

EMCS NEWS



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January 19, 2024

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.



The NINENE—Moon of the Child

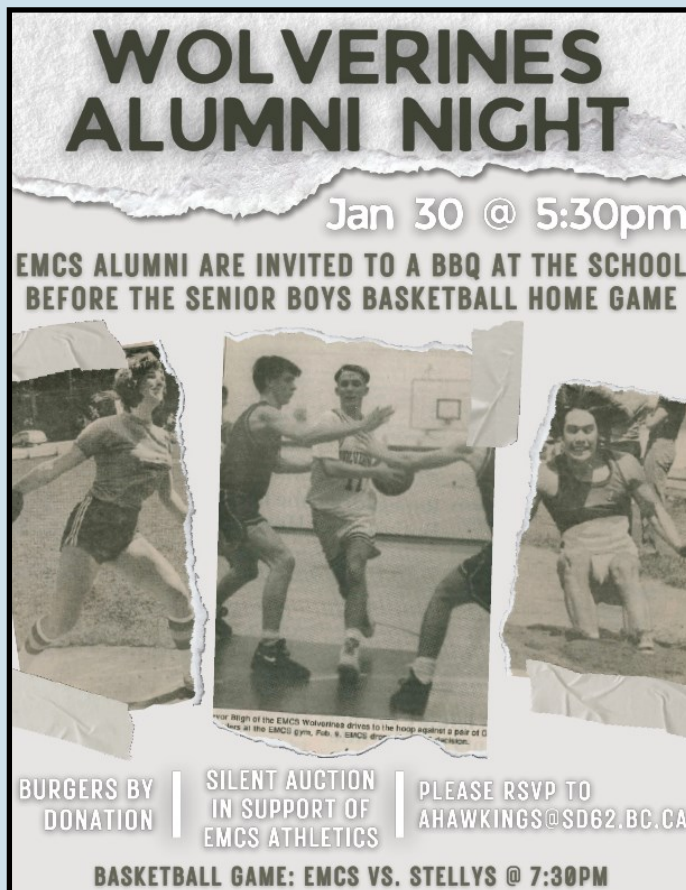


The cafeteria will be closed from
January 29 to February 8.

Our EMCS Food Program will be
providing lunches in the commons to
students during the cafeteria closure.

Important Dates to Remember:

Jan 15-23	Grad Photos
Jan 29	Last Day of Semester 1
Jan 30	First Day of Semester 2
Jan 30	Wolverines Alumni Night starting at 5:30pm
Feb 6	Grade 10/11/12 Course Selection Opens
Feb 7	Grade 9 Immunizations
Feb 9	Grade 10/11/12 Course Selection Closes
Feb 13	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm
Feb 14-16	Grad Photo Re Takes
Feb 16	Non-Instructional Day—no School
Feb 19	Family Day—no School
Mar 12	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm
Feb 28	Pink Shirt Day
Mar 14	Locker Clean Out
Mar 16-Apr 2	Spring Break
Apr 3	Back to School



**WOLVERINES
ALUMNI NIGHT**

Jan 30 @ 5:30pm

EMCS ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO A BBQ AT THE SCHOOL
BEFORE THE SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL HOME GAME

BURGERS BY DONATION | SILENT AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF EMCS ATHLETICS | PLEASE RSVP TO AHAWKINGS@SD62.BC.CA

BASKETBALL GAME: EMCS VS. STELLYS @ 7:30PM

Senior night of the EMCS Wolverines drives to the hoop against a pair of C... at the EMCS gym. Feb. 9, EMCS d...



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

for staff contact information

Student News and Opportunities

Course Selection for 2024-2025

Current Grade 9 through 11 students can start planning their courses for next year in myBlueprint now. Mr. Phipps will provide a course selection presentation to each grade group in the theatre at the following times:

- Grade 9: Feb. 6 in C block after break
- Grade 10: Feb. 6 in D block after break
- Grade 11: Feb. 8 in D block after break

Students will be able to submit / lock in their selections between Feb. 12 and 23.

