

# EMCS NEWS



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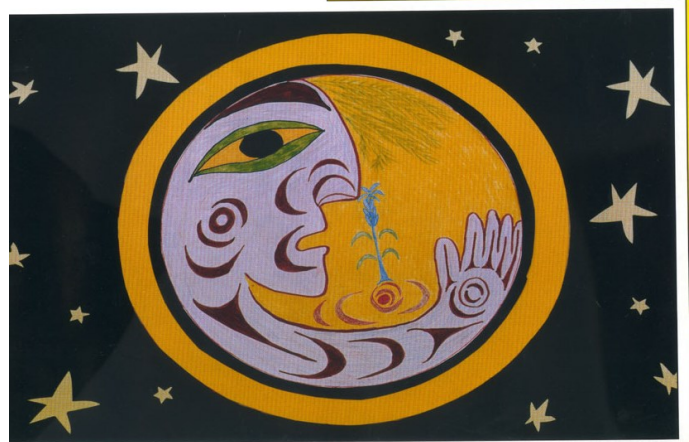
### May 19, 2023

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.



### PENAWEN—MOON OF THE CAMAS HARVEST

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



## LUNCH @ EMCS

Quarter 4

### monday

**FUTSAL & INDOOR SOCCER**  
In the gym

**GSA**  
New day! Weekly in Portable 2 with Ms. Howkings & Ms. Verhoeven. Everyone welcome!



**WEIGHT ROOM:** Open Monday to Thursday Everyone welcome

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

### tuesday

**RACIAL EQUITY GROUP**  
Everyone welcome!! Run weekly in the library seminar room. Drop in or come each week. See Ms. Jones for more info.

**CHESS CLUB**  
New location! Weekly with Mr. Divell in 1034 (Electronics Room)

**BOARD GAME CLUBS**  
In the Learning Commons

**NET SPORTS**  
Volleyball, Badminton & Pickleball in the gym

### wednesday

**MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB**  
On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of the month. Runs in the seminar room with Ms. Loopyky.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**  
Learning Commons

**VOLLEYBALL**  
In the gym

### thursday

**ROBOTICS CLUB**  
Room 1084 (Electronics Room) weekly with Mr. Brody

**BOOK CLUB**  
Biweekly in the seminar room. Sign up with Ms. Jones

**BASKETBALL**  
In the gym

**LEADERSHIP CLASS**  
Learning Commons

### friday

**CREATIVE WRITING**  
With Ms. L'Heureux in the Learning Commons

**FREE LUNCH!**  
As an EMCS student you can get a free breakfast and/or lunch! Look for the "daily special" at the cafeteria to see the free option each day, no questions asked.

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

## Important Dates to Remember:



### EMCS Admin Contacts:

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Students A to L & International

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Students M to Z

### EMCS Counselor Contacts

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Students A to L

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Students M to Z

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Please visit our website at:

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

<b>May 19</b>	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
<b>May 22</b>	Victoria Day— no school
<b>May 23</b>	Prom Consent & Guest Forms Due
<b>May 25</b>	Big Soccer Game
<b>May 26</b>	Grad Fashion Show EMCS Theatre @ 7pm
<b>May 29</b>	Pro D—students not in session
<b>June 2</b>	Grad Rehearsal ( <b>mandatory</b> )
<b>June 3</b>	GRAD
<b>June 5</b>	Prom Tickets for Sale
<b>June 6</b>	Grad Walk
<b>June 14</b>	Athletics Banquet
<b>June 15</b>	Major Awards by invite only
<b>June 17</b>	Prom doors open at 7pm
<b>June 19</b>	Cafeteria Closed for the year
<b>June 19-27</b>	Concession Open
<b>June 27</b>	Fun Day
<b>June 28</b>	Quarter 4 Turnaround
<b>June 29</b>	Last Day of School—no classes. Staff available by appointment to students/families

## GRAD and PROM 2023 Information

### Grad Ceremony 2023 – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

- This year's grad ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ UVic's Farquhar Auditorium
- The ceremony starts at 1:00pm. Please be there no later than 12:00pm for a group photos, and to get organized for the ceremony.
- There were 3 tickets included with the grad fee
- Additional tickets can be purchased directly through UVic Ticket Centre
- Additional tickets are \$7.00 each (no limit)
- Extra tickets go on sale Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.30am via the UVic Ticket Centre, 250 721 8480
- Because this is a private event, you must call (no online purchase options)
- All tickets will be booked under a student name, and will be emailed directly to the email on file
- Due to the assigned seating, the additional tickets will not be seated with the included 3
- Grad Gowns will be available the week of May 23, listen for the announcements for pick up times.



