

# EMCS NEWS



## Edward Milne Community School

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### April 21, 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.



### SXANEL – The Bullhead Moon (April-May)

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



## LUNCH @ EMCS

Late Winter 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BASKETBALL</b> In the gym  <b>BEADING CLUB</b> With Kristi in the Seminar Room  <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome  <p>*New students must complete an Orientation before using the weight room. See Ms. Hunter for info.</p>	<b>BADMINTON</b> In the gym  <b>BOARD GAME CLUBS</b> With Ms. Jones in the Learning Commons  <b>Chess and DnD clubs weekly!</b>  <b>ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB</b> Learning Commons  <b>TEXTILES LUNCH CLUB</b> With Ms. Lutze & Ms. Grenier in the textiles room 1103  <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome	<b>MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB</b> On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of the month. Runs in the seminar room with Ms. Loopy.  <b>GSA</b> Weekly in Portable 2 with Ms. Hawkins & Ms. Verhoeven.  <b>YEARBOOK CLUB</b> In Lab 2042 with Ms. Lutze. Drop in every Wednesday at lunch.  <b>ULTIMATE FRISBEE</b> In the gym  <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome	<b>LEADERSHIP CLASS</b> Learning Commons  <b>BOOK CLUB</b> Biweekly in the seminar room. Sign up with Ms. Jones  <b>RUGBY</b> In the gym  <b>ROBOTICS CLUB</b> Room 1094 (Electronics Room) weekly with Mr. Brody  <b>WEIGHT ROOM OPEN</b> Everyone welcome	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> With Ms. L'Heureux in the Learning Commons  <b>GIRL'S SOCCER PRACTICE</b> With Ms. Jones  <b>Females and Folx Sports</b> In the gym  <p>Come spend your lunch in the Learning commons or on our patio any day!</p>

## Important Dates to Remember:



### EMCS Admin Contacts:

**Mike Bobbitt** - Principal  
[mbobbitt@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:mbobbitt@sd62.bc.ca)

**Todd Powell** - Vice-Principal  
[tpowell@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:tpowell@sd62.bc.ca)  
Students A to L &  
International

**John Mennie** - Vice-Principal  
[jmennie@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:jmennie@sd62.bc.ca)  
Students M to Z

### EMCS Counselor Contacts

**Sharon Jesson** - Counsellor  
[sjesson@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:sjesson@sd62.bc.ca)  
Students A to L

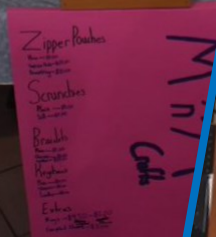
**Al Phipps** - Counsellor  
[aphipps@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:aphipps@sd62.bc.ca)  
Students M to Z

**Lindsey Tribe** - International/ELL Support  
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Please visit our website at:  
<https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/about/staff/>  
for staff contact information

<b>Apr 21</b>	Musical Theatre Production at EMCS @ 7pm
<b>Apr 22</b>	Musical Theatre Production at EMCS @ 2pm
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<b>Apr 21</b>	Pro-D—students not in session
<b>Apr 17-May 1</b>	Cafeteria Closed –Concession is open
<b>Apr 25</b>	Quarter Turnaround Day
<b>Apr 26</b>	Quarter 4 Starts—Apr 26 to June 27
<b>Apr 28</b>	Grad Fee Payment Deadline
<b>Apr 28</b>	Proposed Softball Academy Registration Deadline
<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 19</b>	Cafeteria Closed for the year
<b>June 27</b>	Fun Day
<b>June 28</b>	Quarter 4 Turnaround