Here is the link for all course selection information: [Course Selection for Grade 10 - 12](#)

EMCS Wolverines TC10 Team

It is time to dust off our runners and hit the treadmill, trails and roads! The EMCS Wolverines invite you to join our 2024 TC10K team! The TC10K is a wonderful event held downtown on the morning of April 28th. This year, in honour of its 35th anniversary, the race is going on a time-warp to the year 1990, when it began. So, let's make a 90's playlist and find some neon gear and do this thing. This is the link for EMCS team registration: <http://raceroster.com/events/2024/80972/35th-annual-tc10k-powered-by-runsport/register?team=606431> The early bird deadline is January 31st. You can email mcurtis@sd62.bc.ca or phone extension 3358 for more details or come and see me in the learning centre. Happy running and walking! Maggie Curtis



Join our Yearbook Team

Attention all visionaries and creatives! Please come and join our vibrant Yearbook Team every Wednesday at lunch in LAB #2042. Contact Mrs. Lutze elutze@sd62.bc.ca and add yourself to our Google Classroom if you are interested.

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTI5NDM1MTI4NTMw?cjc=fhwb2c>

CODE: fhwb2c

Around the School

Last week Metis artist, Debra Kessler and her daughter visited Mr. Davies English 9 class, sharing her story as well as an introduction to her work. As a result of an accident in 1999 Debra lost both arms. After a long recovery she was undeterred, eventually teaching herself to paint again. Debra demonstrated to our class her technique of using her mouth to paint the world around her. With encouragement from both Debra and Rose the class began to slowly step out of their own comfort zones allowing themselves to paint some spectacular images with just their mouths.



Graduation Portfolio Art Exhibit

This Saturday from 12-3 is the opening for the year's graduation portfolio exhibit.

The show is at the South Shore Gallery here in Sooke (down from the Happy Village restaurant) and will run from January 20-25.

Join us on Saturday to view some beautiful art work, munch on some yummys from our Culinary Arts program, have a cup of coffee from VOSINO café and share in some "cultured chatter" about art.

Some works will be for sale.



JANUARY 2024
CENŌTEN (WINTER) MOON

NA'TSA'MAHT RESOURCE HOUSE

NIE DEPARTMENT SKEL_KEL (SENŌTEN for "News")

WELCOME & Welcome


Welcome to the monthly edition of the NA'TSA'MAHT Resource House. Here you will find valuable resources that have been curated for their authenticity of Indigenous culture and knowledge. We encourage you to explore these findings, and use them for self education, your classroom and your community. Should you have any questions, or if you'd like to share other resources you enjoy, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

HÍSŬŬĒ/Hych'ka - Kleco Kleco/ł'ekoo ł'ekoo! - Gilakas'la - Marsee - Qujannamiik - Thank you

THE ELDER MOON **SIS,ET MOON**

DECEMBER 12 2023 - JANUARY 10 2024

"The Elders hair holds and shields the elderly people who share the teachings, the beliefs, the history and the culture with the children who are gathered in the warmth of the firelight"



Pronunciation Audio: [HERE](#)

THE CHILD MOON **NINENE MOON**

January 11 2024 - February 9 2024

"The face of the young man represents youth, a new beginning, the rebirth of the animal world, and the new edible shoots. This is the Saanich New Year. The moons yellow hair is the returning light to the world."



Pronunciation Audio: [HERE](#)

*Reminder - The moons do not always align with the 12 month Gregorian Calendar that we follow.
** CLICK on the images of the Moons to take you to additional information!