### Prom 2023 – June 17<sup>th</sup>

- Our Prom will take place on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> @ The Empress Hotel's Crystal Ballroom
- The doors open at 7:00pm
- **Be sure to have your prom tickets with you at check-in**
- If you have any questions about this, please email Todd Powell directly @ [tpowell@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:tpowell@sd62.bc.ca)
- Prom Consent Forms and Guest Forms will be available in the main office on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Both forms must be completed and returned to the office no later than Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Guardians must escort students and sign them in to the Prom. Limos may pick students up after the dance but may not drop them off.**

Prom tickets will be available to purchase in the main office, or through SchoolCashOnline, on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

# Congratulations EMCS Senior Girls Soccer Team!



The EMCS Senior Girls Soccer team went to Islands in Courtenay on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> to compete against other AA teams from across the island. Half of our players are junior players, so it was impressive to see the team come together to battle against teams that had mostly grade 12 players! The team played in incredibly hot temperatures and fought hard to the end of each game. Congratulations to our EMCS tournament MVP, Chloe Clarkston, who was a leader on and off the field!

A huge congratulations to the players who are graduating this year and who have been unstoppable in building our girls soccer program: Madison Houchin, Sofia Baca, Abbi Chalmers, Keeva Richards, Sadie Liptrot, Shaela Quinn-Young, Chloe Clarkston and MaKenna Whitten – we will miss you!



## EMCS Wolverines, Sooke Basketball Club & Denmark's EVN Basketball School!

This last week from May 15-19, Trevor Bligh, who runs the Sooke Basketball Club and whom coaches many of our EMCS basketball school teams, coordinated an amazing basketball exchange of Danish Basketball students to come to Sooke. The school of EVN hails from Nyborg, Denmark, consisting of 63 Danish Boys and Girls. For 14 years they have enjoyed visiting Sooke, this year they toured Vancouver, taking part in the spring showcase basketball tourney at the Langley Event Centre. While in Sooke the girls played EMCS, Royal Bay & Belmont. The boys played EMCS, Belmont, 2 Sooke Basketball Club teams and a spectacular game vs Bay Nation from Vancouver Sports Club. This was one of the most exciting fast paced games the Wolverine Den has ever seen. With over 200 fans chanting defense in Danish in support of their new friends.



On their last evening in Sooke the Sooke Basketball Club hosted a huge potluck BBQ for all of the Danish teachers/coaches/players and host families.



## EMCS Track & Field

The EMCS Track & Field team had a great day at the LIVSSA Championships!

The following student-athletes have qualified for the Island Championships next week:

Keanu Kanealii - Senior Boys 110m Hurdles - Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in LIVSSA

Harrison Libbenga - Junior Boys Shot Put - Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in LIVSSA

Anela Kanealii - Junior Girls 100m - Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in LIVSSA

Owen Hilderley also ran a personal best in the 400m final but did not qualify for Islands.

Ashton Fowler did not qualify for Islands due to his injury, unfortunately.



### Important Information for Students Going to UVic in September

The first half of the UVic Reg 101 sessions have completed and the videos from the program planning sessions have been added to the Reg 101 website.

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/registration-101/#ipn-program-planning>

The second half of the Reg 101 sessions are still ongoing with three offerings next week and the following week. All admitted UVic students should register for one of the course registration sessions so they can get prepared for when course registration opens in mid-June.

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/registration-101/#ipn-course-registration>

**EMCS Grad 2023 Fashion Show** will be **Friday, May 26** at 7:00 pm in the EMCS Theatre. Tickets are \$10.00 and are on sale in the EMCS office now!

**Athletic Banquet Tickets are on Sale!** The banquet will include a dinner, drinks, and awards for each EMCS team this past year. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in the main office. Deadline to purchase tickets is **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please see Mr. Dudzik in the PHE office for any questions.

