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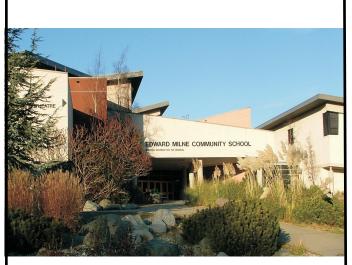
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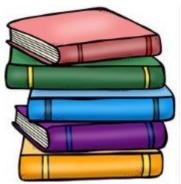
EMCS would like to acknowledge the Coast Salish Territory, specifically we would like to acknowledge T'Sou-ke Nation, who have been gracious enough to share the beautiful land on which EMCS is built. We would also like to acknowledge Scia'new Nation, Nuu-chah-nulth: Pacheedaht Nation, and Métis Nation whom EMCS and District 62 work closely with.



CENTEKI—THE SOCKEYE MOON (June) https://www.racerocks.ca/the-13-moons-of-the-wsanec/



All EMCS library books must be returned by **Friday**, **June 23**rd at the latest. At this time, any outstanding fees will be added to school cash online accounts. Overdue library fines must be paid in order to collect yearbooks. Please see Ms. Jones or Greer in the library learning commons ASAP to discuss missing items. Thank you for your cooperation!



Important Dates to Remember:



June 17 Prom - doors open at 7pm at the Empress in

the Crystal Ballroom

June 19 Cafeteria Closed for the year

June 21 Indigenous Peoples Day

June 19-27 Concession Open

June 23 Library Books Due

June 27 Fun Day—yearbooks will be available for

pickup at Fun Day

June 28 Quarter 4 Turnaround

June 29 Last Day of School—no classes. Staff

available by appointment to students/families

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK



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https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/about/

staff/

for staff contact information

2023/24 EMCS Timetable

Next year, EMCS's timetable with look a little different, as we will be introducing a Quadmester. This system is, in our opinion, the best combination of the highly-successful Quarter model that we have been working with the last 2 years, and the familiar semester system.

The academic year will be divided into two semesters, each with 4 classes. Each day will have two classes, as it is in our current model. Blocks A & B will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Blocks C & D will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Friday will have all 4 classes.

Through much research, many discussions, and input with all stakeholders, we feel that this model will meet our students' needs. Our aim is to have the greater focus and project-based environment that our longer blocks allow, along with the vigour of the 4-class semester model.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Welcome bell at 8:35				
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EMCS parents and guardians,

Over the past several months, we have experienced several instances where some of our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) students have been verbally abused, both directly and indirectly, with racialized comments from other students at EMCS. These verbal assaults and microaggressions do not always get reported to staff, leaving victims without support and the perpetrators without consequences or opportunities for restitution. As a school and community, we encourage everyone to be proactive with information about verbal insults or harassment in order to promote a safe learning environment for all students at EMCS. We understand that it can be intimidating when faced with situations like these, and it takes courage to confront or report these incidents. Please know that confidentiality and safety for any student who reports an incident will be ensured. We believe in the capacity of our school community to take a more active role in reducing racialized aggression. Thank you to parents, guardians and students for your support, and we encourage families to discuss any concerns with school administration. Over the next several days, administration will be visiting each classroom to discuss this message directly with students. Working together will help to ensure we strengthen the culture of belonging and inclusivity that we strive for in making EMCS a safe place to learn for all students.

Thank you,

EMCS Administration

2023 EMCS Graduates

A huge congratulations to all of our graduating class of 2023 who crossed the University of Victoria's stage last Saturday for an amazing grad ceremony. The afternoon was filled with heart-warming words, incredible music, and lots and lots of smiles. It is always such a special event that leaves everyone feeling hopeful for the future, and this year's class, the largest to ever graduate from EMCS, was no exception. Congratulations to all on the culmination of the past 13 years of public school.



2023 Indigenous Grad

On May 24th the Na'sta'maht education department, dignitaries, families, friends, and supporters were excited to celebrate Indigenous graduates from School District 62. Elders greeted the students with a welcome, a prayer, and songs. Furthermore, as they walked across the stage they were greeted by their school Elder in Residence and their graduation gift. Following the ceremony the students and their supporters enjoyed a beautiful meal catered by the Royal Bay culinary class. We are all so grateful to be able to celebrate this incredible group of students and could not be more proud of them. Congratulations!!