SENŌTEN Words of the Month

Each SENŌTEN word is hyperlinked for pronunciation from First Voices

Beat a drum - **KEU_ĀTEN**, (1181)
What time is it? - **QIN_ŬĒ_TINTEN?**
Tell us a story - **XI_ĀM_CĒL**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

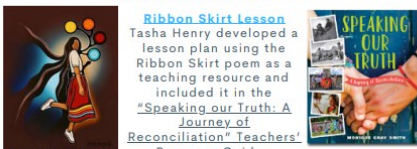
NATIONAL RIBBON SKIRT DAY
JANUARY 4TH 2024

HAVE A HEART DAY
FEBRUARY 14TH 2024

ALL EVENTS ARE HYPERLINKED WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Class Activities

Ribbon Skirt Lesson
Tasha Henry developed a lesson plan using the Ribbon Skirt poem as a teaching resource and included it in the "Speaking our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation" Teachers' Resource Guide.



Artist: Emily Kovageshig

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

Climate Strategy Art Contest

Climate Strategy Art Contest that Métis National Council is holding for Métis citizens across the Homeland who are under 30.

For full contest details click [HERE](#)

Deadline for submissions: **January 31 2024**

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) is inviting youth across the nation to imagine a Canada through the lens of Reconciliation!

Youth from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and CEGEP are invited to participate by submitting artwork, essays, videos, and music, as well as plans for community events, gatherings, workshops, permanent installations, and more... The sky is the limit!

More Details [Here](#)
Deadline for submissions: **January 20 2024**



BOOK Recommendation

Never Whistle at Night - These wholly original and shiver-inducing tales introduce readers to ghosts, curses, hauntings, monstrous creatures, complex family legacies, desperate deeds, and chilling acts of revenge. Introduced and contextualized by bestselling author Stephen Graham Jones, these stories are a celebration of Indigenous peoples' survival and imagination, and a glorious revealing in all the things an ill-advised whistle might summon.



Teaching Resources on ENGAGE - Click [Here](#)

IN THE NEWS

Coast Salish Wolly Dog is Making Headlines!

The Coast Salish Wolly Dog has been in the news lately, have you seen it?

Check out these articles to learn why...

The Dogs That Grew Wool and the People Who Love Them
-Hakai Magazine, 2021

The Story of the Indigenous Wool Dog Told Through Oral Histories and DNA
-Hakai Magazine, 2023

Researchers, Coast Salish People Analyze 160-Year-Old Indigenous Dog Pelt in the Smithsonian's Collection
-Smithsonian, 2023



Photos from: Hakai Magazine



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SNOTTY NOSE REZ KIDS
FEB 16 & 17 2024
CAPITAL BALLROOM

RAVEN SPIRIT DANCE - CONFLUENCE
SATURDAY FEB 17 2024
THE FARQUHAR AT UVIC

WILLIAM PRINCE
FRIDAY FEB 23 2024
MCPHERSON PLAYHOUSE

Do you have a recommendation for a resource, or know of a community event that should be featured? Please contact Katie Gaetz (kgaetz@sd62.bc.ca)



JANUARY 2024

SD62 CAREER EDUCATION SECONDARY

Employment | Post-Secondary | Skilled Trades

HIDDEN APPRENTICES

Do you know of a student who spent the summer, or is currently, working in or around the trades?

These students can be eligible for the Youth Work in Trades program which gives them 16 credits towards graduation, hours towards an apprenticeship, and potentially a \$1000 Youth Work in Trades award from Skilled Trades BC!

Contact your school's career center to get more information!

CAMOSUN SIP PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Students are able to enroll in one course at Camosun College, in Youth Train in Trades programs, and a variety of programs from business to health. The SIP program guide can be found [here](#). Several SD62 students are in their grade twelve year and are studying Business Administration, Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology and Education Assistant and Community Support. For students who are able to plan ahead and have a specific area of interest it can be an amazing opportunity to get started on their career pathway.

Ask for more information at your school's Career Education Office, Career Advisor or reach out to Natalie Kelt to learn more.

