

Fall 2019

Esquimalt High School Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

YOU'RE INVITED!



What? EHS Alumni Association & EHS Alumni Foundation Annual General Meeting
When? **Monday November 18 at 7:00pm**
Where? in the Esquimalt High School theatre.

Membership in the Alumni Association is not a requirement to attend these meetings so feel free to bring your spouse or school friends to enjoy this informative evening. The executives of your Alumni Association and the Foundation have continued to work hard this past year on your behalf carrying out the following activities:

- providing 3-\$1000 scholarships to deserving EHS students.
- we collected donations for the Scholarship fund which now stands at just over \$35,000.
- we raised \$2,200 each for Rainbow Kitchen, EHS Leadership Class and the Alumni Foundation at RibFest this past September.
- sold EHS "Spirit Wear" including t-shirts and scarves (over \$500 at RibFest).
- participating at the Remembrance Day Service in Memorial Park.
- help grow the "Turf Field Fund" for the school with the generous donation from the Esquimalt RibFest Society.

Details of these activities and plans for the coming year will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting on **November 18**, see last page for more information on the meeting. Also, you will have the opportunity to meet the new principal of Esquimalt High School Tina Pierik.

Please consider joining one of the executives to assist in promoting our organizations. If you have any questions about the Alumni Association, the Alumni Foundation or the AGMs feel free to contact one of the following directors:

Brenda O'Connor (1990): brendaoc25@gmail.com or
Dave Allen (1966): davidwallen@shaw.ca or 250-478-6316.

We are now using e-mail to distribute the information for the AGM and for communication with our members. This has saved the Association hundreds of dollars annually and that money can now be spent directly to support our school. Please ensure we have your current email address. If you have changed your email, please notify us at ehsalumni1959@gmail.com. Also place the Alumni e-mail address into your address book so you can receive information from us.

I look forward to seeing you on **November 18** at the AGM's of our two societies.

Yours truly,
Brenda O'Connor
President, EHS Alumni Association

RibFest - The most success yet!!

www.esquimaltribfest.com

On September 6, 7 and 8 over 45,000 people attend the seventh annual Esquimalt RibFest at Bullen Park. This year's attendees were treated to music from 21 bands, 6 large rib companies, 8 local brewers and 22 community vendors at this family friendly event. As well, this year people were welcomed at the entrance by an eighteen-foot inflatable mascot courtesy of Black Ball Ferries and could enjoy their food under the protection of a 5,000 square foot tent. Through the tremendous generosity of those people attending RibFest, the Esquimalt Fire Fighters' Charitable Foundation received just over \$50,000 in donations at the front gate. These funds will be directed to many local groups serving Esquimalt. Over the 7 years of RibFest the Charitable Foundation has returned close to a quarter of a million dollars to groups working for Esquimalt residents.



As well, at this year's event several Esquimalt High School teams and groups raised about \$12,000 for school and community activities. The Robotics Team earned \$1,500 by running the bubble soccer activity and the Girls Basketball Teams received \$1,000 by assisting with the supervision of the play area in the Kids' Zone. The Athletic Program sold their raffle tickets for – 'A trip for two anywhere West Jet flies' and raised close to \$2,500 on the Friday and Saturday. Lastly, the

Esquimalt Alumni Association and Esquimalt Leadership Class again ran the Langos Booth along with the Rainbow Kitchen volunteers. Each of these groups had about a dozen volunteers that worked at the booth and shared in just over \$6,600 profit from selling 1,100 langos (beaver tails) along with pop and water during



the weekend. The Alumni Association also sold \$500 worth of Esquimalt High t-shirts and scarves over the 3 days. The support from the community continues to be outstanding as each of these groups has shared in close to \$45,000 over the 7 years of RibFest.