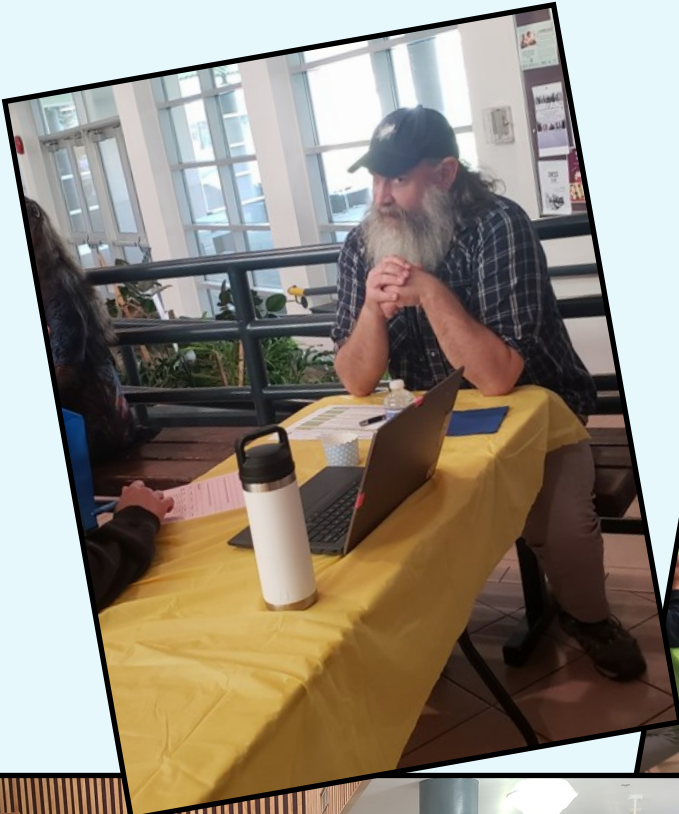
# Thank you for Supporting our Annual EMCS Popup Market!!!



# Students vs Staff Basketball Games



# Grade 12 Capstone Project Presentations



## Come Out and Support our EMCS Musical Theatre, Film, Art and Textiles Production of the 'Little Shop of Horrors'

This quirky musical blends comedy and horror with a Motown singing style and a nod to the Classic B Movies of the 1950s and 60s.

Shows run April 20-22 at the EMCS Theatre.

**Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased with cash at the door!!!**



## Student Opportunities

**Next Year's Metal TASK Cohort** - Applications are currently being accepted for next year's Metal TASK cohort. Forms are available in the office or from **Mr. Harmeson**. Interviews will be held in May. Applications due **April 28**.

**Amber Academy** is looking for a choreographer. Candidate must be available most Sundays for rehearsals and performances are being held on **April 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Kelli Dunn @ Tel: (250) 888-1921 or email [admin@amberacademy.ca](mailto:admin@amberacademy.ca)

**Talent Show** - The Leadership class is hoping to host a **Talent Show** (which we have been unable to do for a few years) in May and are looking for acts to make the show memorable. If you'd be interested in taking part in the 2023 Talent Show, please take a moment to **fill out the form**, which we will use to build the show. <https://forms.gle/Y7tHzmViQrnHG5tV6>

**Belize School Trip 2024** - Spaces are still available for the Spring break 2024 Belize trip! 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.

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

To learn more, check out our personal group page →

### [EMCS Belize Trip Page](#)

Our trip page shares more information about:

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

### Enrollment

If families are interested, you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible so that we can begin fundraising for our tour. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Vink at [cvink@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:cvink@sd62.bc.ca).

# Student Opportunities Continued

SD62 NA'TSA'MAHT  
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION  
GRADE 12 GRADUATION  
CELEBRATION

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**MAY 24, 2023**

ROYAL BAY SECONDARY  
Celebration & Dinner  
4:30 - 6:30pm

Ticket & Information to Come  
RSVP to Indigenous Education Teacher by April 24



T'SOU-KE FIRST NATION

**NA'TSA'MAHT FAMILY DINNER**  
All SD62 Families & Staff Welcome

Wednesday, April 26th 2023  
Saseenos Elementary  
GYM  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
(Doors open at 5:00)



Please RSVP by April 21st 2023

[SIGN UP & Confirm Attendance Here](#)  
or phone: 250-474-9833


Sooke School District acknowledges the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation and Sc'ianew Nation and Nuu-chah-nulth: Pacheedaht Nation.

NA'TSA'MAHT  
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

**GRADE 12 GATHERING**

Inviting First Nations, Inuit and Metis  
Grade 12 students from  
School Districts 61, 62 & 63 to a day  
together on the land

Territory Welcome | Cultural, Land & Water Activities | Lunch | Elders



**WEDNESDAY MAY 31, 2023**  
GLINZ LAKE, CAMP THUNDERBIRD YMCA ON  
T'SOU-KE NATION TERRITORY

RSVP to your school's Natsa'maht Education Teacher  
by April 21st to enter a draw for an Early Bird Prize

## Student Opportunities Continued

**Summer employment**—is available in Port Renfrew as a Visitor Center Ambassador. 16 weeks, 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday to Friday (Accommodations or mileage provided) \$500 Completion bonus. Applicants should be outgoing, and able to communicate well both verbally and in writing. **Contact WORKLINK** (T: 250- 642-3685 ext # 102) for more information. For youth aged 18-30