COMING SOON

This Fall we heard from the Ministry of Education and Child Care that there would be changes made to the dual credit policy. Previously, students could only take one or two courses that directly linked to their post-secondary pathway. The draft policy should be available shortly with changes in effect for July 1, 2024. Starting in Fall 2024, students will be able to take 3+ dual credit courses to explore areas of interest. The courses help students begin post-secondary with first year classes, receive supports through their school and SIP and begin a journey that will best support them in the future. MECC stated that students are 16% more likely to transition to post-secondary if they take dual credit. While 2.5% of BC students take DC, 10% of SIP students take DC courses.

DATES TO NOTE:

- Health Exploration Days - Camosun - Feb 21
- Secondary Skills Regionals - Camosun- March 8
- Welding Simulator at Belmont + Trades Exploration/TASK Promotion - March 11-15
- WITT - Camosun - April 16
- Skills Provincials - Abbotsford- April 17
- Welding simulator at EMCS + TASK promotion - April 22-25
- Health Exploration Days - Camosun - May 2
- CICAN Event - Camosun - May 9th

PRO-D OPPORTUNITIES!

Friday, February 16, 2024
Three options from SIP:

- Automotive - 9:00am-3:00pm
- Business & Entrepreneurship - 9:00am-12:00pm
- Build United, Build Green - 9:00am-2:30pm

See [poster](#) for more details.
Email sip@camosun.bc.ca to register.

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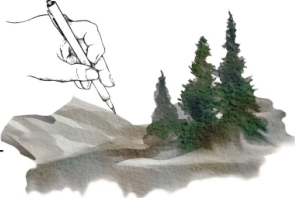


Come join us for 2 **FREE** shows at our Edward Milne Community School Theatre on
 Saturday, January 27, 2024.

The Big Wail is geared around ages 10 and under and Mind Games is geared around ages 11 and up.

<p>Jayne Walling Professional Clown and EMCS Graduate!</p> <h1>The Big Wail!</h1>  <p>Free Tickets!</p> <p>SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 3 PM SOOKE COMMUNITY THEATRE</p> <p>Call the EMCS Program office to reserve your free tickets! (250) 642-6371</p> <p>*A splashy musical tale about a bottom-feeding fish who rises to the top, and the transformation of our oceans. It features many local underwater sea creatures such as Skunkon, the sassy salmon; Patsy, the pointing sea porpoise; and Gale the Singer whale.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Sooke and Westshore Region Literacy Project for Family Literacy Week Jan. 21-28 2024</p> 	<p>Free tickets!</p> <p>SATURDAY JAN. 27 7 PM SOOKE COMMUNITY THEATRE</p> <h1>MIND GAMES</h1>  <h2>ERIC SAMUELS</h2> <p>A night of edge of your seat FUN for the Family!</p> <p>Call the EMCS Program Office to Reserve your Free Tickets: (250) 642-6371</p>  <p>SPONSORED BY THE SOOKE AND WESTSHORE REGION LITERACY PROJECT FOR FAMILY LITERACY WEEK, JAN. 2024</p> 
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Metis Climate Strategy Art Contest

