

# EMCS NEWS



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## October 13, 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.



*PEKELANEW -Moon that turns the leaves white (Oct.)*



**EMCS SCHOOL CLOTHING AND GRAD 2024 CLOTHING** will be on sale from **October 3-23, 2023**.

Options include t-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies and sweatpants.

Log in to your [sd62.schoolcashionline.com](https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com) account to order. Don't miss out!

**EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 23, DON'T MISS OUT!!!**



## Important Dates to Remember:



<b>Oct 19</b>	Great BC Shakeout @ 10am
<b>Oct 20</b>	Non-Instructional Day
<b>Oct 21</b>	Girls Volleyball Bottle Drive at EMCS
<b>Oct 23</b>	Last Day to order EMCS Clothing
<b>Oct 30-Nov 3</b>	Grade 10's Numeracy & Literacy Assessments & Grade 12 Literacy Assessments
<b>Nov 1</b>	Grade 9's—Take our Kids to Work Day
<b>Nov 2</b>	Photo Re-Take Day
<b>Nov 10</b>	Remembrance Assembly
<b>Nov 11</b>	Remembrance Day
<b>Nov 13</b>	STAT—Day in Lieu
<b>Nov 14</b>	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
<b>Nov 28</b>	3 hr Early Dismissal & Learning Conferences
<b>Nov 24</b>	Non-Instructional Day
<b>Nov 27-Dec 8</b>	10,000 Tonight Campaign
<b>Dec 12</b>	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
<b>Dec 21</b>	Locker Cleanout
<b>Dec 22</b>	Santa Breakfast



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Please visit our website at:  
<https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/about/staff/>  
for staff contact information

# Important EMCS PAC Information

## **2023-2024 Primary PAC Fundraiser Info:**

In 2023, the British Columbia Community Gaming Grants program changed its policies to exclude bursaries and scholarships from what is allowable use of funds. The EMCS PAC has invested in the youth of our community through PAC bursaries for decades and are intent on actively fundraising to allow us to continue to financially support our students now and as they move on to their post secondary endeavors.

Our intention is not to compete with our sports teams or other charities in our community, so we will stay away from bottle drives, bake sales, meat draws, 50/50 tickets etc., and after years of COVID and financial strain on the resources of families and charities in our community, we want to do something that is easy and enjoyable to everyone involved.

We have settled on creating a win-win scenario with local business to create an online auction for April of 2024 that encourages shopping from local business for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation and summer fun, in addition to daily needs. Thanks to a donation already secured to get this started, 100% of proceeds from this online auction, after payment fees, will go towards supporting our students at EMCS and those beginning their post secondary adventures.

What we are asking of you, is to connect us with local businesses that would be willing to participate. These businesses will gain exposure and an opportunity to showcase themselves. If you own a business, or know someone who does, that is located in the catchment area of EMCS, please recommend them to us by filling in the google form linked [here](#) or email me directly at [TerryLangridge@TLCFS.ca](mailto:TerryLangridge@TLCFS.ca) so I can connect with them before October 31, 2023.

Thank you in advance,

Terry Langridge

Vice-President EMCS PAC

# Around the school

**LUNCH @ EMCS** VERSION 3

**MONDAY**      **TUESDAY**      **WEDNESDAY**      **THURSDAY**      **FRIDAY**

**Q&A**  
With Greer, Ms. Spalding, Ms. Hawkings & Ms. Verhoeven in the LLC

**BOARD GAMES CLUB**  
With Ms. Jones in the LLC

**CLIMATE CLUB**  
With Ms. Loeppky in the LLC

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**  
in the LLC

**CREATIVE WRITING**  
With Ms. L'Heureux in Room 2030

**JAMMING CLUB**  
in the Band Room with Bernie

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**  
in the LLC

**CHESS CLUB**  
With Mr. Divell & Mr. McKay in the LLC

**YEARBOOK CLUB**  
With Ms. Lutze in lab 2042

**LEADERSHIP CLASS**  
3:30-5:00 PM in the LLC

**PHE GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE:**  
**y5jbnr**

**WHAT'S THE LLC?**  
The Library Learning Commons. It opens at 8am everyday and is open for eating at lunch!

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
Most clubs are drop-in... just show up and try something new! Clubs change throughout the year!

