

EMCS NEWS



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March 8, 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.



WEXWS-Moon of the Frog (Mid Feb. to Mid March)



Monday
Mar 11

Lamb Stew
~
Potato Bacon Soup
~
Mediterranean Chickpea Salad
~
Stuffed Mushroom Caps
~
BLT
~
Paska Eastern Bread

Tuesday
Mar 12

Chana Masala (Chickpea Curry)
~
Carrot Ginger Soup
~
Broccoli Salad
~
Clam Fritters
~
Pulled Pork Burrito
~
Lime Cheese Cake

Wednesday
Mar 13

Fish and Chips with Coleslaw and Tarter Sauce
~
Black Bean Soup
~
French Potato Salad
~
Quinoa Spinach Cakes with Lemon Aioli
~
Eggssalad Sandwich
~
Crème Brulee

Thursday
Mar 14

Cassoulet
~
French Onion Soup
~
Salad Bar
~
Gougère
~
Jambon Fromage (Ham and Brie)
~
Macarons

Important Dates to Remember:

Mar 12	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm
Mar 13	Gr. 9 Catch-Up Immunizations (Seminar Room)
Mar 14	ECO Academy Pop Up Thrift Shop
Mar 14	Locker Clean Out
March 15	Last Day of Class Before Spring Break
Mar 18-Apr 2	Spring Break
Apr 3	Return to School
Apr 16	PAC Meeting at 6:30pm
Apr 19	Non-Instructional Day
Apr 23-24	Gr 12 Capstone Project Presentations
Apr 24	Anastasia Theatre Production at 7pm
Apr 25	Anastasia Theatre Production at 7pm
Apr 26	Anastasia Theatre Production at 7pm
Apr 27	Anastasia Theatre Production at 2pm



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Please visit our website at:

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

for staff contact information

EMCS Students vs Staff Hockey Game



EMCS Students vs Staff Hockey Game Cont.



EMCS Ultimate Frisbee Team in Training!