**Spring Out of Hunger Campaign** - With the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Out Of Hunger campaign (which raises funds for the Sooke Food Bank), the EMCS Leadership program is in need of student volunteers to collect donations around Sooke's local businesses. The campaign runs from May 1-12, with after school (4:00-7:00) and weekend shifts (12:00-6:00), with two or three shifts shared between them. You also have the option of volunteering with a friend. If you do help out with the campaign, those hours can contribute towards your volunteer hours needed for school. If you are interested, please fill out the form below, and email Tori ([vw1630@sd62learns.org](mailto:vw1630@sd62learns.org)) if you have any questions.

**Women in Firefighting** - This year there is a 2.5 night/2 day event hosted by Victoria Fire Department and IAFF Local 730 from July 7th to 9th, 2023 in Campbell River. Contact [info@islandignite.com](mailto:info@islandignite.com) for more information.



**OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to engage female youth in a way that encourages and empowers them through fire fighting.

We aim to create unique opportunities to gain hands on experience with the tools associated with firefighting and build confidence through team activities hosted on active fire training grounds around Vancouver Island.

**FEMALE YOUTH IN GRADES 11 & 12**

Do you have an interest in learning about what it takes to work in emergency services?

You are invited to share in this unique experience while working with a team of like minded friends who share your passion for challenge and adventure.

To be considered for participation please complete the Island Ignite Participant Application Form available on our website.

**ISLAND IGNITE MENTORSHIP SOCIETY**

**ENGAGE ENCOURAGE EMPOWER**

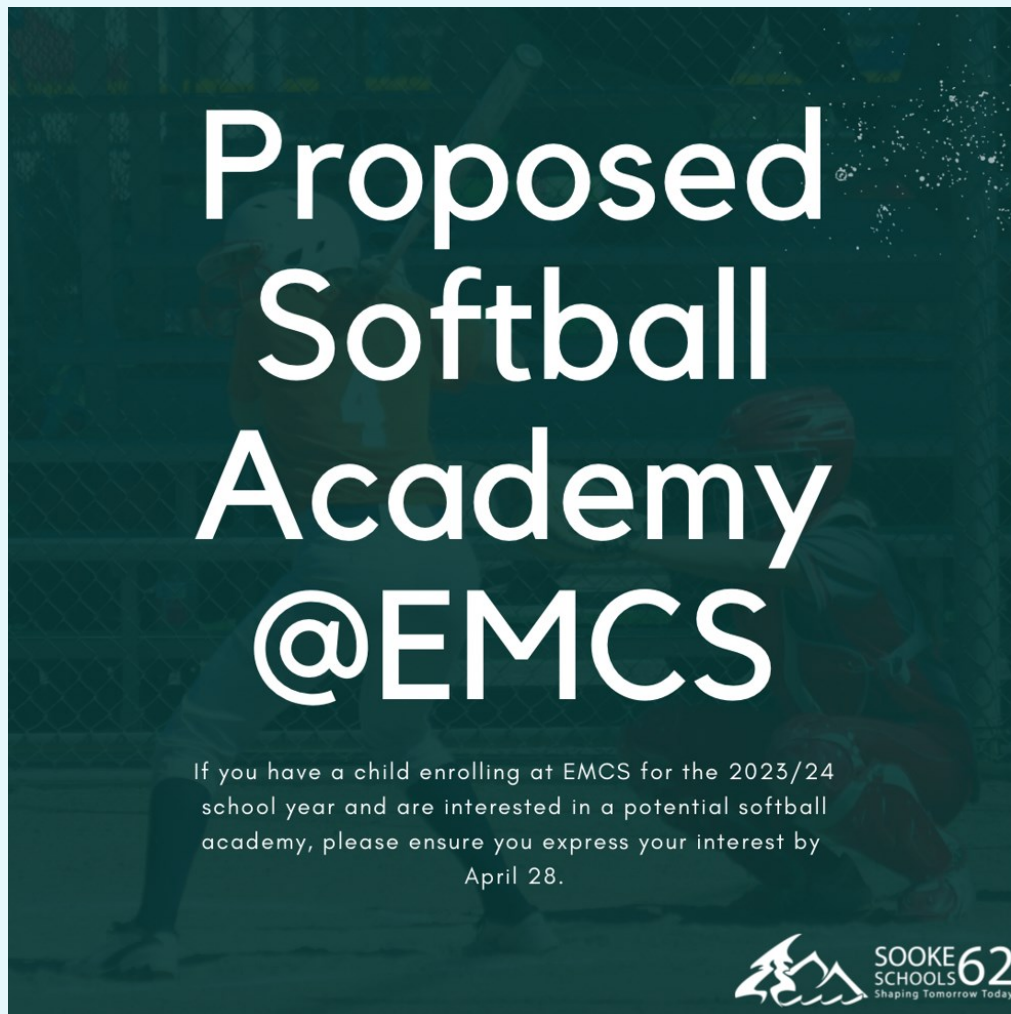
[www.islandignite.com](https://www.islandignite.com)  
[info@islandignite.com](mailto:info@islandignite.com)  
250-203-1168