## Congratulations to the EMCS Concert Band

The band participated in Music fest Canada regionals on Wednesday, May 17 and received a **GOLD** for their performance in Level 2. Ms. Bjorklund conducted the ensemble assisted by Alex Mold (percussion) and Cody Froese (lower brass). The Band also received an invitation to attend the National for Music fest Canada in Toronto in 2024. Best wishes to the band for future successes. Come and hear this award winning band on Monday, June 12 at 7 pm in the EMCS theatre.

## Summer Learning

Students interested in summer courses should register now. Some courses are close to filling up and others will not be offered unless more students register.

All the information, including a link to the registration form can be found here: <https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/counselling-centre/summer-learning/>




**SD62 Full Credit Summer Learning**  
**Grade 10-12 Courses**  
Classes run Monday - Friday  
July 10 - August 4, 2023 at Belmont

Registration open to students (\*age 19 or under as of July 1, 2023) living within SD62

Register Online: [www.westshorecentre.com](http://www.westshorecentre.com) or  
via the [SD62 Summer Learning Registration link](#)

Additional info: website: [www.westshorecentre.com](http://www.westshorecentre.com)  
phone: 250-391-9002 or email: [westshore@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:westshore@sd62.bc.ca)



**SD62 Gr. 10-12 Full Credit Summer Learning**  
July 10 - Aug 4, 2023  
Monday - Friday at Belmont Secondary School

**Registration free of charge for:**

- SD62 students entering grade 10-12 in Sept 2023
- current & recent grade 12 students who live within SD62
- recently graduated students (Math/Science/English only)

**ISP Students - contact ISP office for fee information**

**Benefits of Summer Learning:**

- creates flexibility in your Sept-June schedule allowing more room for electives
- supports possible early graduation
- allows for focused learning in 1 or 2 subjects
- opportunity to improve course mark or GPA
- fewer people in the building creates a 'small school' environment that many students enjoy

**CLASS SCHEDULE \***

**MORNING: 9AM - 11:30AM**

SCIENCE 10  
ENGLISH 10  
CAREER LIFE EDUCATION 10  
PRE-CALCULUS MATH 11  
LIFE SCIENCES 11  
ACTIVE LIVING 11/12  
ENGLISH STUDIES 12  
WORLD HISTORY 12  
PRE-CALCULUS MATH 12

**AFTERNOON: 12PM - 2:30PM**

SOCIAL STUDIES 10  
FOUNDATIONS & PRE-CALCULUS 10  
PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION 10  
WORKPLACE MATH 11  
ENGLISH COMPOSITION 11  
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY 12  
SOCIAL JUSTICE 12

\*All classes are offered subject to enrolment. Classes with insufficient enrolment will be cancelled and students will be offered the chance to select an alternate course.

Register Online: [www.westshorecentre.com](http://www.westshorecentre.com)  
phone: 250-391-9002 email: [westshore@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:westshore@sd62.bc.ca)

## Upcoming Belize Trip


This is a reminder to parents that to receive the \$200 off Belize 2024, students must enroll by May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that if they have any questions, they can contact me at [cvink@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:cvink@sd62.bc.ca).

To learn more, check out our personal group page: [EMCS Belize Trip Page](#)

# Camosun College Workshop for Students Starting in September

Camosun College's Academic Advising Department is offering a workshop on **June 1<sup>st</sup>** that is designed for students who are new to post-secondary. This workshop is open to current high school students who have accepted their seat in a Camosun College program and will be starting in Fall 2023. Students interested in this workshop can find more information and register here:

<https://sh1.sendinblue.com/3ibp4uzrc79pfe.html?t=1684184938>



**WELCOME TO CAMOSUN**  
**WHAT'S NEXT?**  
Academic Advising Workshop

Lansdowne Campus, 3100 Foul Bay Rd., Victoria  
SEATS ARE LIMITED.  
Cost: Free

**THURSDAY**  
JUNE 1, 5 - 6:30 PM

**REGISTER NOW**

This optional workshop will tell the story of a new student planning their education. By listening to their story you will learn important vocabulary and some common education planning resources & tools that will help you pick your courses. We will use the power of storytelling to make this workshop fun and interesting.