Black History Month at EMCS

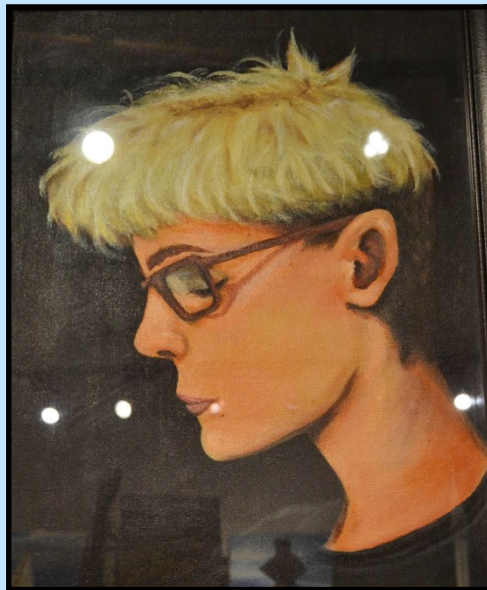


EMCS Students Advanced Portfolio Graduation Exhibit Artwork

Emily Chen



Presley Banys



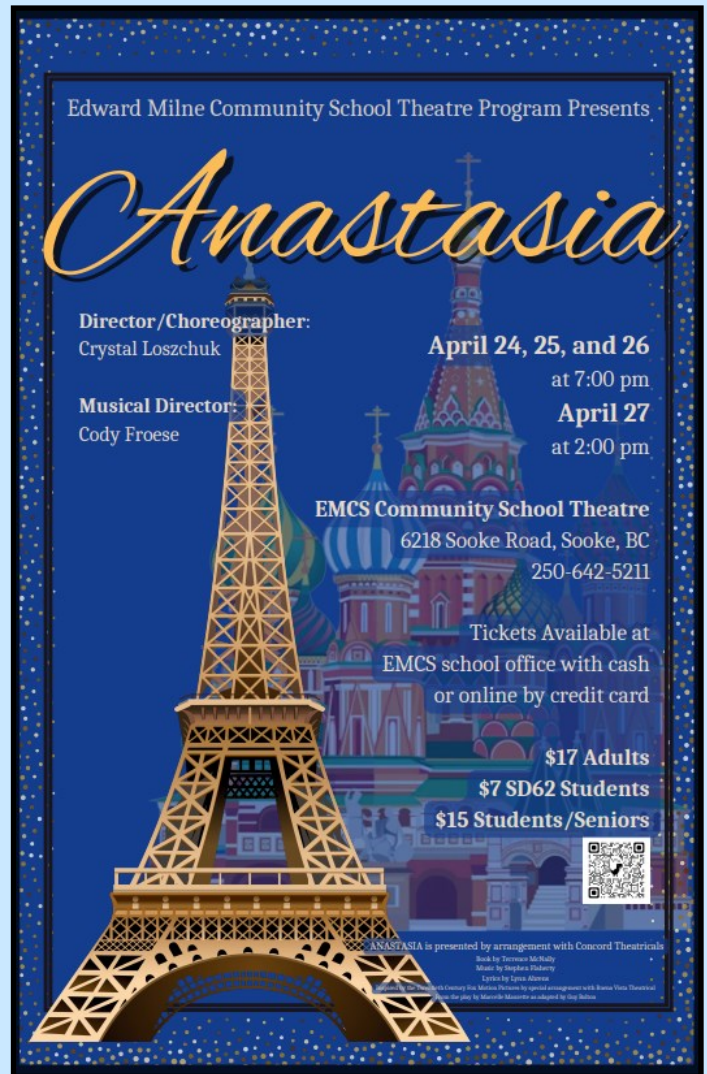
Hailey Csiki



EMCS Theatre Program Presents Anastasia

Tickets are on sale starting March 11 for the EMCS Musical Theatre Production of Anastasia. Come join us in the world of the 1920s from the Russian Revolution to life in Paris, following the story of a girl who just might be a princess!

Tickets can be purchased through [School Cash Online](#) with a credit card or in person at the EMCS office with cash. Only \$7 for students and \$17 for adults. The show runs April 24, 25, and 26 at 7:00 pm and April 27 at 2:00. Come on out and watch an incredible show that the students have been working on all year.



EMCS Society Information

If you want to promote and support the work of the EMCS Society and play a role in the future direction of the Society, join in-person (\$2 annual membership) at the Society office at EMCS, or by calling 250-642-6371, one and a half hour meetings 6 – 8 times a school year. EMCSS encourages community and school connections, and we have lots of classes, workshops, drop-in sports, camps, projects, Makerspace, etc. Check out our current offerings or find a membership form – <https://www.emcsprograms.ca>

President: Willy Burrows

Vice-President: Kate Barton

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Trevor Bligh

Directors – Steve Anderson and Andrew Donnelly

**Upcoming Meeting Dates: April
18, May 16, June 20, September
19, October 17 AGM**

Student Opportunities



MIDDLE SCHOOL TRADES EXPLORATION SUMMER PROGRAMS

Open to all students from our partnership school districts born between 2010–2012.

Expressions of Interest:
March 4 to April 5

JULY 2-5 PROGRAMS

- Pipe Trades
- Build Green Together
- Culinary

JULY 8-12 PROGRAMS

- Future Women in Trades Sampler
- Sheet Metal

Generously sponsored by Camosun and Industry
\$50 / student

On site at Camosun College Interurban, 16 seats per program



For more Information please scan the QR code or visit:
camosun.ca/dual-credit









Present

NIGHT YOUTH LEAGUE
Grades 3-5
Six Weeks, April 3 - May 26
\$150
Weekly Practices
Sunday Games
All Levels Welcome

U9 GIRLS
Grades 2-3
Six Weeks, April - May
\$150
Weekly Sunday Practices and
Tournament Play
All Levels Welcome

LITTLE DRIBBLERS
Grades K-2
April 13th and 30th
\$60
10am-1pm
Intro To Basketball

U13 BOYS SBC CLUB TEAM TRYOUTS
Grades 6 & 7 (currently)
Monday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 14 at Journey Middle School
3:15-4:30pm
Selected players will be contacted the following week.
Club season starts beginning of April and runs to the first week of July.
Club fee of \$150 Includes:
Uniform, weekly practices, registration into Basketball BC, insurance

Register today at www.sookebasketballclub.com

*Spots are limited





2024 NAT'S'AMAHT FAMILY DINNERS

All SD62 Families Welcome!