The pictures below feature EMCS Indigenous graduates, Elder Shirley Alphonse, Elder Jackie Planes (Elder in Residence at EMCS) , Vice Principal John Mennie, and the Na'tsa'maht education staff from





EMCS 2023 Athletics Banquet

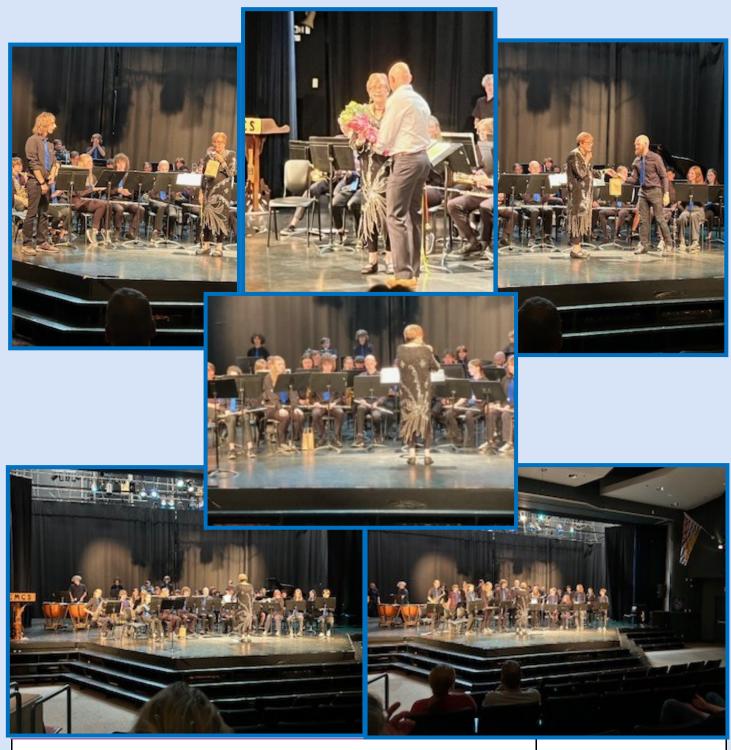
The Wolverine colours were out in full force last night at the EMCS Athletic Awards Celebration. Student athletes were treated to a delicious meal from our culinary department and enjoyed cheering on awards winners from various team sports. We would like to recognize the following staff for organizing this amazing event:

Evan Dudzik, Amy Hawkins, Kayla Natarelli, Kelly Hunter, Mark Barrie, Matthew Sasaki, Steve Letts and the culinary students. A special thanks to all other staff that supported our athletics program throughout the year as coaches or parents. EMCS is very proud of the student athletes and their accomplishments this year and we look forward to more celebrations and success in the near future.



EMCS Concert Band Year End Performance

This year's Music Program concert was an evening to remember, as it featured a number of different ensembles, including our award-winning concert band! It is incredible to see the continued support and growth of our music program, and we cannot wait to see what future years hold. As this was Ms. Bjorkland's last concert leading our students, we wish her the very best, and thank her for the many years that she has supported the musical growth of our students.



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EMCS Major Awards Ceremony

On June 15, 2023, EMCS celebrated the accomplishments of our academic students. It is important that we acknowledge our students and share these successes with friends, families and community. The major awards that were given out have a longstanding history in our community and were presented with their original trophies.



EMCS Track & Field Championships in Langley

Keanu Kanealii represented EMCS at the Provincial Track & Field Championships in Langley over the weekend. Keanu ran well and placed 5th in his heat, but he missed the final. Keanu will be a Senior again next year with hopes of getting on the podium.

Congratulations to Owen Hilderley, Ashton Fowler, Neal Libbenga, Keanu Kanealii, Anela Kanealii, and Harrison Libbenga for great seasons, and the future of EMCS track and field looks extremely bright.

The EMCS Track & Field Team absolutely rocked it at the Island Championships!

Keanu Kanealii finished 5th place in the Senior Boys 110m Hurdles and therefore qualifies for the Provincial Championships in Langley on June 8, 9, & 10th.

Anela Kanealii finished 12th overall in the Junior Girls 100m. She does not automatically qualify for Provincials, but her times have been fast enough to potentially qualify in the Open category. Our fingers are crossed.

Harrison Libbenga finished 9th in the Junior Boys Shot Put. His toss of 9.40m makes him the 2nd best grade 9 shot putter on the island. As a Junior again next year, Harrison could be one of the best in the province.





Check Out our Culinary Arts Creations!



Marine Biology Class Whale Watching Trip

On Tuesday, June 6th students in Mr. Vink's marine biology class had an amazing trip viewing both orcas and a humpback whale during our excursion on the Salish Sea. A highlight of the tour was our visit with a large humpback whale named Spindrift. We are able to identify humpback whales from both the markings on their tail fluke, and/or any distinguishing markings on or near their dorsal fin. During the trip, Spindrift made a surprise surfacing near one of the boats, and then proceeded to circle underneath one of the zodiacs as we were shut down. It was an exhilarating experience, and one that many of us will never forget.