**FREE LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS**  
Look for the "daily special" no questions asked.

**IN THE GYM @ LUNCH**  
Waiver must be signed to play! Sign up by visiting Google Classroom Code **y5jbnr**

**VOLLEYBALL**      **BASKETBALL**      **SOCCER**      **ULTIMATE**      **BADMINTON**

# Cafeteria Menu for the week of Oct 16-19

Monday Oct 16	Tuesday Oct 17	Wednesday Oct 18	Thursday Oct 19
<i>Butter Chicken</i>	<i>Wild Coho with Mashed Potatoes and Miso Gravy</i>	<i>Pork Tenderloin with Linguine and Pesto</i>	<i>Thai prawn curry box</i>
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<i>Lentil Dahl</i>	<i>Creamy Summer Squash</i>	<i>Chicken Mulligatawny Soup</i>	<i>Swiss Onion Soup</i>
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<i>Southwest Quinoa Salad</i>	<i>EMCS Garden Potato Salad</i>	<i>Lentil Salad</i>	<i>Salad Bar</i>
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<i>Hummus and Vegetables with Garlic Naan</i>	<i>Kale and Potato Cakes</i>	<i>Bruschetta</i>	<i>Zucchini and Corn Fritters</i>
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<i>Grilled Cheese</i>	<i>Pulled Pork Quesadilla</i>	<i>Greek Pork Wraps</i>	<i>Portabella Mushroom Burger</i>
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<i>Crème Brûlée</i>	<i>Apple Crisp</i>	<i>Cinnamon Buns</i>	<i>Blueberry Buckle Cake</i>
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## Around the School Cont.

**EMCS's Grad Class of 2024** Purdys Chocolate fundraiser is in full swing!!

From now until **November 20, 2023**, you can order Purdys treats (did someone say Hedgehogs?) from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place. After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute, and let you know when you can collect your goodies.



What you'll need to order:

Our campaign number: **59481**

Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1367336-107384>

Click "Join Campaign"

Shop, shop, shop away!

**If you would like the fundraising to go directly towards a specific grad, please ensure that you write the name of the student that you are supporting in the 'additional information' box.**

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

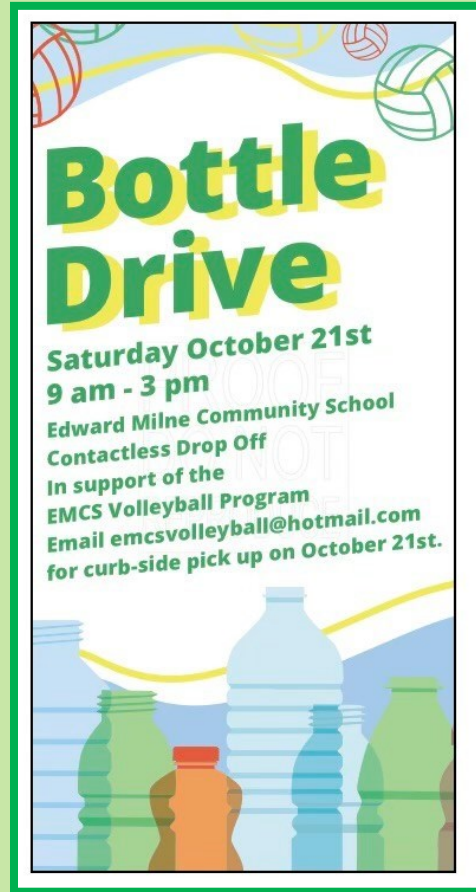
Happy chocolating!

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**Take Our Kids to Work Day takes place on Wednesday, November 1st, 2023.** This is an annual, national event where students step into their future for a day and get a glimpse into the working world. The day involves students in Grade 9 spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.

Take Our Kids to Work Day provides parents and guardians with the opportunity to engage with their children about their education and make connections to their child's career goals. The day allows parents and guardians to begin conversations with their children about career options and to come together to explore future career pathways.

