



ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 12 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017

Grad Dates

- Recognition Ceremony at UVic Auditorium-
Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:45pm
- Grad Dinner & Dance at the Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt-
Saturday, June 10, 2017
- Tickets for Grad Dinner and Dance are on sale the following dates:
May 16, May 17, May 24 *ONLY THESE DATES*
- **The Aboriginal Graduation Banquet and Ceremony-**
The Aboriginal Nations Education Division of the Greater Victoria School District annually hosts an Aboriginal Recognition Ceremony for all Aboriginal Grade 12 students who have completed the official requirements for graduation. This year's Aboriginal Recognition Ceremony will be held at the Songhees Wellness Centre, Thursday June 1. Please be in touch with Danielle Payne or Gail Higginbottom for further information:
dpayne@sd61.bc.ca or Gail Higginbottom: ghigginbottom@sd61.bc.ca

Grad Assemblies – Attendance at Grade 12 Assemblies

As the Recognition Ceremony nears, it will be more important than ever that you keep up with what is happening. Please ensure that you keep these times free in order to attend these meetings. Please rearrange work schedules if necessary. If for any reason you are not able to attend an assembly, please inform Mrs. Hoffman. Attendance is taken at most assemblies.

Grad Ceremony Rehearsals- THESE ARE MANDATORY!!!!

- **Tuesday May 30, Period 2-** First rehearsal for Recognition Ceremony (note block change)
- **Friday, June 2nd, Period 4-** Second rehearsal and gown/cap distribution
- **Monday, June 5th, 8:45 AM-NOON-** UVic rehearsal for ceremony

Grad Checklist

- ✓ Make an appointment with your mentor for Grad Transition Plan (due before June 9)
- ✓ Make certain your address is correct in our school computer system.
- ✓ Submit photo for Grad Slide Show

Grad Ceremony Write-Up

It is traditional at Esquimalt for us to say a few words about you as you cross the stage at the UVic recognition ceremony to personalize the experience. Please complete the write up form we have provided and submit it to your TA teacher by **May 12, 2017**. Extra forms are available in the office. As you write, keep in mind that this is a formal Recognition Ceremony, and the theatre will be filled with the family and friends of the Grads of 2017!

UVic Ceremony Info

Students will attend a mandatory rehearsal at UVic the morning of the grad ceremony, starting at 8:45 a.m. **Grads will arrive at UVic for the graduation recognition ceremony at 5:45 p.m.** The group photo will be taken at 6:00 p.m.

Recognition Ceremony at UVic-Ticket Information

Tickets are now available for purchase via the UVic box office (\$10 each, 8 tickets per student). Do you want great seats? Purchase your tickets early! Want more than 8 tickets? You have to wait until the middle of May to give others an opportunity to purchase theirs. There are usually some left over, but they won't necessarily be in the same area of the auditorium as the tickets you purchased earlier. The Ceremony tickets are processed through the UVic Ticket Centre. This allows parents and students to obtain tickets easily through one of three ways:

1. **Web request on-line at <http://auditorium.uvic.ca>** – There is a \$3.00 per order fee in affect for on-line sales, and this includes the mailing of the tickets and parking pass if purchased.
2. **Phone: (250) 721-8480** – A \$2.00 per order fee is charged for telephone sales, and this includes the mailing of tickets and parking pass(s) if purchased.
3. **In person Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:00pm.** The Ticket Centre is located in the lobby of the University Centre B Wing where the Auditorium is located. There is a \$2.00 fee for ordering tickets in person. You do not need to buy a Ceremony ticket for yourself, but you do need to buy a Dinner/Dance ticket.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU REQUEST ANY REQUIRED WHEELCHAIR SEATING
AT THE TIME OF ORDERING YOUR TICKETS.**

Parking Information: A \$3.00 flat fee for parking at UVic on evenings after 6pm is in place. Patrons purchasing tickets through the UVic Ticket Centre may also purchase a parking ticket, so they can avoid line-ups at the parking machine prior to the ceremony. Parking tickets purchased this way will be mailed with ceremony ticket

Grad Dinner & Dance Info, Ward Room CFB Esquimalt, 1586 Esquimalt Road

- Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Arrive between 5:00-5:50 p.m.
- Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the evening wraps up at 11 p.m.
- Cost is \$85 per person (2 ticket max. per grad)
 - Grads must have paid grad fee and outstanding liabilities prior to ticket purchase. Payment can be made to the Accounts Clerk in the office.
 - Please indicate special dietary request at time of ticket purchase, such as allergies or vegetarian diets.
 - Seating arrangements will be determined at time of ticket purchase and are not subject to change – first come first served (8 per table.)
 - If you are bringing a guest (anyone who is not a member of the grad class), **you must fill out a guest request form and submit this to a Vice Principal** or they will not be allowed in! Forms will be available in the office. **They must be completed and approved BEFORE ticket purchase- last day to hand forms in for approval is MAY 16**

Grad Deposit

The grad deposit of \$40.00 should now have been paid to the Accounts Clerk. Students can still pay this deposit with the Accounts Clerk in the office before or after school, or during breaks. **Please see any of the counsellors or administrators if there are any financial concerns around grad**

Program for Recognition Ceremony

Any students wanting to submit a program, submissions are due to Ms. Hoffman by **Monday, May 22nd**. The student who wins this will be awarded a **Free Dinner Dance ticket!**

Grad Dress Stress?!?!?

