

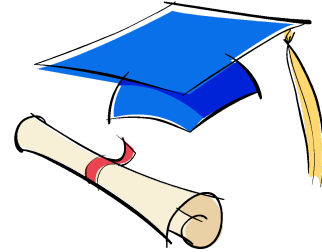
# Esquimalt High School

## Grade 12 Newsletter

### April 2018

#### Grad Dates

- Recognition Ceremony at UVic Auditorium-  
**Monday, June 4 2018 at 6:45pm**
- Aboriginal Graduation Banquet and Ceremony - **June 7, 2018**
- Grad Dinner & Dance at the Ward Room at CFB Esquimalt-  
**Saturday, June 9, 2018 (arrive 5-5:30pm)**
- Tickets for the Grad Dinner & Dance-
  - **MAY 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 & 22 at lunch- cash or cheque**



#### Grad Checklist

- Connect with Ms. Barker regarding Grad Transition Plan
- Make certain your address is correct in our school computer system/ backup files from your SD LEARN ACCOUNT
- Submit TA speech to your teacher
- Buy tickets for UVIC and Dinner Dance

#### Grad Categories

- Students must be in the position to graduate at this time or they may not be eligible for the recognition ceremony. Students must be passing all courses on their current 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.
- Students who are currently NOT in a position to graduate will be receiving letters this week. Please see your grad mentor if you need to discuss your grad status (email is best)
- **If you are currently a non-grad, but are still working towards it- YOU WILL NOT BE ON THE LIST TO PURCHASE TICKETS FROM UVIC until your status is a YES**

#### 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

#### #GRADitude Project

It's time to start organizing our #GRADitude project 2018. There 38 seats on the busses for our trips to middle schools, which will occur on May 31- if you are interested there will be a sign up on Mrs Hoffman's door!

#### 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 a grad mentor. Attendance is taken at assemblies.

## 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.

### Grad Ceremony Rehearsals- THESE ARE MANDATORY!!!!

- **Wednesday May 30, Period 1 (note change\*)**- First rehearsal (at EHS) for Recognition Ceremony
- **Friday, June 1st, Period 4**- Second rehearsal (at EHS) and gown/cap distribution
- **Monday, June 4th<sup>th</sup>, 8:30- noon**- UVic rehearsal for ceremony

### Recognition Ceremony at UVic: Ticket Information

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning **Tuesday May 7th** (\$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 end 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 online at [tickets.uvic.ca](https://tickets.uvic.ca) There is a \$3.00 per order fee in effect for online 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
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

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

**Parking:** Can be purchased at any general lot meter, or in advance through:  
<https://parking.uvic.ca>

### 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 17, 2018**. 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 2018!

### Program for Recognition Ceremony

Any students who wish to submit a program cover design must submit to Mrs. Hoffman by Tuesday, May 22<sup>th</sup>. The student whose design is chosen will be awarded a Free Dinner Dance ticket!

## Grad Dinner & Dance Info, Ward Room CFB Esquimalt June 9

- 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.

### Tickets will be on sale starting May 7th- the last day to purchase is Tuesday May 22nd

- 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 17

### 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.

## Grad Transition Plan -Please complete by June 15!

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 Ms Barker during which they will discuss their Transition Plan and how it relates to their skills and attributes.

To connect with Ms Barker: <https://goo.gl/LPKfqW>

## Scholarship Information

**Make sure you are signed up for the Scholarship 12 Google classroom or the GRAD remind by texting @2bk334 to this number: 819-200-9966**

- 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](http://bit.ly/esqscholarguide)

## Post-Secondary Updates

**Camosun** application deadline is May 15, 2018

### Going to UVIC?

There will be a REGISTRATION 101 session with UVIC advisor **Wednesday** May 16, at lunch rm 206

### 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 May**, 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>

## Careers and Transitions:

**Are you a student who has no idea what to do after graduation?**

**Here are three opportunities to consider:**

- **Trades and Apprenticeship Training:** The labour market in Victoria is in SERIOUS need of employees, and they want to hire students for full time work this summer. Unskilled jobs start at \$15+ per hour. Apprentices are eligible for scholarships and tuition grants.
- **Canadian Armed Forces:** There are a number of opportunities with the CAF. To find out about applying, go to:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-national-defence/services/caf-jobs/apply-now/application-process.html>  
If you are interested in living in remote areas and serving in the reserves, check out the Canadian Rangers program:  
<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/canadian-rangers/faq.page>
- **Part / Full time work in Victoria this summer:** The Laurel Point Inn, The Fairmont Empress, and Red Robin are hiring over the next few weeks. Drop off a resume and cover letter asap!

**These opportunities are just the tip of the iceberg. If you would like to find an option that is right for you, make an appointment via email to meet with Tarra Clarke at [tclarke@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:tclarke@sd61.bc.ca) or Mr Henderson at [khenderson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:khenderson@sd61.bc.ca)**