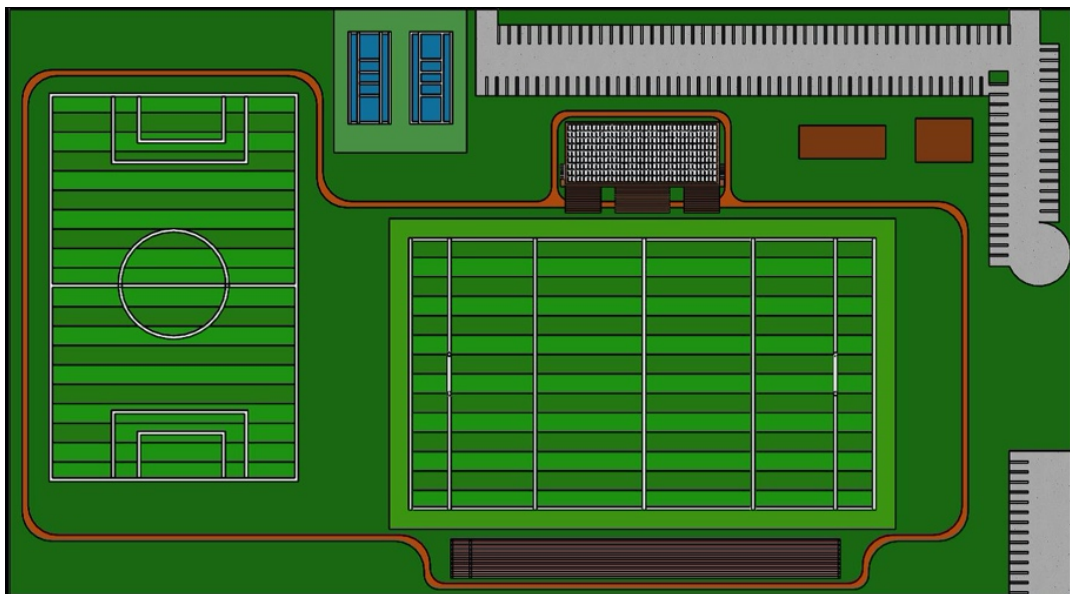
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The Alumni Executive would like to say a big thank you to all the people attending RibFest for the generosity that they have provided to the groups raising funds for each of their endeavors. Also, a special thank you to the many volunteers that make the Langos Booth and the overall event happen!! Please mark your calendar for next year's event September 11, 12 and 13 2020.



Turf Field Update

We have had no word yet, on the status of the grant application to the Community, Cultural and Recreation Program that was submitted at the end of January 2019. The CCR Program is a joint Federal and Provincial Government initiative. The grant application was for a new turf field at Esquimalt High School in the amount of \$3.1 million. It was a joint effort with the Songhees First Nations, the Municipality of Esquimalt, the Greater Victoria School Board, the Esquimalt RibFest Society and the EHS Alumni Association. The school-based portion for this endeavor



was generously increased by the Esquimalt RibFest Society this fall in the amount of \$68,000, to bring the total held at the school to now just over \$261,000. We are hopeful to hear soon about the disposition of the grant application.

School Update

As presented by Tina Pierek, new principal of the school after two months on the job. This report was given to the Alumni Executive at their regularly scheduled meeting in October:

- EHS students and staff were involved with RibFest.

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- Staffing has been increased as the numbers were higher than anticipated. There are 715 local students, plus 100 international students.
- The Grade 9 Meet the Teacher night and the Parent-Teacher Interview night have both taken place.
- The school planned two consecutive Pro D Days to allow for a facilitator to conduct some visioning work. This included examining the history of the school, and considering the school's strengths and obstacles. The outcome was a set of goals for the next four years.
- "Orange Shirt" day was a success.
- A monthly collaboration schedule has been established, allowing committees to meet once a month on an early dismissal Wednesday afternoon.
- Interim reports are going out, and the stress is rising, especially among the high achieving 4C Challenge students.
- Counsellors are conducting stress management sessions with the grade 12 students.
- EHS has applied to host a conference on mental health in May. It is a timely topic, but will be a lot of work for the school if they are awarded the conference.
- Several initiatives are underway to promote a stronger relationship between members (parents) of both the Songhees Band and the Esquimalt Nation Band, and the high school. Next month's PAC meeting will be held at the Songhees Wellness Centre, and a meeting in the spring will be held at the Esquimalt Nation Band Office.
- EHS staff are using the math and literacy level programs offered through Link as a way to offer individualized Math 9 components to Math 10 students who have some gaps from the previous year. This plan allows them to remain in Math 10.

Also, you will have the opportunity to meet Tina Pierek, the new principal of Esquimalt High School and ask any questions at the AGM.

Privacy Policy & Policy for Records Retention & Access


The Policy for Protection of Privacy governs how both the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association and the Alumni Foundation collect, use, disclose and safeguard personal information. The Policy for Records Retention and Access establishes a procedure by which an applicant can request access to the records of the association or the foundation.