The flyer features two photographs: one showing firefighters in action and another showing a group of young women in firefighter gear. It includes a circular logo with the text 'ISLAND IGNITE' and 'ENGAGE ENCOURAGE EMPOWER' around a central fire emblem.




## Proposed Softball Academy

We are in the process of determining if there is enough interest to support a Softball Academy at EMCS. An email was sent to families from grade 8-11 on Wednesday, April 5 about the proposed Softball Academy at EMCS. The process below outlines how you can express interest in the academy if you have a child attending EMCS for the 2023/24 school year: 1) All students interested will need to register for the EMCS Softball Academy so we can determine if there are sufficient numbers to run this program. 2) You will not be asked for a deposit yet but if we reach the threshold for sufficient registrations, our Academies Department will email a link to pay the deposit to all those who registered. 3) Make sure to select your school EMCS and the EMCS Softball Academy when completing the registration page. Any of the academy registration links on the webpage will bring you to the registration site. Link: <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/programs-supports/academies> Deadline for registration is April 28, 2023. If there are enough registration numbers to meet the threshold, School Cash Online will email you an invoice for payment of the deposit. The deposit is approx.: \$210.00, the deadline for the deposit payment is April 28, 2023. Once deposits have been paid, the Academies Department will forward information for review by the Superintendent & The Board of Education for EMCS Softball Academy approval. If the program does not receive approval, all deposits will be refunded. If you have any questions, please email [wkelly@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:wkelly@sd62.bc.ca).



# Proposed Softball Academy @EMCS

If you have a child enrolling at EMCS for the 2023/24 school year and are interested in a potential softball academy, please ensure you express your interest by April 28.

 SOOKE 62  
SCHOOLS  
Shaping Tomorrow Today



# AUTOMOTIVE TASK PROGRAM

Hosted at Belmont Secondary School  
in partnership with Camosun College  
and Skilled Trades BC

## WHAT IT IS

- Full semester, all-day, hands-on, cohort TASK program (TASK=Trades Awareness, Skills, & Knowledge).
- Open to all SD62 grade 11 students (10s and 12s will be considered if seats go unfilled).
- Automotive focus plus additional trades which may include Welding, Electrical, Sheet Metal, Plumbing/Pipe Trades, and Heavy Duty Mechanics.

## WHERE, WHEN, & TIMING

- Hosted at Belmont Secondary School.
- Runs in semester 1; from September 5, 2023 to January 26, 2024.
- Timing is variable:
  - 10:30am to 4:30pm when at Belmont.
  - 9am to 3pm for the portion at Camosun (3 to 4 weeks).

## CREDITS

- Up to 12 secondary credits can be earned, which may include:
  - Automotive, Math, Skilled Trades Exploration (STX), and WEX (3 to 4-week work experience placement taking place in January 2024).
- Plus 8 dual-credits from Camosun College.

## HOW TO APPLY

- Visit your school's Career Centre TODAY to learn more and pick up an application (DUE May 15, 2023).



# HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

BELMONT, ROYAL BAY & EMCS  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS



You will provide an experience of a lifetime, build lifelong relationships, and learn about other cultures.

## APPLY TO HOST

[sookeschoolsvictoria.com/homestay](http://sookeschoolsvictoria.com/homestay)



Take a photo with your phone to apply!