 <p>Climate Strategy Art – Overview of the Call</p> <p>Executive Summary Contest Background:</p> <p>Climate change poses a significant threat to the Métis way of life and the ways in which we interact with the land, our communities and heritage. We are deeply connected to the land, water and skies and can be leaders in fighting climate change and creating a path for a healthier and cleaner Nation. Each of us must do our part in preserving and reversing the</p> <p>The Métis National Council is pleased to announce an ART COMPETITION to design/develop the cover of our new Métis National Climate Strategy (title still to be determined) to be released in spring of 2024.</p> <p>We invite Métis artists from across the Homeland, who are under the age of 30, to submit their art in any still medium, which could include: painting, photography, sculpture, beadwork, collage, drawing, fiber art, digital art, mix media, etc. The art piece should be inspired by how the land and waters across the Homeland are being impacted by climate change, and explore your personal ideas, experiences, and connection to nature and ways to address these changes.</p>  <p>“Climate change poses one of, if not the, biggest challenges to our citizens and communities. As Métis, we are intrinsically tied to the land, and we must do our part to protect it now and for our future generations. Tackling climate change requires us all to come together and collectively develop and implement solutions. Centred in this fight are our youth and I encourage everyone to send in their artwork. I look forward to seeing their visions, connection to the land and voice of our youth against climate change through the submitted pieces.” – <i>President Cassidy Caron</i></p> <p>When developing the piece, we encourage drawing inspiration from the following prompts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does the land and waters mean to you? 2. Reflect on your connection to your culture and the land and waters. 3. What is a memorable experience you've had on the land and water? 4. How does your local environment or natural surroundings influence your day-to-day life? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How is climate change impacting you and your connection to the land and waters? 6. What does climate leadership mean to you, your family, your community, your Nation? 7. What makes you feel empowered in the fight against climate change? <p>One winner, along with a runner-up, will be selected by a team which includes representatives from the Métis National Council and Governing Members.</p> <p>Entry Deadline: January 31, 2024 No entry fees.</p> <p>Release Date: The selected Art piece will be revealed at the MNC National Youth Summit on Climate Change being hosted in April 2024 in Ottawa, ON.</p> <p>Details and criteria for the Contest is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Métis youth from across the Homeland that are under the age of 30 are eligible to enter. - Art must be an original with the original version to be kept and owned by the Métis National Council. The original will be displayed in the office at the conclusion of the contest. - The Art piece must be photographed and submitted in high resolution. The Art piece will be the cover of the Métis National Climate Strategy which will be an 8X11 document. The Art piece does not have to be those dimensions, but we must be able to crop the photograph of the original to fit the cover. - This Art piece will be made public and MNC holds the right to display the piece in advertisements, publications, promotions or any other purposes. - Please include the name of the Art piece. - Please also include a short (2-3 pages) essay explaining what this Art piece means to you and why you submitted it. <p>Prizes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The winner will have their Art piece act as the cover of the Métis National Climate Strategy, and will be awarded \$5000 cash along with an all-expenses paid trip to Ottawa to attend the unveiling of the piece at the MNC National Youth Summit on Climate Change in April 2024 - The runner-up will be recognized and receive a 12.9-inch iPad Pro and an all-expenses paid trip to Ottawa to attend the MNC National Youth Summit on Climate Change in April 2024. - Following selection of the winner and runner-up of the contest, eight additional entrants will be selected for an all-expenses paid trip to Ottawa to attend the MNC National Youth Summit on Climate Change in April 2024. <p>To Enter: Submit the details of your art piece, a high-resolution photo of the piece along with your short essay explaining what the art piece means to you and why you submitted it along with the participant consent form to the following email address: contest@metisnation.ca</p> <p>For more information contact: MNC Environment and Climate Change Art Contest Team contest@metisnation.ca</p>
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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!

January Timeline

- If you failed a Semester 1 course, this may impact your ability to graduate and/or be admitted to post- secondary programs. See your School Counsellor if you have questions.
- If you are planning to apply for student housing, application usually starts now.
- **February 14 to 16, 2024:** Grad Photo retakes
- **February 26, 2024:** Capstone project preview sessions start today and go until March 1

Make sure you are on track to graduate at the end of your Grade 12 year! Double check your timetable to make sure you are scheduled for the courses you need to graduate. If you aren't sure, make an appointment to see your Counsellor.

BC Ministry of Education website: [Graduation Requirements](#)

Use the following worksheets to plan your high school courses and track your progress towards graduation:

[High School Plan](#)

[BC Graduation Requirements Checklist](#)

View Your Transcript on Your [MyEducationBC Student Portal Account](#)

[click here for instructions](#)

EMCS PAC Corner

2023-2024 PAC Executive Members:

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.

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

**Our Next Meeting is in person
at EMCS on
February 13 @ 6:30pm**