Thanks to the leadership of Alumni and Foundation director, George Copley, both policies have been updated in line with the new Societies Act.

The policies can be read in full on the website.

Esquimalt High School PAC Raffle

Thank you to all that entered the raffle that was put on by the Esquimalt High School PAC and supporting the Athletics Department. In total, roughly 1,600 tickets were sold which brought

ESQUIMALT HIGH PAC RAFFLE	
<i>Supporting ESQ High Athletics</i>	
Sales Deadline: Thursday, October 10, 2019	
Draw Date: Friday, October 18, 2019, 11:30am at Esquimalt High	
Prize: One (1) roundtrip flight for two (2) guests to any regularly scheduled WestJet destination!	
*See backside for more details.	
Chances are 1 in 4000 (total tickets for sale)	\$5.00
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in about \$7,500 for the Athletics Department. The prize was 2 return tickets anywhere in the world where WestJet flies. The winner was John Lacroix, a former student of Esquimalt High. When asked where he would be traveling to his response was, "The wife has already chosen where we are going."

Membership Update

Back in May we did a membership drive. We have 25 new members. This year we have now accepted the use of Interac e-Transfer for your payment. If you know anyone that is not a member and would like to sign up please go to our webpage, download the form or complete the online form and then either send us a cheque to "**Esquimalt High School Alumni Association**" or e-transfer to our email address ehsalumni1959@gmail.com. It is only a fee of \$10 for a lifetime membership. Plus, you will be added to our mailing lists for email notifications on events and our newsletters.

Reunions

2019 saw 5 reunions that we were informed of:

Class of 2009 – 10 year

Class of 1989 – 30 year

Class of 1979 – 40 year

Class of 1974 – 45 year

Class of 1959 – 60 year

There are display boards, photo binders, scrapbooks and yearbooks in our archives for reunion committees to borrow. If you are planning a reunion, please let us know with a name of a contact person by using the alumni email address, ehsalumni1959@gmail.com. We are compiling a list of grad classes and the years they have reunions.

Check out our Alumni website at <https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/alumni>. There you can contact us and view AGM Meeting Minutes & other news. If you prefer you can send us a letter or donation to:

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Esquimalt High School Alumni Association

Annual General Meeting

Doors Open & Refreshments 6:15pm

EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road

Entertainment – EHS Music Program 6:30

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| 1. Call to Order at 7:00pm | Gary Moser, Moderator |
| 2. Welcome from the School | Tina Pierik, Principal |
| 3. Introduction of 2018 Scholarship Winners | Lorna Reid/Dana Bjornsen |
| 4. Approval of the Agenda | Gary Moser |
| 5. Approval of Minutes from 2017 AGM | Marilyn McCrimmon |
| 6. President's Report | Brenda O'Connor |
| 7. Treasurer's Report | Brenda O'Connor |
| • 2018/2019 Financial Statement & Review of Books | |
| • 2019/2020 Budget, Signing Officers & Person to do Review | |
| • Report on Scholarship | |
| 8. Director's Reports | |
| • Membership | Ryan Richard |
| • Committee to Organize Distinguished EHS Alumni | Dave Allen |
| • EHS Alumni Archives | Dave Allen |
| 9. Elections of Officers | Marilyn McCrimmon |
| 10. Closing Remarks/Adjournment | |
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Esquimalt High School Alumni Foundation

Annual General Meeting

Monday November 18, 2019 (Immediately following Alumni Association AGM)

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| 1. Call to Order | Gary Moser |
| 2. Approval of the Agenda | Gary Moser |
| 3. Approval of Minutes from 2018 AGM | George Copley |
| 4. President's Report | Dave Allen |
| 5. Treasurer's Report | Ryan Richard |
| • 2018/2019 Financial Statement & Review of Books | |
| • 2019/2020 Budget, Signing Officers & Person to do Review | |
| 6. Fundraising Activities for 2019/2020 | Dave Allen |
| 7. Elections of Officers | Marilyn McCrimmon |
| 8. Adjournment (Next AGM November 16, 2020) | |

Prior to the meetings – Enjoy some refreshments, see the displays showing the pictures from various Alumni events, registration of new members, renew friendships and catch up on the latest news.