EMCS NEWS



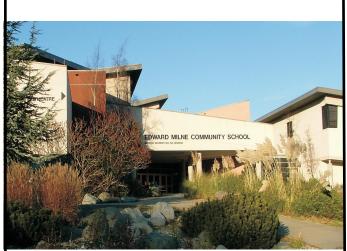
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September 29, 2023

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 3-16, 2023.

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

Log in to your sd62.schoolcashonline.com account to order. Don't miss out!



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Important Dates to Remember:

Sept 29 Orange Shirt Day

Oct 1 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

Oct 2 STAT—Day in Lieu

Oct 2 Custodial Appreciation Day

Oct 3-16 EMCS Clothing Sales
Oct 5 World Teacher Day
Oct 9 STAT—Thanksgiving

Oct 10 Block Rotation Change —A & B instead of

C & D

Oct 10 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Oct 19 Great BC Shakeout @ 10am

Oct 20 Non-Instructional Day

Oct 30-Nov 3 Grade 10's Numeracy & Literacy

Assessments & Grade 12 Literacy

Assessments

Nov 2 Photo Re-Take Day

Nov 10 Remembrance Assembly

Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 13 STAT—Day in Lieu

Nov 14 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Nov 28 3 hr Early Dismissal & Learning Conferences

Nov 24 Non-Instructional Day

Nov 27-Dec 8 10,000 Tonight Campaign





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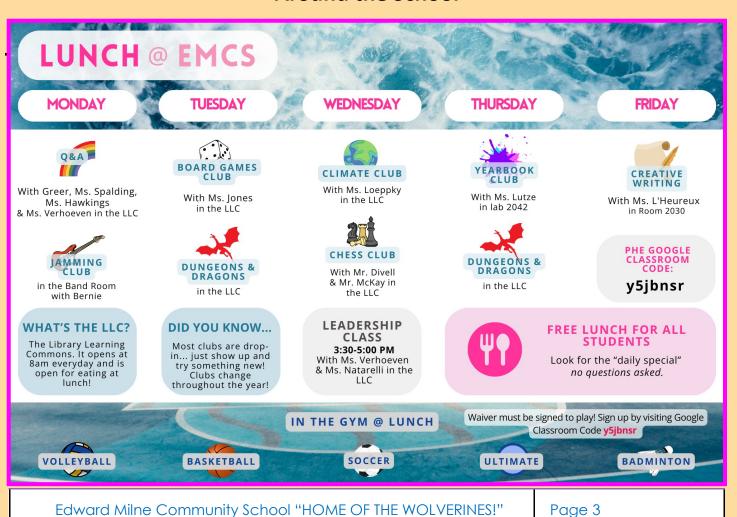
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Cafeteria Menu for the week of Oct 3-5

Monday Oct 02	Tuesday Oct 03	Wednesday Oct 04	Thursday Oct 05
CLOSED ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Seared Salmon with Risotto Baked Winter Squash Curry potato and yam salad Samosas with Apple Chutney Chicken Salad Sandwich Pumpkin Cheese Cake	Pulled Pork with Corn Bread Chicken Noodle Soup Cucumber Yogurt Dill Clam Fritters with Tartar Sauce Ham and Cheese Sandwich Crème Brulee	Lasagana with Caesar Salad Borcht and Sourcream Salad Bar Jalapeno Poppers Veggie burger Apple pie
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Around the School



Around the School Cont.

EMCS's Week of Truth & Reconciliation

This past week, students took part in different activities each day to bring attention and awareness to the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. Students made bracelets and buttons, painted rocks, engaged in teacher-led activities and discussions, and listened to Indigenous leaders who brought a personal connection to this important day. The week culminated with our Orange Shirt Day Walk, as classes travelled down to Saseenos Elementary to gift some of the bracelets, rocks, and buttons to their classes.





2023 NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION at EMCS

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



EMCS Athletics

Cross Country at EMCS is going strong!

We have completed zone races at Lambrick Park and Beaver Lake so far and have UVic and Cedar Hill coming up!

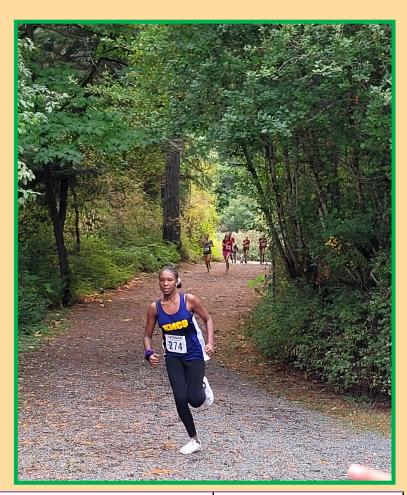
EMCS had two senior girls at Beaver Lake—Emma Childs and Charlotte Prill. For the Beaver Lake race, we had several senior girls—Emma Childs, Charlotte Prill, Liv Rabien, and Morgan Van Hecke. We also had senior boy Finn Unger and Junior Girl Michaela Neely. All the runners did a great job on the 4k and 5k courses, and EMCS runners Emma Childs and Michaela Neely received ribbons in their categories.

