

# EMCS NEWS



## Edward Milne Community School

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## November 24, 2022

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
<b>BEADING CLUB</b> With Kristi in the Seminar Room 	<b>BOARD GAME CLUB</b> With Ms. Jones in the Learning Commons 	<b>MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB</b> Learning Commons See Ms. Loepky for info. 	<b>LEADERSHIP MEETING</b> Learning Commons 	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> With Ms. Lheureux in the Learning Commons 
<b>BADMINTON</b> in the gym 	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB</b> Learning Commons 	<b>FUTSAL &amp; INDOOR SOCCER</b> in the gym 	<b>YOGA</b> With Kristi in the Seminar Room 	
<b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome 	<b>BASKETBALL</b> in the gym 	<b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome 	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> in the gym 	
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<b>COMING SOON</b>				
<b>GSA</b> Talk to Ms. Verhoeven for more info. 	<b>BOOK CLUB</b> Sign up with Ms. Jones or Grise in the library 	<b>GARDENING IN THE GARDEN</b> 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:

<b>Nov 25</b>	Pro-D—students not in session
<b>Nov 28- Dec 9</b>	10 000 Tonight Campaign
<b>Dec 1</b>	Students vs Staff Volleyball Game
<b>Dec 12</b>	EMCS & Journey Band Christmas Concert in the theatre at 7pm
<b>Dec 12-16</b>	Winter Spirit Week
<b>Dec 15</b>	Locker Clean Out
<b>Dec 16</b>	Santa's Breakfast
<b>Dec 19-Jan 2</b>	Winter Break
<b>Jan 7</b>	Athletics Bottle Drive
<b>Jan 11</b>	Gr. 9 Immunizations
<b>Jan 25 - Feb 6</b>	Cafeteria Closed— Concession is open
<b>Jan 31</b>	Quarter Turnaround Day
<b>Feb 1</b>	Quarter 3 Starts—Feb 1 to April 25
<b>Feb 6</b>	Pro-D—students not in session
<b>Feb 13-16</b>	Grad Picture Retakes
<b>Feb 17</b>	Pro-D— Students not in session
<b>Feb 20</b>	Family Day— no school
<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 17-May 1</b>	Cafeteria Closed —Concession is open
<b>Apr 19</b>	Grad Assembly
<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



### EMCS Admin Contacts:

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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

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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 VICTORIA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE PRESENTS

# 2SLGBTQIA+ YOUTH GATHERING & CELEBRATION

Scan the QR code to register!



Mark your Calendars for November 30, 2022

All allies welcome!

Priority ages for workshops: 12-25!  
Email Madeline.b@vnfc.ca for any more information

GREATER VICTORIA POLICE FOUNDATION PRESENTS

# POLICE CAMP

MARCH 18-25, 2023

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DEC. 12, 2022

Police Camp is a unique youth leadership program for students in Grade 11 or 12 that have an interest in exploring policing and public safety. Students will spend one week experiencing classroom lectures, physical activity, group discussions and simulations supervised by dozens of police staff!

Contact your Career Centre for more information

Police Camp is staffed by police officers, reserve officers of the local municipal police services (Victoria, Saanich, Central Saanich and Oak Bay) as well as the RCMP.

PICK UP AN APPLICATION FROM YOUR CAREER CENTRE



## 2023 Student Safety Video Contest

My job, my right to participate.


Tell us why it is important to participate in health and safety in the workplace and how young workers like you can get involved.

Submit your video and you could win a cash prize.

Bonus prize: Actsafe Aspiring Filmmaker Award


Prize includes tickets to the 2024 Actsafe Entertainment Safety Conference, screening of the film at a future Directors Guild of Canada event, and more!

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, April 4, 2023.  
Visit [worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest](https://worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest).



**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

Ages 13-18  
\*No cost to participate!

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@vancouverislandy.ca](mailto:mindfulness@vancouverislandy.ca) or use the QR code below.

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

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

<p><b>In person - Downtown Victoria YMCA-YWCA</b> 851 Broughton St.</p> <p><b>Information &amp; Intake Sessions:</b> Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30-6:15pm (Online)</p> <p><b>Program Dates:</b> Weekly on Tuesdays, February 7<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00-8:30pm (In person)</p>	<p><b>Online via Zoom (offered through partner and other Y sites across BC)</b></p> <p><b>Program Dates:</b> Dates TBA</p> <p><b>Information &amp; Intake Sessions:</b> Email Lana at <a href="mailto:lmillott@vancouverislandy.ca">lmillott@vancouverislandy.ca</a></p> <p>* note your interest in an online group.</p>
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<p><b>In person - Downtown Victoria YMCA-YWCA</b> 851 Broughton St.</p> <p><b>Information &amp; Intake Sessions:</b> Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30-6:15pm (Online)</p> <p><b>Program Dates:</b> Weekly on Wednesdays, March 1 – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00-7:30pm (In person)</p>	<p><b>Online via Zoom (offered through partner and other Y sites across BC)</b></p> <p><b>Program Dates:</b> Dates TBA</p> <p><b>Information &amp; Intake Sessions:</b> Email Lana at <a href="mailto:lmillott@vancouverislandy.ca">lmillott@vancouverislandy.ca</a></p> <p>* note your interest in an online group.</p>
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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](mailto:andrewdonnelly@hotmail.co.uk)

## EMCS Society Events and Programs

**Soap Making Course:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/soap-making> Sunday Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

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

COMMUNITY COURSES	
EMCS Society	
	<b>Cold Process Soap Making</b> Sat. Nov. 5, 10 AM to 1 PM \$55 +GST
	<b>First Aid</b> Sat./Sun., Nov. 19 and 20. 9 AM to 5 PM \$120-\$220 + GST
	<b>Make A Christmas Swag</b> Sat. Dec. 3, 10 AM to 1 PM \$40 + GST
	<b>Sushi Art!</b> Sat. Dec. 10, 11 AM to 2 PM \$65 + GST

REGISTER: 250-642-6371 or [emcsprograms@sd62.bc.ca](mailto: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	<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	