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Student Volunteering Opportunities

2023 U19 Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship Langford, BC—August 2-6, 2023

Langford Minor Fastball, together with Softball Canada, is excited to announce that our Association will be hosting the U19 Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championship from August 2-6, 2023, at Centennial Park (2805 Carlow Road). Elite teams from across Canada will compete for the gold medal and it promises to be an exciting week of softball, right in our own backyard. If you are available to volunteer, we would love to hear from you! We are looking to build our volunteer pool for tasks both before, and during, the event. Please click on the link to submit your name, contact information and availability. https://form.jotform.com/230466620030241

iCan Bike Volunteers Needed

The School Age Program of Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health is partnering with iCan Shine to host an **iCan Bike** camp to teach children with cognitive and/or physical challenges how to ride a two wheeled bike. Check it out at www.icanshine.org

Where and When:

July 10-14, 2023, Panorama Rec Centre, North Saanich B.C. Morning or Afternoon shifts

•To get information about how you can volunteer, please contact <u>Christal.Moser@islandhealth.ca</u>.

n the evening!



Poirier Fun Day - Volunteers Needed for **June 23rd** from 5-8 p.m. at Poirier School Fun Day. Have fun running the game booths for the youngsters. (Hours count!). For more information email pacecolepoirier@gmail.com.

Student Opportunities

Attention all students in grades 10 and 11.

Are you working over the summer? Have you completed your Career Life Education 10 course?

If so, you may be eligible to earn 4 grade 12 credits. The Work Experience 12A course is a 4-credit course which can use your work-based hours from your summer employment to complete the course.

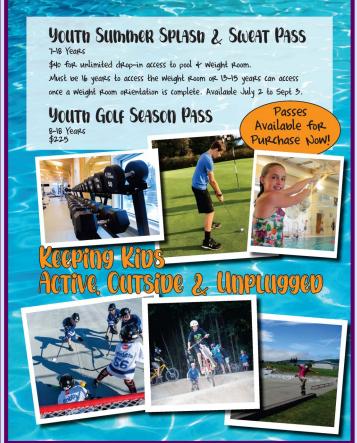


If you are volunteering over the summer, these hours can also be used to complete the Unpaid Work Experience 12A course, also a 4-credit course.

If you completed Work Experience 12A and wish to continue in the Work Experience program you may be eligible to take the Work Experience 12B course.

Please contact Mrs. Cossentine or Ms. Percival if you wish to earn 4 credits from your summer employment or volunteer activities.





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Student Opportunities Cont.

Belize Tour - We are still accepting students who are interested in going to Belize during spring break in 2024. If rainforest hikes, experiencing Mayan culture, and snorkeling pristine coral reefs is of interest to you, please contact Mr. Vink for more information. Right now, we have over 20 Royal Bay and EMCS students that are enrolled. The trip will be chaperoned by Mr. Vink and a few teachers from Royal Bay.

Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop— 20th annual Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop this summer, from July 26-28, 2023. The workshop will take place in-person in Victoria, BC, with a virtual option for those who can't attend in-person. The workshop will provide Indigenous students with more information about becoming a doctor, as well as the tools and supports to be successful in their application to and completion of the UBC MD Program (which is delivered at sites across the province, including at the Island Medical Program in Victoria). Workshop presentations will be given by Indigenous physicians, medical students, and university staff and faculty members. Meals and accommodation on the University of Victoria campus will be provided for attendees. 2023 Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop Brochure

Enroll Your Teen in Paramedic Summer Camp Today! Spaces are limited, and we encourage you to register your teen early to guarantee their participation in this lifechanging experience. Don't let them miss out on the chance to learn new skills and make a difference in the lives of others.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out at info@alertfirstaid.com or 250-595-5323. We are here to help.

Invest in your teenager's future and empower them to be a force for good in emergency medical care. Enroll them in the Paramedic Summer Camp, where heroes are nurtured and extraordinary futures are built.

Register Now

EMPOWERING HEROES SINCE 1998



We don't just teach first aid - we provide the confidence and tools needed to save lives.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Are you looking for an extraordinary summer experience that will empower your teenager with lifesaving skills and open doors to a rewarding future? Look no further! We're thrilled to introduce **Paramedic Summer Camp**, a transformative program designed exclusively for young individuals aged 13-17.

This camp will be held from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Tillicum Centre over 3 immersive weeks. The first session will be from July 3rd to 21st, and the second from August 8th to 25th. Each session is \$1,425 + GST and includes:

- Standard First Aid with CPR Level C certification (\$190 value)
- Alert Deluxe First Aid Kit (\$74.95 value)
- T-Shirt (\$20 value)
- First Responder certification (\$550.00 value) *if written and practical exams are passed, a second attempt will be given
- Emergency Medical Responder certification (\$1,425 value) "if written and practical exams are
 passed, a second attempt will be given

Summer Camps with Washington Kids Foundation

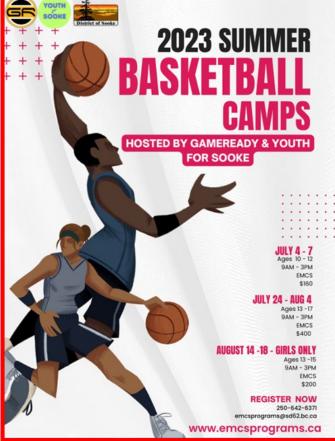
In Partnership with EMCS Society/Youth for Sooke

All camps will take place at EMCS from 9am-3pm

Please advise us of any limitations to your participations. We will do our best to accommodate anyone who is experiencing financial difficulties or transportation challengers. Contact 250-642-6391 to register.









