



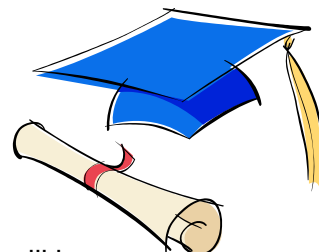
# Esquimalt High School

## Grade 12 Newsletter

November/December 2016

### Grad Dates

- Grad Winter Ball - **Thursday, December 15, 2016 7-10pm** at the English Inn in Esquimalt. Tickets are \$35.
- The Aboriginal Grad Recognition Ceremony is on **Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017** at the Songhees Wellness Centre.
- Recognition Ceremony at UVic Auditorium – **Monday, June 5, 2017 6:45pm**
- Grad Dinner & Dance at CFB Esquimalt – **Saturday, June 10, 2017**. Tickets will be on sale spring of 2017.



### Grad Photos

- Grad photos are **December 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Grad retakes are **January 23, 2017**.
- The grad photo will be the photograph you receive in your folder at the recognition ceremony. If you miss your picture date, you will have a blank folder instead. Grads **must** sign up for their appointments on-line. Go to [www.lifetouch.ca/victoria](http://www.lifetouch.ca/victoria) - choose Esquimalt School and it will take you to the calendars to show availability, select a time to sign up.
- A **\$25 sitting** fee will get you the "full" session: 5-18 proofs at the end of the session, 2-3 casual shots to start, Cap/gown shots, options for 2-3 shots with friends, yearbook picture
- The photographer will only accept cash or cheque for sitting fee.
- **No sitting fee** gets you: 2-3 proofs for yearbook picture, gown, but no cap.  
*Please have a photo taken so your picture can be included in the yearbook and on the school composite photo that is mounted in the school.*

### Grad Assembly

- Grad assemblies are mandatory, and attendance will be taken. The next assembly is **Wednesday, February 15th in Period 2**.

### Grad Planning Class

- The grad planning class is a 4 credit course where students help plan events connected to graduation. There are still opportunities to be involved and support your grad class.

### Grad Wear

- Grad wear will be on sale soon.

## Grad Mentors

- Students must be in the position to graduate at the Term 3 report card or they will not be eligible for the recognition ceremony. Students must be passing all courses on the April report card and be at least 50% through any distributed learning courses. Grade 12 students are assigned a grad mentor to monitor their academic progress through the year. Mentors are assigned by last name - see below:

Mrs. Ally Hoffman - <a href="mailto:ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca">ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca</a>	A-E
Ms. Emily Kirzinger - <a href="mailto:emkirzinger@sd61.bc.ca">emkirzinger@sd61.bc.ca</a>	F-J
Ms. Lisa Baylis - <a href="mailto:lbaylis@sd61.bc.ca">lbaylis@sd61.bc.ca</a>	P-Z & International Students
Mrs. Liz McMaster - <a href="mailto:lmcmaster@sd61.bc.ca">lmcmaster@sd61.bc.ca</a>	K-O
Ms. Gail Higginbottom - <a href="mailto:ghigginbottom@sd61.bc.ca">ghigginbottom@sd61.bc.ca</a>	Aboriginal Graduates
Mrs. Tammy Renyard - <a href="mailto:trenyard@sd61.bc.ca">trenyard@sd61.bc.ca</a>	Adult Graduates

## Financial Planning

**Approximate Costs of Grad. These costs are estimates and subject to change.**

- Grad Fee- \$40 (gowns, ceremony rental, certificates) please pay as soon as possible.
- Guest tickets for ceremony- \$10 per ticket.
- Dinner/Dance- \$90 per ticket. Rental of CFB Esquimalt and dinner.
- Grad photograph package - \$150 (approx.) optional
- Grad picture - free picture is required for yearbook and grad folder. Optional sitting fee for more photos available.
- Optional tuxedo rental for dinner/dance - \$200 (approx.) Not required as suits or sports jackets are fine.
- Dress for dinner/dance - options and creative ways to keep costs down.
- Transport for dinner/dance - definitely an extra.
- MAGIC WAND** - Through the generous donations of the community, students have the use of a like-new outfit for the evening. Accessories are also provided. Please see a counsellor for further information, visit [www.themagicwandproject.ca](http://www.themagicwandproject.ca) or call 250-658-0246 to make an appointment.

## Grad Ski Trip 2016 (AKA: The best and cheapest trip you'll ever take in high school)

March 5-7, 2016 (Sunday through Tuesday) at Mount Washington, Comox.

- Trip is currently waitlisted
- Grads must be in good academic standing and in a position to graduate
- Beginners welcome, this is a great place to learn, traditionally MOST participants are not experienced.
- Information has been shared with students. If you would like additional information, please contact Mrs. Hoffman.
- Final payment is due in the new year.



## Scholarship Information

Scholarships are advertised at Esquimalt by the Google classroom - please join!!