Wednesday, March 13
David Cameron Elementary
GYM 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Partnership with Urban Indigenous & Metis Nation Greater Victoria

Thursday, April 25
Sooke Elementary
GYM 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Partnership with T'Sou-ke Nation

Thursday, May 23
Port Renfrew Location To Be Determined
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Partnership with Pacheedaht Nation

Wednesday, June 12
Dunsmuir Middle
GYM 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Partnership with Sc'ianew Nation



CLICK HERE FOR SIGN UP LINK

There is a maximum capacity for each event. Once capacity is reached, families will be waitlisted.

Sooke School District acknowledges the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation and Sc'ianew Nation and Nuuchahnulth: Pacheedaht Nation. We also recognize some of our schools reside on the traditional territory of Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation.

March Na'tsa'maht Resource House

MARCH 2024

CENKI, LES (SPRING) MOON

NA'TSA'MAHT RESOURCE HOUSE

NIE DEPARTMENT SKEL_KEL (SENĆOTEN for "News")

ÍY SZÁCEL & 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.

HISWKE/Hych'ka - Kleco Kleco/Á'ekoo Á'ekoo! - Gilakas'la - Marsee - Qujannamiik - Thank you


FEBRUARY 10 2024 - MARCH 10 2024

"The frog face of the moon represents DOLUÁNW - the Keeper of the Sacred Season. It is time to gather foods and medicine. The Saanich People place cedar boughs in the water close to the shore for the herring to lay roe on."


Pronunciation Audio: [HERE](#)

THE FROG MOON

WEXES MOON



PEXSISEN MOON



THE MOON OF OPENING HANDS THE BLOSSOMING OUT MOON

MARCH 10 2024 - APRIL 8 2024

"All the plants and trees are opening up their hands again and the moon meets their welcome. All of nature is blooming. At this time the Brant Geese are dried. The Earth renews its strength."

Pronunciation Audio: [HERE](#)



SENĆOTEN Words of the Month

Each SENĆOTEN word is hyperlinked for pronunciation from First Voices

PIG - [ĊEŠU](#)
 DRINK - [KOKE](#)
 USE YOUR LANGUAGE - [ĊOĊES TTEN, SKĀL,](#)

Coast Salish Music Series

The [Coast Salish Music Series](#) is a valuable cultural resource to bring the sounds of culture into the schools. Brother Rick previously facilitated a series of visits to elementary schools to mentor Music Teachers in Coast Salish drum teachings, drum circle conductor signals, counting to 3 in SENĆOTEN.



Songs include:
[Hych'ka Siem](#)
[Harvesting Song](#)
[Hungry Song](#)
['Iyus skweyul](#) 'an abkwaa: Happy Birthday in Hul'q'umi'nun'

Visit [ENGAGE](#) to learn these songs.
 We acknowledge that Chief Russel Chipps of Sc'ianew Nation has given permission for these songs to be shared within the school district.

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION



We encourage all educators to register their classes, schools, or districts in order to receive important updates about the upcoming event and the upcoming release of resources. We want to remind educators that our event is for all grade levels through K-12.

Please connect with Katie Gaetz ([kgaezt@sdsd2.bc.ca](#)) **before** ordering your Moose Hide Pins for 2024



Moose Hide Campaign Day
 May 16, 2024



[education.moosehidecampaign.ca](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

[Spring Equinox](#)
 March 19th 2024

[ElderBeary Day](#)
 March 20th 2024

National Indigenous Languages Day

March 31st 2024



PODCAST Recommendation



On [Matriarch Movement](#), host Shayla Oulette Stonechild shares stories of Indigenous women, from Canada to Turtle Island and beyond. Through interviews where issues facing Indigenous women are brought to light, and with portraits that challenge the mainstream narrative around Indigenous identity, Matriarch Movement offers up a new category of Indigenous role models, to inspire the next seven generations.