**BASIC EXPECTATIONS:** Clean, safe, nurturing, supportive home environment. Private furnished bedroom (must have window). 3 meals per day plus snacks. Participation in family activities. **Monthly honorarium provided.**





# 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!

## April

- If you have an IEP and plan to start post-secondary in September, contact the **Centre for Accessible Learning** (may go by a different name) at the school you plan to attend. This is the post-secondary equivalent of our “Learning Support” department. The Centre for Accessible Learning will work with you to make sure any necessary accommodations and supports are in place for when you begin your studies in September. Students without an IEP but have a medical, mental health, or learning disability diagnosis that warrants additional support or accommodations at post-secondary should also connect with the Centre for Accessible Learning.
- April 28 - Deadline to pay your \$50 Grad fee through Melissa in the EMCS office or **School Cash Online**.
- Talk to Ms. McLellan or Mr. Powell if you are interested in singing Oh Canada at the Grad Ceremony
- Check the **Scholarship & Bursary section of the EMCS website**. MANY updates are usually made in April.
- See your School Counsellor if you require assistance the Grad-related expenses. e.g. prom, tuxedo, prom dress, etc.

Be sure you are passing all your courses. If you are fail a course that is required for graduation, you will not earn your high school diploma.

Look over the **BC Graduation Requirements** and make sure your are on track to graduate. See your School Counsellor if you have questions. Students are responsible for understanding BC graduation requirements and ensuring they have sufficient credits and required courses to earn a high school diploma. Participation in cap and gown ceremonies does **NOT** mean you have met graduation requirements.

## May

- **May 1 at 8:45am:** Applications for **School** and most **Local** scholarships/bursaries are due.
- **June 2:** Grad Rehearsal (based on guidelines set by the Provincial Health Officer)
- Be sure you are passing all your courses. If you are fail a course that is required for graduation, you will not earn your high school diploma.
- Look over the **BC Graduation Requirements** and make sure your are on track to graduate. See your School Counsellor if you have questions. Students are responsible for understanding BC graduation requirements and ensuring they have sufficient credits and required courses to earn a high school diploma. Participation in cap and gown ceremonies does **NOT** mean you have met graduation requirements.

# EMCS PAC Corner

Our Next Meeting in person at EMCS or online:  
Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Microsoft Teams meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 298 164 979 63

Passcode: mqHU3i

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	



**Games Night: 6-9pm, EMCS Library, Free Snacks, April 14, May 12, June 9**

**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](https://www.emcsprograms.ca/volleyball)

**Line Dancing:** [Line Dancing | emcsprograms](https://www.emcsprograms.ca/line-dancing)

**Badminton:** [Drop In Badminton | emcsprograms](https://www.emcsprograms.ca/badminton)

**Basketball:** [Drop - In Basketball | emcsprograms](https://www.emcsprograms.ca/basketball)

**Food Safe:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/foodsafety> Sat Apr 22nd 9-5 pm \$99 + GST

**First Aid:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/first-aid> Sat May 6th & 7th Standard First Aid (includes CPR-C, AED) \$220 + GST

**Emergency First Aid Sat May 6th \$120 + GST**

**CPR-C Sat May 6th \$52 + GST**

**East Coast Swing/Jive** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/east-coast-swing-jive>

**Line Dancing** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/line-dancing>

**Yoga Art for youth** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/yoga-art>

**Kundalini Yoga:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/kundalini-yoga> May 5th, 12th & 19th 6:30-7:45 pm

**Ukulele course** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/ukulele> 3 classes May 1st, 8th & 16th

**Games Night**  
EMCS Library.  
Over 65 board games to choose from!  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9  
6PM - 9PM  
SNACKS PROVIDED  
District of Sooke  
Youth Sooke  
[www.emcsprograms.ca/gamesnight](https://www.emcsprograms.ca/gamesnight) [emcsprograms@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcsprograms@sd62.bc.ca)

**YOUTH FOR SOOKE PRESENTS:**  
**MONTHLY MOVIE NIGHT**  
**PORTRAITS FROM A FIRE**  
MAY 5, 2023 - 7 PM TO 9 PM  
**THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN**  
JUNE 9, 2023 - 7 PM TO 9 PM  
**THE BATMAN**  
JULY 7, 2023 - 7 PM TO 9 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

Tickets: \$31.00 Pre-Sale/ \$41.00 at the door  
**ROCK OR BUST**  
**THE ULTIMATE AC/DC TRIBUTE BAND**  
Saturday, May 6th, 2023  
Sooke Community Theatre @ EMCS  
6218 Sooke Road  
Doors: 7 pm Show 7:30 pm  
Call 250-642-6371 or email [emcsprograms@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcsprograms@sd62.bc.ca)