Code: x7aaf09

## Scholarship Websites

Various scholarship and financial aid websites are:

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

## Camosun College – Information Sessions [www.camosun.ca/lync](http://www.camosun.ca/lync)



Information Sessions are held the third Thursday of every month. These sessions put students and their parents in touch with the faculty and staff who teach Camosun courses. Find out about the programs and courses offered, prerequisites and costs. There is no charge to attend. Camosun offers program-specific or general information sessions. Visit the info session page for the program you're interested in for full details. <http://camosun.ca/learn/infosessions/>

## BC University/College Websites: Admissions

The first step to apply to a college or university is to research the application process. Each institute will have their own website which includes all necessary information for the admission process. The following list will guide you to the **Admissions** sections. Look under future students or prospective students on post-secondary websites. You would be an undergraduate student at university.

**UBC:** [https://account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/apply/apply\\_now.ezc](https://account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/apply/apply_now.ezc)

**SFU:** <http://students.sfu.ca/admission/>

**UVIC:** <http://registrar.uvic.ca/undergrad/admissions/apply/admission-checklist.html>

**Camosun:** <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/learn/becoming/how-to-apply.html>

**Emily Carr:** <http://www.eciad.ca/admissions/undergrad/deadlines>

**Vancouver Island University:** <http://www.viu.ca/calendar/GeneralInformation/admissions.asp>

## Post-Secondary Update: PSI Process

The online post-secondary institution (PSI) selections form allows post-secondary institutions to access student grades in order to make admission and scholarship decisions.

Assistance with PSI forms will be provided by counsellors during class time in February, 2017.

### **Note: Students proceeding to post-secondary in the 2017-2018 school**

**year MUST complete the PSI Form.** The electronic PSI Selections Form is now available online for students graduating this school year. An instructional document is available at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/trx\\_updates/pdf/psi\\_selections\\_instructions.pdf](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".

## Graduation Transition Plan

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.

- **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 P.E. course, Athletic Leadership or Dance, those hours will be logged for you during that semester. Students should document their hours weekly using either the DPA Log Sheet or on-line through the Act Now BC website. Both of these options appear as links on our school website.
- **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.
- **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. The next grad assembly will be **Block 2 on February 15th**. It is mandatory to meet at least once a year with your Grad Mentor (see Page 1 under “Grad Categories”).

## Work Experience Courses (WEX 12 A/B)

Generally occurring in grade 11 or 12, Work Experience 12A and 12B are each 100-120 hour, 4 credit courses of work-based training in a cooperative partnership between the student, the school and the employer.

See Mr. Henderson if you are interested in getting Work Experience credits next semester, or email [khenderson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:khenderson@sd61.bc.ca)

## Travel/Volunteer Opportunities

- **Encounters with Canada** – This is a one week conference in Ottawa which gives students ages 14-17 the opportunity to learn about Canadian institutions, explore exciting career themes and develop civic leadership skills. Applications are now being accepted for weekly sessions from October 2015 -May 2016. [www.encounters-rencontres.ca](http://www.encounters-rencontres.ca)
- **After High School - Latitude**: If you are 17 years or older and are interested in volunteering in another country after graduation, see Ms. Tarra Clarke in the counselling area. The organization Latitude offers placements around the world. There will be a Latitude information session at lunch on **Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** [www.latitudecanada.org](http://www.latitudecanada.org).
- **Canada World Youth** – This opportunity is for students who would be interested in spending time exploring Canada and another country for 6 – 7 months, learning skills such as leadership, teamwork and communication. Students ages 17 – 29 are eligible. [www.canadaworldyouth.org](http://www.canadaworldyouth.org)



## The Career Centre

Students are welcome to borrow post secondary calendars from the Career Centre located in the counselling area. Ms. Clarke has information on post secondary education, career websites, scholarships, student loans, skilled trades, travel, as well as job and volunteer opportunities. If you need help developing your resume Ms. Clarke can also help you create one!

## **Not sure what to do after high school? Here is a useful website!**

**MyBlueprint** is the easiest way to plan your education and career.  
For the login screen go to: [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca)  
Activation key = esquimalt



### **Career & Education Career Fair Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ SJ Willis**

Plan on attending the District Career Fair and come and learn about hundreds of different career possibilities, from hairdressing to underwater welding.

### **Explorations in Technology (TEAC 105)**

Limited seats are available to explore engineering Technology at Camosun College in a hands-on fun, creative way. Students completing this course will receive 4 credits from Camosun College. Spend your Friday afternoons learning about mechanical, civil, computer science and electronics. Open to students in grades 10, 11 & 12. Length of course is 12 weeks, 3 hours per week (Fridays 3-6 pm) at Interurban Campus. The next session begins early February and students must register as soon as possible. Registration cost is \$40.20. Please see Mr. Henderson for details.

### **Dual Credit For Grads**

**\*Meeting at lunch Wednesday, December 07, 2017 in room 327**

Students who are under 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the upcoming school year can have tuition paid for by the Ministry of Education for certain programs at Camosun. Students need to apply to Camosun in the regular way, but will also need to complete an application form to be submitted to Mr. Henderson by June 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for this funding. This funding only covers tuition, so students will still need to pay for other costs such as textbooks, student fees etc. Mr. Henderson will be holding a meeting for students who are interested in accessing this funding.