

Esquimalt High School

Grade 12 Newsletter

November 2017



Important Dates

Recognition Ceremony at the UVic Auditorium:

- **Monday June 4 2018, 6:45pm**
- **Tickets on sale in the Spring via UVIC box office**

Grad Dinner & Dance at the Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt:

- **Saturday June 9, 2018, 5:30- 11pm**
- **Tickets on sale in Spring via school**

The Aboriginal Graduation Banquet and Ceremony:

- **Thursday, June 7 at 5:00 pm**

****Coming up****

GRAD WINTER BALL- December 21, 2017 tickets on sale at lunch Monday-Wednesday at lunch NOV 27, 28, 29; DEC 4, 5, 6- \$40 each

*This event is for Esquimalt 2018 Grads only; no guests.

GRAD WEAR- on sale next week-bottom of the main stairs at lunch- prices TBA- parents will be able to order online

Grad Assemblies: Grad assemblies are mandatory, and attendance will be taken.

February 13 period 2 April 27 period 3 May 30 period 2 June 1 period 4
June 4th final rehearsal at UVIC- 8:30-noon

Grad Categories

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 school year.

- Students will be getting letters this month if they are NOT currently in a position to graduate. At this time, they may not be eligible to participate in grad activities such as the Winter Formal
- Mentors will be meeting with all students who are not currently in a position to graduate to formulate a plan and determine eligibility for events.
 - o A - D - Mrs. Hoffman ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca
 - o E - K - Ms. Kirzinger emkirzinger@sd61.bc.ca
 - o L - Q - Mr. Johnson johnson@sd61.bc.ca
 - o R - Z - Mrs. Turner turner@sd61.bc.ca
 - o ANED students- Rachel Trebilco rtrebilco@sd61.bc.ca
 - o International students – Mrs. Baylis lbaylis@sd61.bc.ca
 - o Adult Grads – Mrs. Renyard renyard@sd61.bc.ca

Grad Pictures

Grad pictures are **December 4-8**. Grad retake dates will be in the new year date TBA

Go to: <https://local.prestigeportraits.ca/bc/victoria/1740-island-highway.html>

Click on 'Choose Your Location' to see the drop down menu.

Select Esquimalt

Select a date from the calendar (Only Dec.4 or Dec.5 are available options)then select a time

Select 'New User or Returning User, then fill in registration information when prompted.

Finalize appointment.

- Please get a photo taken if you want your picture in the yearbook and if you want a photo in your Grad certificate folder for the recognition ceremony.

Financial Planning

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

- Grad Fee- \$40- Gowns, Ceremony rental, Certificates. Please pay ASAP.
- Guest tickets for ceremony- \$10 per ticket. Ceremony reception & rental no cost for participants
- Dinner/Dance- \$85 per ticket. Rental of Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt and dinner
- Optional Tuxedo Rental for Dinner/Dance- \$200 (approx.) Not required
- **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 or call 250-658-0246 to make an appointment.

Reminder:

All students must pay the \$40 grad fee to pay for the gown, etc. Fees can be paid to the Accounts Clerk in the office. Any student who is in financial difficulty can speak to any administrator or counsellor. Please remember that most activities are optional and all are a privilege for graduating students. If you have any questions or concerns, please see a counsellor.

Grad Ski Trip 2018 (AKA: The best trip you'll ever take in high school)

- The Grad Ski Trip is at Mount Washington Resort and will take place late Feb March 2018, 2018
- We will be staying on the mountain, here: <http://www.vimountaincentre.com/groups/>
- Any grads in good standing with the school, who are not at risk academically are welcome.
- Mandatory lessons 1 hr each day, at your level. Students bring their own winter clothing.
- This is a ski/snowboard trip, no experience necessary, but you **MUST** be prepared to ski/snowboard.
- \$350 for all costs. Less if no rentals (MUST bring your own helmet though)
- \$150 NON-REFUNDABLE due Dec. 5th, remainder January 23rd
- Payable through School Cash Online

What Next?

1. Go to <http://bit.ly/esqgradski2018> and fill in the form.
2. Go to school cash online <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn> and pay your deposit.
3. Ask for the rest of the money for Christmas.

Scholarship

- Scholarship information will be shared Classroom code: **zrsi5kc**
- All students can join the Scholarship Google classroom- even if they are not registered in the 4 credit course
- **To access the Esquimalt High Scholarship Information Guide:** bit.ly/esqscholarguide

Grad Planning Class

- The Grad Council class is a 4 credit leadership course where students help plan events connected to graduation. Students can still add this course by meeting with a counsellor, or speaking directly to Mrs. Renyard.
- All are welcome to meetings! Currently we meet on Thursdays at lunch in the conference room. Please join the Google classroom, code: **pa4qfm** or join our remind.com group; you can text @2bk334 to this #: **(819) 200-9966** or go to this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/2bk334>

Careers

Opportunities for YOU!

School District 61 will sponsor (pay tuition for) Esquimalt grads who are accepted into the following Non-Trades programs at Camosun College next year:

- Community Support & Educational Assistant (10 months)
- Computer Network Electronics Technician (10 months)
- Electronics & Computer Engineering (Sponsorship is for year one only)
- Health Care Assistant (7 months)
- Indigenous Family Support (10 months)
- Information and Computer Systems (Sponsorship is for year one only)
- Office Administration Certificate (8 months)
- Medical Office Assistant (8 months)

* Please note that a limited number of sponsorships are available for each program, and that spots are given on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact Mr Henderson: khenderson@sd61.bc.ca

* There are a number of additional sponsorships available in Trades programs at Camosun -- contact Mr Henderson for more information.

* Be sure to visit our careers weebly: <http://esquimalt-careers.weebly.com/>

Graduation Transition Plan

You may have noticed GTP (Grad Transitions) on your report card or transcript. This is a **required 4 credit course that all grade 12s complete** via these assemblies, independent work, and meetings with their grad mentor. We will document the requirements for the course in these meetings

The requirements include: 30 hours of work or volunteer experience, DPA (daily physical activity), and a Grad Transition Plan which will be completed in the meeting with your mentor in the Spring.

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 are an undergraduate student at university.

This is the time to be exploring options- please see any of the school based counsellors for guidance if you would like some assistance!

Student Transcript Service (STS)

There is new process for ordering and sending transcripts to post-secondary institutions.

If you need INTERIM grades sent **prior to February**, transcripts (both electronic and hardcopy) need to be ordered from the office (please specify that they need to include interim grades)

Note: Students proceeding to post-secondary MUST complete this process to have transcripts sent.

We will be going to grade 12 classes to go through this process with you.

If you would like to register for the transcript service now, you may do so at :

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