After completing this workshop you will have the first steps to start planning your own educational pathway. This workshop is recommended for students "new" to post-secondary education, or students that want a refresher on education planning basics. You are welcome to bring one (1) support person with you to the workshop, but you are not required to.

- For Camosun students new to postsecondary.
- Registration is required. Seats are limited so register early.
- If the workshop is full, a waitlist will be taken.
- Light snacks will be provided.
- Those registered will be sent the building and room location.





# 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!

## May

- Be sure you are passing all your courses. If you 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 you 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.

Download the EMCS Wolverines App and join the “*Post-Secondary & Scholarships*” group.

Grade 11 & 12 students and parents/guardians are encouraged to join.

## June

- **Student Aid BC** application opens for applying for provincial & federal student loans and grants. Before you can apply for student loans/grants you need to get signed up for a **BC Services Card**.
- Be sure you are passing all your courses. If you 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 you 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.
- **June 2:** Grad rehearsal.
- **June 3:** Grad Ceremonies at UVIC.– After Grad, please return your v-stole to the main office at EMCS. If not returned, you will be charged a \$40.00 replacement fee.
- **June 6:** Grad Walk at Elementary Schools.
- **June 17:** Prom at the Empress Hotel (tentative)– The event will run from 7:00 – 11:00pm– Parents must check-in with a Vice Principal before leaving– Students must be in good standing with the school and follow our Code of Conduct for the duration of the event.

# EMCS PAC Corner

EMCS PAC Meeting held in person (Seminar Room next to the office) or online: Tuesday, June 13 @ 6:30pm

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

## Microsoft Teams meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 251 615 263 817

Passcode: snorFT

Download Teams | Join on the web

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



The EMCS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is looking for interested parents to join our wonderful group! The EMCS PAC is a low-commitment volunteering opportunity for parents to have important input in the operation of the school.

What we do:

- 1-hour monthly meeting
- Allocate funding to school projects, field trips, and extra-curricular activities
- Provide feedback on school programs, policies, and activities
- Direct access to administration to discuss questions or concerns
- NO FUNDRAISING – the EMCS PAC does not currently run any fundraisers or require members to participate in any fundraising activities

For the 2023-2024 school year, the EMCS PAC is hoping to identify individuals interested in taking on the following executive roles:

- President
- Vice President

Questions about the PAC or our May 9<sup>th</sup> AGM? Contact our president Glyse at [glyseclarkston@gmail.com](mailto:glyseclarkston@gmail.com)

### **2022-2023 PAC Executive Members:**

*President:*

Glyse Clarkston  
[glyseclarkston@gmail.com](mailto:glyseclarkston@gmail.com)

*Treasurer:*

Janine Houchin

*Secretary:*

Danielle Huber

*PEAC Rep (District PAC):*

Vacant

*Vice President:*

Vacant

*Communications Officer:*

Vacant



## We are Hiring

**Garden Assistant – 9 weeks – 30 hours per week – starting in mid-June – 2 positions – some travel may be required. \$19.00 / hour**

We are seeking two Garden Assistants who will work directly with the Garden Coordinator to maintain school food gardens, support local farms and community food organizations.

***Please see Barb in the Program Office or Emily in the Career Education office for job descriptions (These are also posted on Indeed)***

**Summer Literacy Camp Leader – 6 weeks – 35 hours per week – Starting June 30<sup>th</sup> – at Sooke Elementary School – some travel may be required. \$19.00 / hour**

We are seeking one Summer Literacy Camp Leader for the Play and Learn Summer Camp. This position will work closely with the Literacy Camp Coordinator in administering literacy activities and assessments to children.

**Games Night:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/gamesnight> 6-9PM, EMCS Library, Free snacks, **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

**Badminton:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/drop-in-badminton->

**Basketball:** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/drop-inbasketball> - Friday Nights

**Budgeting Basics** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/budgeting-basics>

**Drop in Volleyball** <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/volleyball>

**Sooke Makerspace is Re-Opening!** Regular open hours:

Wednesdays 4-7pm

Sundays 1-4pm

Members and drop-ins (\$15) are welcome! New members must demonstrate proficiency on relevant equipment.

**GAMES NIGHT**  
EMCS Library.  
Over 65 board games to choose from!  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9  
6PM - 9PM  
SNACKS PROVIDED  
www.emcsprograms.ca/gamesnight  
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