Traditional Foods

Article: Reflecting on language and its impacts on Indigenous foods and nutrition
Images are hyperlinked to the associated documents.

Class Activities

LIVE IT

Orcas

Oceans

Orcas! Why are these orcas special to BC's west coast?

Explore and Engage with this incredible learning platform called Live It Earth! Each topic has a plethora of information, activities and resources attached; all connected to the BC Curriculum tool!

Slideshows, Checklists, Inquiry Guide, STEM challenge, Games and so much more! Orcas is just a single lesson from their extensive library.
CHECK IT OUT!

Michif Language Introductory Course: Celebrating Métis Culture!

This engaging Métis cultural presentation provides community members with a unique opportunity to delve into their rich heritage and acquire fundamental Michif language skills. Led by a traditional Michif speaker Marie Schoenthal, this workshop promises an immersive experience that celebrates and preserves our Métis culture.

**\$150 for 6 lessons
(50% off for Métis Participants)**

CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS

CLICK HERE

Ocean Warriors features Ahousaht's Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary Team! You can watch on APTN

BOOK Recommendation

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LAND

Illuminating the First Nations struggles against the Canadian state, It's All about the Land exposes how racism underpins and shapes Indigenous-settler relationships. Renowned Kahnawa'ke Mohawk activist and scholar Tahiake Alfred explains how the Canadian government's reconciliation agenda is a new form of colonization that is guaranteed to fail...

Teaching Resources on ENGAGE - Click Here

IN COMMUNITY

NOURISHING THE BLOSSOMING PLACE A FUNDRAISER FOR PEPAKAN HAUTU

PERFORMANCES BY
ZOE-BLUE, ASHLEY BURRLE (THE HAPPY FAIRLIE)
SA-HANG, EARTH FREAKS

VENDORS

WOODWARD CIGARS • HARBORCROSS • ART & APPAREL • JAPANESE

DOOR PRIZES

50/50!

BOOKENDS: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM • TICKETS: 10 PER PERSON • \$10000

FERNHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

11711A HWY. 23 • COQUITON • BC V3C 2S9

A FUNDRAISING CONCEPT THAT COMBINES A SUPPORT
ECONOMIC TRANSITION, DECOLONIZATION, PORTFOLIO
DIVERSIFICATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
AND USES COMMUNITY MEMBERS
HUNDREDS OF TICKETS AVAILABLE

IN THE NEWS

SCIANEW NATION

Supersized marine oil spill
response vessel arrives in B.C. -
Canadian Energy Centre

Pre-Read: KOTIUG CANADA AND
SCIANEW FIRST NATION SIGN
MUTUAL BENEFITS AGREEMENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thinking about getting down and dirty in 2024?

Maybe grow your own veggie... or some native plants
for the pollinators... but not quite sure where to start?

ReImagine West Shore has you covered with the
West Shore's First Seedy Saturday.

Family-friendly "Free or Buy or Donate" 7th Street
Farmers, Farmers, Gardeners & more! "It's all
Reimagined to celebrate."

ReImagine
West Shore Community

Saturday, March 22
**Five Little Indians: A Conversation with
Michelle Good**

[Click here for Tickets!]

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)

Scholarship and Bursary Information



SCHOLARSHIPS

Sign up for the ***Post-Secondary / Scholarships*** group on the Wolverine app for ongoing updates regarding scholarships and bursaries.

Win a \$1250 District Scholarship!

- Around 30 EMCS students win each year!
- You don't need top marks!
- April 8 application deadline.
- Find out more here....



Scholarship & Bursary Tutorial Video (2024)

- How to find scholarships & bursaries
- How to prepare your applications
- How to submit your applications
- Watch the video here...





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!

March Timeline

- **March 15, 2024:** 30 hours of work experience / volunteer time / passion project must be complete.
- **March 15, 2024:** Capstone Project approval deadline. (last day of preview sessions)
- Check the **Scholarship & Bursary section of the EMCS website**. MANY updates are usually made in March.

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

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
Communications Officer:	Vacant

Our Next Meeting is in person
at EMCS on
March 12 @ 6:30pm