## Around the School Cont.



The Sooke School District is a partner in the [new collaborative post-secondary institution in Langford](#). Below is an **optional** survey from our post secondary partners intended to help inform decisions around programming at the future campus. This survey hopes to explore your opinions and perspectives surrounding post-secondary education options and post-secondary student support opportunities in the West Shore and Sooke region. The survey will close on **October 22, 2023, at 11:45 PM**. While anonymous, all participants will have the option to share their email for the sole purpose of being entered for a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card. Thank you.

Survey for **students**: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/3BYNKG9>

Survey for **parents/guardians**: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/3BYCL2Q>

**The Sooke School District** is hiring Noon Hour Supervision Assistants to fill many vacancies, Noon Hour Supervision Assistants On-Call and School Meals Program Coordinators On-Call. Could you please place the links below in your next message to families.

[Noon Hour Supervision Assistants On-Call](#)

[School Meals Program Coordinators On-Call](#)

## Student Opportunities

**The Harmony Project** is looking for one or two students to volunteer for a two-hour shift for their upcoming Bottle Drive on **Saturday Oct 14th, 10am-2pm**. It will take place under the SeaParc sign at corner of Sooke and Phillips Roads.

Another volunteer area is Poster Design. They don't need help for this right away but would welcome knowing if there is a student who is skillful with graphic arts and who would like to help design posters.

If you are interested, please see Ms. Glanfield in the Career Centre.

[www.harmonyprojectsooke.ca](http://www.harmonyprojectsooke.ca)

**Sailor for a Day** is a free event on **20 October** for students in grades 8-9 and 10-12. Each group will receive a programme specifically for their age groups.

Spend the day with the Navy in Esquimalt - meet sailors, try activities, and watch demonstrations. Attached is a promotion poster for our programme as well as the two waivers that are required to participate.

For more details are please see Ms. Glanfield in the Career Centre.

The poster features the Royal Canadian Navy logo at the top, with 'NAVY' and 'MARINE' in English and French. The main title 'Sailor for a Day' is in large blue letters, with the tagline 'Experience what it is like to be part of our Navy Team!' below it. A group of six smiling sailors in blue uniforms is the central focus. At the bottom, it says 'Try a day in the life of a sailor with the Royal Canadian Navy' and includes a QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button. The footer contains the Canadian Forces crest and the word 'Canada'.



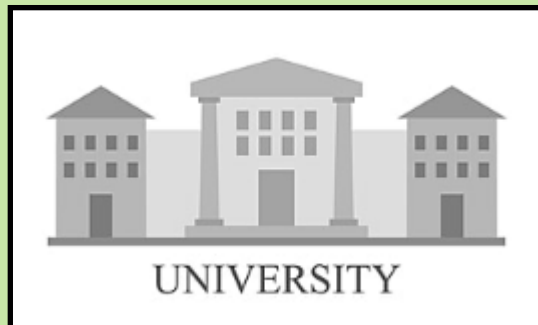
## EMCS Athletics

**EMCS Senior Boys Soccer** completed their regular season game on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> with the Colonist Shield games happening Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Fred Milne Turf Field. Come support your Wolverines!





## Upcoming Post-Secondary Information Sessions



### **UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INFO SESSION AT EMCS**

A U of A recruiter will be at EMCS to share info with EMCS students and parents/guardians

**When: Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm**

**Where: EMCS room 2033/2034**

The University of Alberta is ranked as one of the top 5 universities in Canada. Come and find out about programs, admission requirements, student housing, scholarships, athletics, and more! Grade 10 to 12 students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

**Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/S3Q7S32pUy>**

### **UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INFO SESSION AT EMCS**

Representatives from UVIC's Gustavson School of Business will be at EMCS to share information about their Bachelor of Commerce Degree. Students in Grades 11 & 12 are welcome to register.

**When: Tuesday, October 31 at 11:00am**

**Where: EMCS Office Seminar Room**

**Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/vKZj6WaHWp>**

### **UBC MEDICAL SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSION AT EMCS**

Are you in Grade 10 to 12 and interested in finding out what it takes to become a physician? A current UBC Med School student will be at EMCS to tell you all about medical school, including the application process, what high school and university courses to take, life as a med school student, how to get trained in different medical specialties, how to pay for med school, etc. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend too!

