



ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL DOCKER

September 26-30, 2016

Monday, Sept. 26	4C Pizza Lunch	Room 319
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Cdn. Univ. Event; 8:30-11:30	Oak Bay High
Wednesday, Sept. 28		
Thursday, Sept. 29		
Friday, Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day Esquimalt Family Band Retreat	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct. 7 - Cops 4 Cancer
Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving
Oct. 11 - PAC Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
Oct. 19 - Photo Retakes
Oct. 19 - Parent Teacher Conferences (early dismissal)
Oct. 20 - Great Canadian Shakeout Drill; 10:15 a.m.
Oct. 21 - Pro-D Day (no school for students)
Oct. 21 - 4C Retreat

❖ STUDENT FEES

If you have not yet paid for your child's student fees, *please* do so at your earliest convenience. The activity fee offsets school function expenses and covers the cost of student cards. Fees can be paid by cash or cheque at the school office, or there is now also the option of paying fees online! It's a convenient and secure method to pay your child's fees by credit card. You can use this method by going to our school website <https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/> where you will find the 'online fee payments' icon on the left side of the homepage, then select 'get started now' to register.

❖ CAFETERIA PUNCH CARDS

Punch cards are now available! They are \$30 each and good for 5 lunches! These cards can be purchased at the office or through School Cash Online sd61.schoolcashonline.com. Cards can be picked up from the school office.

❖ AUGUST NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

In our August newsletter the 'year at a glance' calendar has an error. School reopens after winter break on Tuesday, January 3rd, not Wednesday, January 4th as published. We apologize for this error.

❖ PAPER BAGS WANTED BY THE ART DEPARTMENT

If you any have paper bags that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our art department. There are exciting things in store for those paper bags!



❖ FREE PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS OF ANXIOUS KIDS ON SEPT. 28TH

The Force Society is hosting an event on anxiety and will be providing ideas for parents to use with their children to reduce anxiety and build resiliency. For questions or to RSVP please email Lisa Tate at LisaT@forcesociety.com.

❖ **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. www.orangeshirtday.org



Please remind your children not to wear fragrances or scented products to school. We have many students and staff who are highly sensitive or allergic and can have very serious reactions to scents.