Westshore Basketball - 2023/24 www.westshorebaskethall.com

Night League

U11 Boys and Girls (9 or 10 as of Dec. 31, 2023) U13 Boys and Girls (11 or 12 as of Dec. 31, 2023) U15 Boys and Girls (13 or 14 as of Dec. 31, 2023) U18 Boys (15.16, 17 as of Dec. 31, 2023)

Upon registration, players will select if they would like to try-out for an **Elite Team** or be placed on a Performance Team. We will attempt to place all players on teams. Please read below for details:

Eite Teams:
U11, U13, U15 - Mid-week team practice at
Spencer Middle School. Sunday team practice at
Belmont. Participation in Future Stars tournament
in late November. Possible other events in Spring.
Westshore Directors and team coaches form
teams, requests not available. Attendance at practices and games, high priority. Teams formed based on skill level and demand.

Performance Teams: U11, U13, U15, U18 - Team practice Sundays at

Belmont. One game each week.

Requests can be made to play on teams with

Parent Coaches are always required to form teams Email if interested, bball.westshore@gmail.com

Game Nights for Night League

The season runs from early October until Spring Break. Schedules are created by the league, not Westshore Basketball. Games are located all over Greater Victoria. League schedulers try to keep game nights consistent, but teams are expected to be flexible. Boys often play Mondays or Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Girls often play Thursdays or Fridays.

Westshore Rain

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Nights 9-week sessions at John Stubbs School

<u>Learn to Play 1</u> - Great for players grades K-2 (ages 5-7) with limited experience or as a first

exposure to basketball – 6pm - 7pm

<u>Learn to Play 2</u> – Focus for players grades 2-4 (ages 7-9) or with more experience to further develop skills – 7pm - 8pm

Important Dates

June 12 - Online Sign-up Opens for Night League August 14 - Online Registration Opens for Rain Program

August 21-25 - Player Evaluations for Team creation. Times 6-9pm at Belmont High School. Evaluation schedule emailed by Aug 15.

September 10, 17, 24, Oct 1 and 8 - Team Practices start

Week of October 2-6 - Mid-week Elite Team

Oct 3 - Nov 29 - Tuesday Fall Rain

Oct 4 - Nov 30 - Wednesday Fall Rain

Oct 5 - Nov 31- Thursday Fall Rain

October 10 - Night League Games Begin

Westshore Camps

Winter Break, Spring Break and Summer camps are offered each year. Camps are located in the Westshore. Players will develop confidence, coordination and cooperation in a fun, fast-paced environment. Camp leaders include local High School coaches high school players community coaches

Spring 3x3 League

Boys and Girls teams compete in divisions for grades 4/5, 6/7 and 8/9. Player registration includes uniform t-shirt. Details released in early 2023

Costs

Night League

U11 Boys and Girls \$275

Uniform included – All players receive a warm-up shirt and a hoodie

U13, U15 and U18 Girls and Boys \$300

Uniform included – All players receive a warm-up shirt and a hoodie

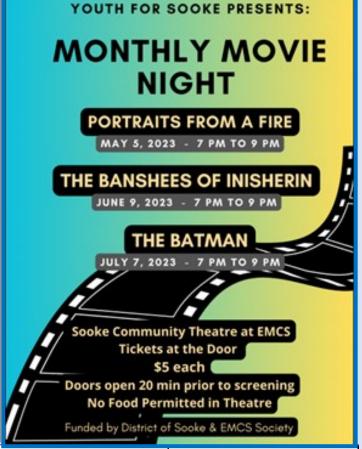
Elite Teams - \$100 additional to pay for additional avm time

Westshore Rain 9-week Session - \$100 - All players receive a hoodie and player shirt.

Winter Skills Camp

Price TBD - *Discount for Players registered vith Westshore Basketb







Grade 12 Updates!

Make sure to check the <u>Grade 12 Timeline</u> for a list of important dates and things to do during your Grade 12 year!

<u>June</u>

- <u>Student Aid BC</u> 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 <u>BC Services</u>
 <u>Card.</u>
- 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 <u>BC Graduation Requirements</u> 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.
- 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.