Any students in need of a grad dress or suit who are in financial difficulty? There are options within our community to make this more affordable. Please see Mrs. Hoffman or Mr. Beattie, in confidence, to make an appointment with The Magic Wand.

Important! Grad Transition Plan -Please complete by June 12!

This is a mandatory 4 credit course that you must ensure is completed to meet graduation requirements. There are three components required to earn the four credits:

1. **Daily Physical Activity (DPA)**- students must complete and document a minimum of 150 minutes per week of moderate to intense physical activity. If you are enrolled in a PE course, Athletic Leadership or Dance, those hours will count as DPA. Students should document their hours weekly using either the DPA log Sheet or on-line through the Learn Now BC website. Both of these options appear as links on our school website:
<http://www.esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/default.aspx?PageID=1206>
2. **Work Experience/Volunteer Hours**- students are responsible for logging a minimum of 30 hours of community based volunteer work and/or paid work experience demonstrating employability skills or community involvement and responsibility. **Students will be asked to bring documentation of their work experience to the exit interview.**
3. **Graduation Transition Plan**- students are expected to explore and plan for options regarding their future education and career choices. Mandatory attendance at grad assemblies is part of your Transition Plan. **Students must arrange an interview with a grad mentor during which they will discuss their Transition Plan and how it relates to their skills and attributes.**

Scholarship Information

Please email Mrs. Hoffman all scholarship offers – both accepted and declined for our master list:
ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca

District Authority (AKA Dogwood) Scholarships

Information package available via Mrs. Hoffman- due May 5, 2017

Esquimalt Scholarships/ School District Scholarships

Meeting is Wednesday May 10th in Room 311 at lunch ***note date change***

We have approximately 25 scholarships exclusively for Esquimalt students and approximately 15 scholarships exclusively for students graduating from public schools in School District #61. Due date for applications is June 12, 2017.

Scholarship Websites

Various scholarship and financial aid websites are:

- CanLearn - www.canlearn.ca
- Scholarships Canada – www.scholarshipscanada.com - *has some information for Canadian students and International students.
- Student Awards – www.studentawards.com
- Student Scholarships - www.studentscholarships.org
- www.studyincanada.com (International students)

Post-Secondary Updates

Going to UVIC?

There will be a REGISTRATION 101 session with UIVC advisor [Wednesday May 17, 11:30am-12:20pm](#) in room 111

Considering Camosun? Application deadline is May 15th

Online Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections Form

PSI forms will be completed during class time in late March or in Scholarship Class.

Note: Students proceeding to post-secondary in the 2017-2018 school year MUST complete the PSI Form.

Reminder: The electronic PSI Selections Form is now available online for students graduating this school year. An instructional document is available at:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/trx_updates/pdf/psi_selections_instructions.pdf

The instructions include snap shots of all the screens students will use to select PSIs.

Students access the online form by logging into the Student Secure Web (SSW),

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>, and click the menu option "**Post-Secondary Institutions Selections**".

Students must complete the PSI Selections form by **May 1, 2017** to have **interim** transcript information forwarded in mid-March to the BC Electronic PSIs list and to the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) institutions. Preliminary transcript information will **not** include interim marks for courses in progress. It will only include final marks for completed courses and a list of courses students are currently taking.

Students must complete the PSI Selections form by **July 15, 2017** to have **final transcripts** sent to the institutions.

That is a lot of dates!!

Here is the breakdown:

DO ASAP- buy tickets for UVIC; pay Grad fee; do PSI

Friday May 5	Dogwood Scholarships Due to Mrs. Hoffman
Wednesday May 10	Esquimalt Scholarship meeting rm 311
Friday May 12	TA Speeches due to TA teachers!!
Tuesday May 16	DINNER DANCE TICKETS ON SALE; GUEST FORMS DUE
Wednesday May 17	DINNER DANCE TICKETS ON SALE
Wednesday May 17	Registration 101 for UVIC- room 311 at lunch
Monday May 22	Program designs due to Mrs. Hoffman
Wednesday May 24	DINNER DANCE TICKETS ON SALE- LAST DAY!!!!
Tuesday May 30	Period 2 - 1 st Rehearsal for ceremony- MANDATORY (ESQ Theatre)
Thursday June 1	Aboriginal Graduation banquet 5-9pm, Songhees Wellness Centre
Thursday June 1	#GRADitude bus tour, period 3 and 4
Friday June 2	Period 4 - 2 nd Rehearsal for ceremony- MANDATORY(ESQ Theatre)
Monday June 5	UVIC rehearsal- 8:45-Noon; be at UVIC at 5:45 for 6:45 ceremony
Friday June 12	Grad Transition Plan DUE (please do it earlier); ESQ Scholarships due
Saturday June 10	Grad Dinner Dance- doors 5pm