Interested in joining cross country? Students can sign up right until October 7th! Practices are Tuesday and Thursday after school (no practice October 5th as we are racing at UVIC) Cross country is a great way to:

- improve fitness for other sports
- meet new people at the school
- become a faster runner
- check out different places in Victoria

Sign up information is in room 2045, just inside the library on the left. We look forward to running with you!!

Maggie Curtis <u>mcurtis@sd62.bc.ca</u> and Elliot Brady.



EMCS Athletics Cont.

EMCS's boys volleyball has come out of retirement and laced up the court shoes! Two weeks in and our team has shown a lot of growth, amazing attitudes, and demonstrated fantastic team comradery and spirit. We are captained by Aster who brings experience, leadership, and fantastic setting abilities.

We have One more set of home matches on November 1st at 6:00pm. Be sure to come by and cheer on our team!!





Girls volleyball at EMCS is off to a strong start this season! We have three girls teams representing our school in the LVISSA leagues! Make sure to check in with your favorite players about their schedules so you can come cheer them on this fall! Many thanks, as always, to our community coaches Dale Riddell and Marie-Ann Davidson for their invaluable contributions to our growing volleyball program.



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Student Opportunities

Here4Peers

LOOKING FOR: Grade 10-12 Youth Facilitators.

Are you interested in mental health, volunteering, and making a difference in the lives of young people in our community? Here4Peers might be for you!

What is Here4Peers? A unique program through which youth facilitators are educated in mental health and trained to give fun and interactive 90-minute mental health workshops to grade 8's at Journey Middle School.

What do you get? Volunteer hours, mental health training, community service, facilitation and public speaking experience and skills.

Commitment:

- 2 full days of mental health and workshop training (Oct. 11/12) Mandatory lunch provided
- Delivering 2 4 workshops throughout the year at Journey (flexible times and days)
- Training and workshops are inside the school timetable so will need to make up missed work
- 2 x a month lunchtime meetings/follow ups

Working as a team (3 facilitators per workshop)

If you are interested and would like to apply, visit the link, scan the QR code or grab an application from the office and return to Ms. Crockett.

Here4Peers Application

Application Deadline: Friday, Oct. 6th.

If you have any questions, e-mail Ms. Crockett at jcrockett@sd62.bc.ca





Student Opportunities Cont.

Rotary Youth Leadership Training Program

This 3 day, 2 night training program emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth.

When: October 20-22, 2023

Where: Cowichan Lake Outdoor Education and Conference

Center, Lakeview Park Road, Lake

Cowichan, BC

What is it:

This unique and exciting training program aims to demonstrate:

- Respect and concern for youth
- Provide effective leadership training
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize youth in service to their community

Give opportunities for youth to share ideas

Application Deadline: Friday, Oct. 6th

Please visit the attached link to see an overview and itinerary of the weekend.

The application will also be attached and can be filled out online, printed out, or you can access it in the office or through Ms. Crockett.

If you have any questions, or are filling the application out online, please email it to jcrockett@sd62.bc.ca

RYLA Fillable Application

Volunteer Hours at the Local Hatchery

If you need volunteer hours and are interested in working with our local hatchery please consider the following opportunity. Help is needed for a seining day at the Sooke River when staff captures and transports chinook salmon to the hatchery. Volunteers are expected to meet at the hatchery at 8:15-8:30 on Saturday, **Oct. 7th**. Volunteers can pick up waders or help with other tasks to prepare for seining the river. From the hatchery, volunteers will move to the Sooke River down Fisherman's Way road. Parking is available in the field down by the river. If that plan changes (mostly weather/rain related) volunteers will be notified. Contact Andrew Schell president of the Sooke Enhancement Society at amschell100@gmail.com



Student Opportunities Cont.

Diabetes Canada Student Volunteers Needed

3-4 Student Volunteers required in support of Diabetes Canada for community bazaar

Date/Time: Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10am-3pm

Location: Shirley Community Hall, 2795 Sheringham Point Rd, Shirley (across from Shirley Delicious)

Requirements: Comfortable talking to people and comfortable making change

The bazaar will include new items and gift baskets; a new-to-you section (books, DVDs, puzzles, clothing, health & fitness, etc); silent auction; sponsor a kilometer; refreshments for purchase and an information table on diabetes.

