



# Esquimalt Parent and Student Docker

**Week of April 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mon. April 19 <sup>th</sup>	First Day quarter 4	
Tues. April 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed. April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Capstone Checks – Grade 12s	
Thurs. April 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Fri. April 23 <sup>rd</sup>		

## Save the Date:



Thurs. April 29<sup>th</sup> – Reports Distributed in morning blocks

Wed. May 5<sup>th</sup> – Capstone Gala – gr 12s

## PLEASE READ – message from our Associate regarding an important community notice

Dear families,

We are sharing some sensitive information with you to advise you that there are toxic drugs circulating in our community that are having an impact on youth at the middle and secondary levels.

If you suspect your child may be experimenting or using substances regularly, please check in with them and share this advisory. The advisory has been shared with counsellors at both the middle and secondary levels and they are connecting with those students they have identified as most at risk.

Substance use is a complex topic that often highlights varied philosophies, myths, and a great deal of fear. The research shows us that early interventions, particularly around critical thinking and decision making, has an impact on delaying use in youth. As well, open dialogue with adults, intentionality around attachment, and a focus on the factors that contribute to substance use as opposed to the actual substances, also prevent, delay and reduce substance use in our youth.

We have attached links to our Substance Use SNAPSHOTS that contain information and resources that you may find useful. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's school.

Secondary SNAPSHOTS: <https://healthyschools.sd61.bc.ca/newsletters/substance-use-snapshots/>

Sincerely,

Harold W. Caldwell

Associate Superintendent

Greater Victoria School District No. 61

## Provincial COVID Information

We would like to acknowledge the care, consideration and on-going support of our families, staff and students. Our school protocols, including managing flow through the building and maintaining zones to define spaces have been working well this year and our staff and students have shown great care to adhere to the Ministry protocols which include but are not limited to:

- Cleaning and sanitizing
- Masking at all times with limited exception
- Distancing
- Organizing classes and students within learning cohorts and hybrid groupings



Please use this [link to review the COVID Protocol slides](#) we share with students. We ask that families support and discuss these important measures and that we all do our best to adhere to the provincial measures to refer to Ministry websites to stay up to date with protocols.

## THIS JUST IN! Esquimalt High School NEW Mascot!

### We have a winner!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the process of selecting a NEW Mascot for Esquimalt. Our new Mascot will be....the **OTTER!** We look forward to seeing this friendly, fuzzy creature at future school and community events! Special thanks to our Alumni who will be funding our mascot costume.



## Cafeteria Menu

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**MON** – CLOSED

**TUES** - BACON MAC AND CHEESE **OR** CAULIFLOWER, 4 CHEESE MAC AND CHEESE

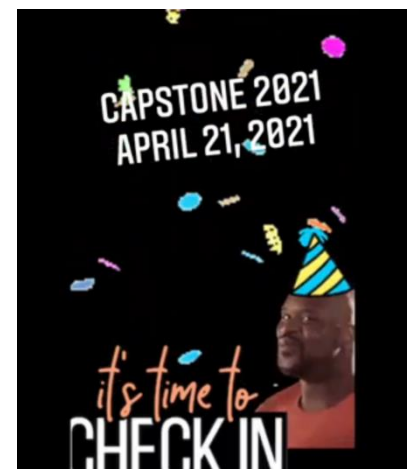
**WED** – CHICKEN FRIED RICE **OR** TOFU FRIED RICE

**THURS** - MEAT **OR** VEGGIE LASAGNA WITH SALAD

**FRI** – PERSONAL PIZZA DAY, PROSCIUTTO, RICOTTA AND ARUGULA PIZZA **OR** MARGARITA PIZZA WITH LOCAL CHERRY TOMATOES AND FRESH BASIL

## IMPORTANT – CAPSTONE CHECK IN FOR GRADS

All Grads will be required to attend their scheduled 15-minute **Capstone Reflection Appointment** on April 21, 2021. Appointment times will be during the school day and are scheduled between 12:00pm and 3:00pm. Students will be meeting their Capstone Coaches to discuss their COMPLETED Reflection, what the **MAY 5/21 GALA** will look like, and the marking criteria for the overall Capstone Project. The Capstone assessment will be done at the **Gala on May 5/21** and students will be required to be present on that day from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. See this video to really understand what's next. <https://youtu.be/AfiFdg3aj0E>



## **NEW! SPIRIT DAY! Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – CRAZY COLOUR DAY**

Grade 9 – Yellow    Grade 10 – Pink    Grade 11 – Green    Grade 12 – Blue    Staff – Red

### **DON'T FORGET!!! GRAD CEREMONY/EVENT REGISTRATION**

We need ALL GRADS wanting to participate in the Grad Ceremony/Event to REGISTER by APRIL 16. We are still sorting out details of what the event will look like given the COVID restrictions but we WILL have an event of some kind June 19th!! We need to order gowns mid-April- hence the early registration. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT REGISTER WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED A GRAD GOWN.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/esggradregistration2021> link is also on Google classroom

Spring newsletter can be found on our Grad website: <https://sites.google.com/sd61learn.ca/esq-grad/newsletter>



### **PSI Transcript process Due April 23: Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2021 Graduates:**

Please remind graduating students to make their PSI selections in the Student Transcripts Service (STS). Students going to post-secondary must place orders by April 23 to send interim transcripts to post-secondary institutions.

See [STS Help resources](#) or send additional questions to [studenttranscripts@gov.bc.ca](mailto:studenttranscripts@gov.bc.ca).

### **2021 Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey - Grade 10 and 12:**

The survey gathers information on topics related to school environment, safety and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides the district and provincial perspective.

**For Parents/Guardians/Caregivers to complete the survey any time before 11:59 pm April 30th, 2021:**

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
  - o District: the name of your child's district
  - o School: the name of your child's school
  - o Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

