



Esquimalt Parent and Student Docker

Week of February 22nd – 26th

THIS WEEK Grade 9 + Grade 11 Student Equity Scan Survey - Block A Classes

Mon. Feb. 22 nd		
Tues. Feb. 23 rd		
Wed. Feb. 24 th	Pink Shirt Day	
Thurs. Feb. 25 th	Zoom Grad Assembly Course Selection Zoom for new grade 9 parents	10:30 – 11:30 am 7:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 26 th	Grade 9 Immunizations – round 2	During morning classes

Save the Date:



- March 3rd- Parent Teacher Interview booking open for Q3
- March 4th – Interim Reports
- March 9th - Parent Teacher Interview booking closes for Q3/PAC meeting
- March 5th – Hybrid Flip
- March 10th – Parent-Teacher Interviews
- March 13th – 28th Spring Break

COURSE SELECTION FORMS

We held our grade Zoom sessions this week and have collected course selection forms from students in attendance. Students also brought a coloured course selection form home in case they would like to make a change. If you know that your child did not attend, please see our website for forms and course information. Or, have them pick up a form at the office to complete and submit. We will follow up with any students who we have not received forms from in the coming weeks.

STUDENT EQUITY SCAN

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Beginning in 2016 the BC Ministry of Education created an *Equity Scan Framework* and vision to support school districts in understanding the things that help students be successful in school and also those things that may not be helpful for student success. Many students in our school district have a positive experience at school and are successful in their learning. Some students in our district have a less positive experience in school. Your feedback is important, and we want to hear from all of you.

IMPORTANT - Health & Safety:

As you have heard, the Ministry of Education has issued enhanced COVID-19 protocols in our k-12 schools. We are currently reviewing the revised document and will have new messaging out to our whole school community soon. A few key changes that will be in place are:

- All staff and students must wear a mask when in the building, even in learning cohort groups

- High intensity activity in PHE classes must take place outside, masks in PHE
- Music classes must adhere to distancing, even in cohorts

What we know is that distancing and hand washing are some of the most effective preventative measures to slowing the spread of COVID, along with mask wearing. We need students to distance when in halls, in hybrid classes and when on break and lunch. We will be reminding and supporting our students with these measures.

We ask that families continue to perform the daily health check and assure that your child has a mask. Additionally, students in PHE should bring an extra mask to wear during activity.

Cafeteria Menu

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MON – BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH!! SMOKED SALMON EGGS BENNY POACHED EGGS, HOUSE SMOKED SALMON, FRESH BAKED BISCUIT, HERB HOLLANDAISE, FRIED CAPERS, SERVED WITH ARTISAN GREEN SALAD
TUES - BUTTER CHICKEN, HOUSE MADE NAAN, APPLE CHUTNEY OR ALOO GOBI AND HOUSE MADE NAAN, APPLE CHUTNEY
WED – HOT WINGS, BLUE CHEESE DIP AND POTATO SALAD OR BUFFALO CAULIFLOWER BITES, BLUE CHEESE DIP AND POTATO SALAD
THURS - COUNTRY GRAVY POUTINE: HOUSE CUT FRIES, CHEESE CURD, DICED TOMATO AND GREEN ONION, CREAMY BACON AND SAUSAGE GRAVY OR CASHEW CURRY POUTINE: HOUSE CUR FRIES, CHEESE CURD, DICED TOMATO AND GREEN ONION, COCONUT CASHEW GRAVY
FRI – CLAM OR CORN CHOWDER IN A BREAD BOWL

Get Your RELOADABLE Café Card!

Parents/students can purchase cards via their School Cash Online Accounts. Newly purchased cards can be picked up in the Office the following day by lunch. Reloads will be added to activated cards the following day by lunch.

NEW! ESQ Art Student Exhibit

The Esquimalt Community Arts Hub is generously hosting an exhibit of works by Esquimalt High School Visual Arts students, March 4-20. Location: 901 Esquimalt Rd. Please visit and support our ESQ student artists!

REMINDER! Offerings and Opportunities from our Music Department

Spring Chamber Music Week (February 22nd-26th)

In place of the annual Music Mosaic concert and fundraiser, ESQ Music will be celebrating chamber music the last week of February by holding in-class concerts for their peers. Our next virtual concerts will take place in May (Musical Theatre Production) and June (Year End Music Concert).

ESQ Music 2021 Mother's Day Fundraiser

Is it too early to begin thinking about spring? We think NO. If you like growing tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, or hanging plants in general, you may want to check out this fundraiser. Plants are sourced locally from Hilltop Greenhouses. Orders are due to Ms. Allison or Ms. Treble by March 11th. Cheques should be made payable to "Esquimalt Music Parents Association". See attachments for order forms.

REMEMBER! Interested in Attending Camosun?

Please [check out this link](#) for information about admissions, financial services and connecting with advisors. Virtual sessions week of Feb 22-26th.



Esquimalt High School's Mascot Design Contest!

Esquimalt High School is a diverse community with many different clubs, teams and initiatives. Although we have a strong school spirit, we currently have NO school mascot that represents our spirit and character. We are known as “the Dockers”, but currently don’t have a fun, spirit- lifting character to attend sporting, community, or other school events. During this time of COVID, the Esquimalt Leadership students believe that a school mascot would help bring our community even closer together.

Based on the results from our recent survey (88% in favour), we are continuing with the process of selecting a new school mascot!

Our goal is to select a mascot that represents the diverse, unique and inclusive culture of Esquimalt High School.

Required Elements:

- Designs should attempt to reflect both Esquimalt High School’s **traditions**, as well as our **current context**.
- Designs should represent the **diversity** of Esquimalt High School’s community and cultures.
- Designs must be something that can be manufactured into a Mascot costume.

All designs must be accompanied by a **brief (150-word) paragraph** explaining how the design incorporates the required elements.

Hard copies of designs and explanation can be submitted at the Esquimalt High School office or **digitally** via email to sgarr@sd61.bc.ca

Submissions must be received by **Friday February 26th**.

The Selection Process:

Step 1: Submit a **design** and **brief explanation** of how the design meets the required elements (~150 words) by **Friday, February 26th**.

Step 2: A committee of staff, students, alumni and community members will determine the **top three finalists** prior to Spring Break.

Step 3: Following Spring Break, an online vote will take place to determine the TOP design!