Shifts wanted: a) morning 9:45-12:45 (2 students); b) afternoon 12:30-3pm (1 student), or anyone who would enjoy working the full day

Contact: Leslie Ann Bent, email <u>rockingdiabetes@gmail.com</u> to volunteer

Volunteer Teen Mentors Needed

Be a Teen Mentor for an Elementary School Student

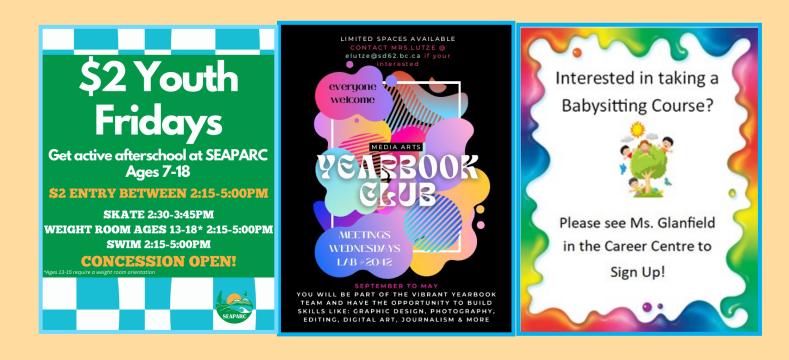
Mr. Phipps is looking for Grade 10-12 students interested in volunteering as mentors for elementary school students at Saseenos this year. We are looking for volunteers who are reliable, honest, fun, and mature.

Volunteers must have good communication skills and be able to commit to seeing their little buddy at Saseenos once a week. This is a fantastic experience for the high school mentors as well as the younger students they work with. If you would like to apply or want to find out more, **see Mr. Phipps** in the counselling office as soon as possible.

Youth Parliament of British Columbia

Applications are due **October 23rd**, 2023. Applications can be delivered to the Career Centre. The British Columbia Youth Parliament will hold its 95th Session in Victoria Provincial Legislative Chambers from December 27 to 31, 2023. The Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people ages 16-21. Members will sit and debate in the Legislative Chambers for five days and will be four nights at the Marriott Hotel in Victoria. Youth Parliament is a one-year commitment. Registration cost is \$425. This is an amazing event for any students wishing to enter politics, law, or business. Students connect with other ambitious young people from across the province. Edward Milne Community School has sent a student just about every year. Please contact the Career Centre for an application and information.

Student Opportunities Cont.



Belize Trip

EMCS and Royal Bay Secondary students are headed to 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, please contact Mr. Vink. I will be holding an informational meeting at lunch in Room 1139 on Wednesday, October 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Vink at cvink@sd62.bc.ca.

Post Secondary Information

Camosun College Info Night

When: Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00pm

Where: EMCS Theatre

Register here: online registration form

Grade 10, 11 & 12 students and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. A Camosun College student recruiter will share information about programs, admission requirements, the application process, and more!

Camosun offers something for everyone.... Upgrading, 1-year certificate programs, 2-year diploma programs, University Transfer, and some 4-year degree programs.

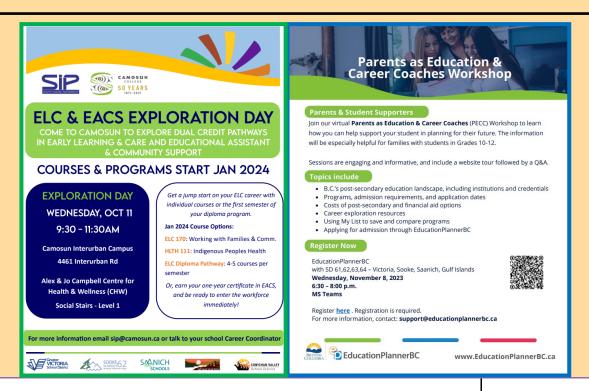
Don't forget that Camosun offers **Trades Foundations Programs** too including: Electrical, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Automotive Service Technician, Professional Cook, Welding, Carpentry, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning.

Many Camosun programs fill up quickly! This info session is important for any Grade 12 students considering Camosun College. It is also a valuable opportunity for Grade 10 and 11 students to explore options and begin planning.

Post-secondary funding for Japanese Canadian descendants

The Japanese Canadian Legacies Society offers scholarships and grants to students of Japanese Canadian descent. See the link below for more information.

https://jclegaciesfund.com/funding-streams/scholarships/





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!

October

- October 16, 2023: Capstone Proposal & Mentor Forms due.
- Look at the schedule for <u>post-secondary info sessions</u> 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.
- <u>Purdy's fundraising</u> efforts begin. You can earn 25% of your individual sales to put towards your Grad fees and Prom tickets! Stay tuned for more info.
- 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 (<u>STS</u>) 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 or call 250-658-0246. Usually appointments can be booked starting in October



EMCS PAC Corner

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 so I can connect with them before October 31, 2023.

Thank you in advance,

Terry Langridge

Vice-President EMCS PAC

EMCS PAC Corner Cont.

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 Our Next Meeting is in person at

Vice President: Terry Langridge EMCS on October 10 @ 6:30pm

Treasurer: Janine Houchin

Secretary: Danielle Huber

EMCS Society Events and Programs

SPEAC Rep (District PAC): Vacant



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

https://www.emcsprograms.ca/qi-gong Qi Gong Every Tues Sept 19th- Oct 24th

https://www.emcsprograms.ca/foodsafe Food Safe Nov 4th 9 am-5 pm

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

https://www.facebook.com/events/1729128834198838 Make your own Gemstone Earrings Wed Oct 11th 7-9 pm

https://www.emcsprograms.ca/introduction-to-surfboard-crafting Intro to Surfboard Crafting Sat Oct 14th 10 am -2 pm

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

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