

EMCS NEWS



Edward Milne Community School

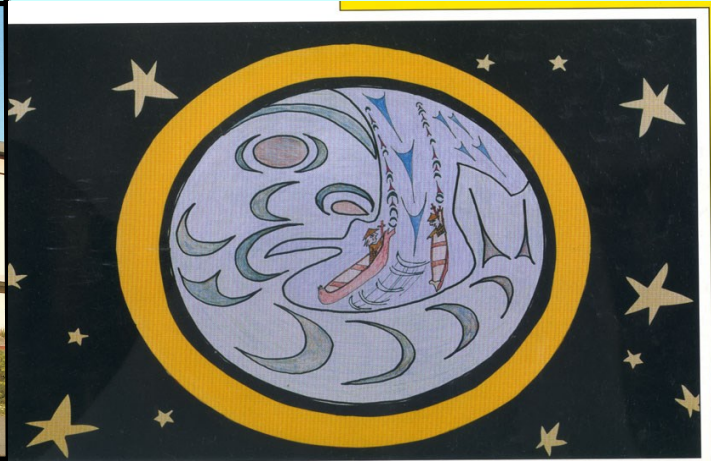
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June 6, 2024

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.

CENTEKI —The Sockeye moon (June-July)



Yearbooks are still available to purchase, limited supply so get them quick!

Go to [School Cash Online](#) to buy one before they sell out!

Nothing in life is impossible as long as you take that first step

CLASS OF 2024

Edward Milne Community School

Only \$58

PURCHASE ONLINE

School Cash Online Or In the Office

LIMITED COPIES AVAILABLE

Grad Information

Grad Rehearsal: Friday, June 7 @ UVic—The grad rehearsal is mandatory for all grads who are taking part in the Grad Ceremony on Saturday. We will be travelling by school bus, and students cannot drive themselves (as this is a school event). Buses will be leaving EMCS at 8:50am, so don't be late! They will be arriving back at EMCS before the end of day bell. Do not wear/bring your cap and gown, but it is strongly recommend that you bring the shoes that you will be wearing during the actual ceremony in order to practice walking across the stage (and the 3 different floorings)

Grad Ceremony: Saturday, June 8 @ UVic Jamie Cassells Centre (Farquhar Auditorium) – 1:00pm sharp—The **group photo is at 12:30pm**, on the grassy area at the back of the auditorium/stage entrance. If you aren't there at 12:30, you won't be in the photo. As traffic on McKenzie and parking can be an issue, give yourself plenty of time to arrive, and **aim to be at UVic by 12:15pm (or earlier)**. The gardens at UVic are amazing, and offer some great cap and gown photo backdrops.

The best places to park are Lots 2 & 4 (see the map [here](#)). We will not have a photographer inside taking pictures of grads as they cross the stage, so please feel free to take pictures of your own grad. Only take pictures of your own grad, be aware of privacy guidelines, and do not post to social media.

The ceremony will be livestreamed. The livestream can be accessed at <https://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/links/graduation-ceremony-livestream/> V stoles will be handed out just prior to the ceremony, and will be collected back in immediately following. If you wish to hold on to the V stole afterwards for pictures, please notify Mr. Powell.

Prom Information

Prom tickets are now on sale through [school cash online](#), deadline to purchase is June 7, 2024.

Please check your students school cash online account for any outstanding fees owed. We do request student's fees are paid prior to attending Prom on June 22, 2024.

If you have a financial hardship, please contact your Vice Principal or Counsellor on record to have the fee/fees waived.

Important Dates to Remember:

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| June 7 | Mandatory GRAD Rehearsal @ UVIC—Bus leaves EMCS at 8:45am |
| June 8 | Graduation Ceremony @ UVIC at 1pm |
| June 10-14 | Literacy & Numeracy Assessment Window |
| June 11 | PAC Meeting at 6:30pm |
| June 12 | Grad Walk—Elementary & Journey Schools |
| June 13 | Int/ELL Year End Celebration 10-2 |
| June 20 | Awards Night |
| June 22 | Prom at the Empress Hotel |
| June 24 | FUN DAY—Yearbooks handed out in the Library |
| June 27 | Last Day of School—no regular classes |

ATTENTION!

All books, textbooks and novel studies must be returned to the library no later than **June 14th!**

Any outstanding school and library fines must be resolved before picking up your yearbook or before graduating!



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

Grad Fashion Show

Congratulations to all of the grads who took part in the 2024 Grad Fashion Show on Friday, May 31. It was an incredible night of fashion, dancing, and really bad “dad jokes.” The audience was left clapping, cheering, and laughing all night long. It was a fun night had by all, and some of the audience left with some amazing silent auction items as well.

Congratulations to all the graduating students of 2024 and a special shout out to the awesome stars in this year’s grad fashion show, well done!

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| Camille Byrne | Jakob Mathias |
| Quinn Cann | Shaela Quinn-Young |
| Anita Chen | Taylor Robinson |
| Emma Childs | Sam Roe |
| Jamie Desjardins | Sunny Rogers |
| Graham Duffield | Veahsa Snider |
| Lenny Freund | Rainen Spurr |
| Mattia Hack | Adam Stawicki |
| Mahela Haslam | Sabrina Stewart |
| Sam Hay | Vanessa Suckling |
| Abbey Hayward | Finn Unger |
| Brenden Hurst | Sadie Unger |
| Maddy Kennedy | Taylin Ward |
| Cooper Kenny | Tori Whiteson |
| Ella Lucato | Fallyn Young |



EMCS 2023/2024 Athletics Banquet

On Thursday May 30th the athletes, coaches, and sport community gathered to celebrate another successful year of athletics!

EMCS had 15 different teams competing across 7 sports this year. The awards banquet started with the team awards, where coaches shared some highlights from their season and presented a Most Improved Player Award, and Most Valuable Player Award.

Click the link to see our [Athletics Awards Winners](#)

Around the School

Congratulations to Allison Forget, first place in the Climate Contest and winner of a bike from Recyclistas."



Around the School

Check out this article about our amazing Soccer Academy teacher Kelly Hunter who is retiring this year after 19 years at EMCS. <https://www.sookenewsmirror.com/local-sports/sooke-soccer-academy-coach-hanging-up-the-cleats-7366083>



Check out this article about how our Soccer Academy students are giving back to the community. <https://www.sookenewsmirror.com/sports/sooke-soccer-academy-students-pitch-for-horseshoe-club-7362117>



EMCS (and Royal Bay) are going to Greece! For more information, please visit the link below for more information and/or enroll. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Vink at cvink@sd62.bc.ca if you have any questions. Spaces are filling fast! EF tours is offering a \$200 discount on the listed tour price until June 7th. <https://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/2791592sc>



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!

June Timeline

- **Student Aid BC** 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 **BC Services Card**.
- 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 **BC Graduation Requirements** 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 7, 2024:** Mandatory Grad rehearsal
- **June 8, 2024:** Grad Ceremonies at UVIC.– After Grad, return your stole to Mr. Powell. If not returned, you will be charged a \$40.00 replacement fee.
- **June 12, 2024:** Grad Walk at Elementary Schools and Journey Middle School
- **June 22, 2024:** Prom at the Empress Hotel
- Prom Events 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. Prom Policies & Behaviour Expectations

[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:

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| 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 June 11 @ 6:30pm.

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 involvement with your community and school. What are you waiting for?