
<b>Mar 3</b>	Big Hockey Game
<b>Mar 16</b>	Locker Clean Out
<b>Mar 20-31</b>	Spring Break
<b>Apr 7</b>	Good Friday—no school
<b>Apr 10</b>	Easter Monday—no school
<b>Apr 12-13</b>	Capstone Presentations
<b>Apr 17-May 1</b>	Cafeteria Closed –Concession is open
<b>Apr 17</b>	Grad Assembly– Historians & Deadlines
<b>Apr 19-22</b>	Musical Theatre Production
<b>Apr 20</b>	Early Dismissal(3 hours) P/T Conferences
<b>Apr 21</b>	Pro-D—students not in session
<b>Apr 25</b>	Quarter Turnaround Day
<b>Apr 26</b>	Quarter 4 Starts—Apr 26 to June 27
<b>May 17</b>	Grad Assembly
<b>May 19</b>	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
<b>May 22</b>	Victoria Day– no school
<b>May 25</b>	Big Soccer Game
<b>May 29</b>	Pro D—students not in session
<b>June 2</b>	Grad Rehearsal
<b>June 3</b>	GRAD
<b>June 6</b>	Grad Walk
<b>June 17</b>	Prom (tentative)
<b>June 27</b>	Fun Day
<b>June 28</b>	Quarter 4 Turnaround Day



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Students A to L &  
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### EMCS Counselor Contacts

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Please visit our website at:

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

## Course Selection for 2023-2024 is now open



Students are to submit their course requests in [myBlueprint](#) by the **February 17** deadline.

Instructions are available on the EMCS website under the Counselling tab at [Course Selection – Grade 10-12](#).

### Summer School

Summer School registration is now open. Classes will be in person at Belmont Secondary July 10 to August 4.

Details and a link to the registration form are available on the EMCS website under the Counselling tab at [Summer Learning](#).

### Grad Section of the Yearbook

Grads of 2023 it is time to submit your yearbook content for the Grad Section of the Yearbook.

**STEP ONE:** Please fill out the GRAD SUBMISSION FORM-DUE Feb.15-You will be welcome to submit-your grad quote, baby photo, fashions, favorite memories, collage shot etc.

[Grad Submission Form-DUE Feb.15](#)

**STEP TWO:** Please VOTE using GRAD MOST LIKELY AND BEST FORM-DUE FEB.15-use this to vote for your peers on the Most Likely and Best Questionnaire.

The more of you that vote and provide content the better the yearbook will be!

#### Grad Most Likely and Best-DUE Feb.15

Access Google Forms with a personal Google account or Google Workspace account (for business use).

[forms.gle](#)

#### Most likely to and best Grad 2023

Voting ballot instructions: write your choice of grad on the line below the question, they're all optional. DEADLINE FEB.10TH

[forms.gle](#)

**Westmont Prize** is an annual design competition open to students in certain grades. It's a team competition, where students learn to tackle real-life problems, guided by the industry professionals. Previously, the competition was open to students in grades 7-11. In 2023 we are thinking of changing this range to grade 8-12 students.

**Teams placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> winning scholarships to university/school of their choice.** We also, partnered up with INSPIRE: STEM for social impact program at UVIC. In 2022, they selected four projects to be funded and further developed by local businesses.

More information, details about the competition partners, judging panel, and local supporters can be found on the official website for the event: <https://westmontschool.ca/westmont-prize/>

## Beading Workshop

Grade 9 students learning to bead the Metis way!





## Seaparc hosted the Grade 12 Grad Class today!

There were close to 100 of our students doing their very best to skate, have fun with their friends, and celebrate their last year of high school. It's hard to believe they'll all be moving on just four months from now.





## Grad Skate Continued





# Wolverines Athletics

The Junior Girls Basketball Bottle Drive was a huge success!



Go Wolverines Basketball teams!!!



# Y Mind Program

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. This is **not** a meditation program. The program is designed to provide tools and support to folks who experience mild to moderate anxiety and is funded by the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions as an early intervention program. The participants get a free Y gym membership during the program.

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.

For more information please contact: [mindfulness@vancouverislandy.ca](mailto:mindfulness@vancouverislandy.ca)



**Ages 13-18**

## 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.

**Groups happening all over Vancouver Island and BC, in person and virtual**

Contact [mindfulness@vancouverislandy.ca](mailto:mindfulness@vancouverislandy.ca) for more information


Ongoing intake for **FREE** groups happening fall, winter and spring.

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




VIY Community Health/Mental Wellness

\*No cost to participate!



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Teen Y Mind Group starting May 2-June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Edward Milne Community School.


Online Information sessions happening April 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Use QR code to register for an information session.



<https://vancouverislandy.com/program-services/community-health/mental-wellness/>

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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!

## February

- 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.
- If you are planning to apply for student housing, application usually starts now.
- If you applied to the University of Victoria, **self-report your marks** between Feb. 15 and March 15. See the UVIC website for details.
- **Feb. 1:** Capstone Activity Log #3 is due.



**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

Our Next Meeting in person at EMCS or online:  
Monday, February 13 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Microsoft Teams meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 251 260 484 482

Passcode: AfkrDX

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

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)



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	<a href="mailto:glyseclarkston@gmail.com">glyseclarkston@gmail.com</a>
Vice President:	Vacant	
Treasurer:	Janine Houchin	
Secretary:	Danielle Huber	
SPEAC Rep (District PAC):	Vacant	
Communications Officer:	Vacant	





**Makerspace is re-opening:** Come meet our new Makerspace Coordinator, David Collins, on Feb 12 between 2-7pm [Sooke Makerspace at EMCS | EMCS Society \(emcsprograms.ca\)](#)

**Grid & Grisaille:** Painting class, on Sun Feb 19 from 1-4pm [Grid and Grisaille | emcsprograms](#)

**Make a Wonky Log Cabin Quilt:** Feb 26-27 from 10am-4pm \$120

[Making a Wonky Log Cabin Quilt | emcsprograms](#)

**Intro to Ukulele and Voice:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/ukulele> Mon Feb 27th , Mar 6<sup>th</sup> & Mar 13<sup>th</sup> \$45 + GST

**Bath Bomb & Glycerin Soap Making :** Sat Mar 4 from 10am-1pm \$60

**Art Class:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/grid-and-grisaille> Art Class Sun Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1 – 4 pm \$50

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

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

**Drop-in Volleyball:** [Volleyball | emcsprograms](#)

**Line Dancing:** [Line Dancing | emcsprograms](#)

**Badminton:** [Drop In Badminton | emcsprograms](#)

**Basketball:** [Drop - In Basketball | emcsprograms](#)

<https://www.emcsprograms.ca/theatrevents>

Tickets can be purchased by calling 250-642-6371

**Monthly Movie Night:** The Lost City, Feb 14 from 7-9pm

**Chilliwack:** Sat Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm \$50.00

**Sutcliffes Presents:** May 12-14

**Rock or Bust:** Sat, May 6 7:00pm \$31 Pre-Sale \$41 at the door