**When: Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00pm**

**Where: EMCS Theatre**

**Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/h2LaJJU5MM>**

### **VARIOUS BC POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Check the **[Post-Secondary BC Events](#)** page for a lengthy list of events being offered by BC post-secondary schools.

## Provincial Assessments

The BC Graduation Program requires all grade 10-12 students to write the following Graduation Assessments: Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12. These three assessments are a requirement for graduation. There are 4 assessment windows over the course of the school year, and students can re-write an assessment up to 2 additional times.

Assessment Window Dates:

1. October 30 – November
2. January 22 – 26
3. April 15-18
4. June 10 - 14

Students in Grade 10 will write their Numeracy 10 assessment and their Literacy 10 assessment in their regular Math and English classes during the corresponding Assessment Window. Students writing their Literacy 12 assessment will NOT write it during their English 12 class, but will be booked into writing it during the first assessment window (October 30 – November 3).

More information about assessments will be emailed directly to parent/guardians at a later date.

If you have a student who would like to see a sample provincial assessment, please visit:

Grade 10 Numeracy - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Grade 10 Literacy - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Grade 12 Literacy - <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>





# 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!

## October

- Look at the schedule for [post-secondary info sessions](#) and register to attend. Check back regularly as the schedule will be updated throughout the year. There are both virtual AND in-person events offered. A number of post-secondary events will be taking place at EMCS.
- [Purdy's fundraising](#) efforts begin. You can earn 25% of your individual sales to put towards your Grad fees and Prom tickets!
- [Apply for post-secondary](#) if you would like to begin your post-secondary studies next September. See your school counsellor if you would like help with the application.
- Log on to your Student Transcripts Service ([STS](#)) account and give consent for the Ministry of Education release your transcripts to the post-secondary schools to which you have applied (or will be applying). It is best to wait until mid-October (when all features of the STS are activated for current Gr. 12 students) to select which post-secondary schools will have electronic access to your transcripts
- Start researching [scholarships, bursaries, and student loans](#). Begin working on your application materials.
- Are you taking an online or paper-based distance learning course? Make sure you are submitting work consistently throughout the school year. Note that many post-secondary schools have very early deadlines for distance learning courses that are required for admission.
- Consider borrowing your prom clothing (dress, tuxedo/suit, shoes, etc.) from the [Magic Wand](#) rather than buying. Why buy a Grad Tux, or Dress when you can borrow one? The Magic Wand is a non-profit organization that offers an eco-friendly and inexpensive alternative to purchasing grad outfits. You can borrow like-new grad dresses, tuxes, suits, shoes and accessories. A small fee for cleaning is the only cost. To book an appointment contact Elizabeth at [esurerus@telus.net](mailto:esurerus@telus.net) or call 250-658-0246. Usually appointments can be booked starting in October.





# EMCS PAC Corner

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.

## 2023-2024 PAC Executive Members:

President: Trevor Bligh  
Vice President: Terry Langridge  
Treasurer: Janine Houchin  
Secretary: Danielle Huber  
SPEAC Rep (District PAC): Vacant

Our Next Meeting is in person at  
EMCS on  
November 14 @ 6:30pm

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## EMCS Society Events and Programs

The EMCS Society is hosting their annual AGM on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the staff room at EMCS. Light refreshments provided.

We are looking for new board members – those passionate about community education, curriculum enhancement, community programming and want to make an impact in our community. We meet 6-9 times a year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:30-8PM. For more information, please see our website: <https://www.emcsprograms.ca/board-staff>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/148447718283647> **PRO-D Day Hand**

<https://www.emcsprograms.ca/foodsafef> **Food Safe** Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am-5 pm

<https://www.emcsprograms.ca/first-aid> **First aid** Sat Oct 21st and 22nd from 9 am-5 pm

<https://www.emcsprograms.ca/make-a-christmas-centrepiece> **Make a Christmas Centrepiece** Sat Dec 9th 10 am-12 pm