



Esquimalt Parent and Student Docker

Week of Sept. 13th – 17th

RIBFEST THIS WEEKEND! BUY SOME LANGOS & SUPPORT ESQ ALUMNI!

Mon. Sept. 13 th	Music Families Zoom meeting Student Photo Day	7:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 14 th		
Wed. Sept. 15 th	Dismissal at 2:27 PM (Staff Collaboration Day)	
Thurs. Sept. 16 th	Meet the Teacher Evening	5:45 – 6:30 pm PAC BBQ for families 6:30 – 7:30 pm Classroom visits
Fri. Sept. 17 th	Esq. Fall Music Social	2:45 – 5 pm

Save the Date:



Tues. Sept. 21st: PAC Meeting 6:45 pm

Fri. Sept. 24th: Kernal Korn Day

Breakfast Club starts Monday,
September 13th!

Come to the Cafeteria before
school – grab a snack, sit for a chat
and get your day going in a good
way!

Health and Safety

Please refer to government documents here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-safe-schools>.

You can also check our SD61 website for recent documents here: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/departments-services/human-resource-services/covid-19/>

A few key points at our school:

- Masks are required for all staff and students except when seated to eat or drink – if you have an exceptional circumstance please let one of the administrators know
- Please continue to conduct a daily health check. If you are feeling unwell please use the online tools or contact your health care provider.
- We will continue to maximize our use of space and we ask that all staff and students respect the space of others.
- We ask that students use doors closest to their classes for entry/exit to minimize crowding

Counselling and Timetables

The course change request bitly form is now closed. We haven't yet responded to all of the requests, but counsellors will be working next week to do so. We hope to have all timetables finalized by Friday Sept 17.

Thank you for your continued patience during this busy time!

Counsellors can be reached for regular appointments via bit.ly/EHSCounselling or by email (see website)

Student Forms and Permissions

Students received their Verification forms on Sept. 7th. Please review and send back if there are any changes required. If your child did not receive their form have them ask their Block A teacher, or come to the office for a copy.

NOTE – this year students will be signing off on permission for items such as blanket field trip permission and media consent. Students will do this through the Student Connect portal. Students will also use this portal to grant consent for District approved apps and programs. Please use the link below to access the Student Connect login. You will find a video on this page to demonstrate how to access and use the portal. Please assure that your child has signed off on the school permission forms.

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/parent-student-resources/student-accounts/student-connect/>

Lockers and Student Costs and Cafeteria Cards

We will assign lockers by request this year. Lockers can be requested through School Cash Online. Please request by Wednesday, September 15th. There is a \$7 Locker Rental fee for new to Esquimalt students who would like a locker. When on the link you will see two options:

- Students who need to pay the rental cost and request a locker
- Students who have paid the rental cost in the past and want to request a locker

Students will get their lockers assignment and combo from Block B teachers Friday, September 17th. Students can also bring cash to the office.

Please also review the attached Student Costs sheet.

Cafeteria cards will be available for purchase through School Cash Online beginning Sept. 20th. Students will be able to use cash or cafeteria cards to purchase food when we are up and running!

ATTENTION GRADE 10 STUDENTS

Keep your eyes open – we will be sending information about your Careers class with login information. Students will be receiving updates through their sd61learn accounts and the Docker.

Fine Arts Meetings and Classes:

The first Improv class of the year will be on Wednesday September 29, in the theatre at 3:20-4:45.

Music Parents and Guardians are invited to a meeting on Monday September 13th at 7:00 pm via zoom. All music parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend! The link will be provided in the Weekly Music Email (sent on Sunday). If you are a new music parent and want to get on the email list please contact Ms. Treble, jtreble@sd61.bc.ca.

Music Ensembles begin the week of September 20th. Please contact Ms. Treble, Ms. Allison, or Mr. Leeson if you have questions regarding this year's music schedule or use of school-owned instruments.

Friday, September 17th ESQ Fall Music Social. After school. Let's eat pizza, have some fun and reconnect! RSVP by Wednesday, September 15th in the HUB Google Classroom.

Student Opportunities

All students are invited to join the [Future Opportunities Google Classroom](#) (code: [lqntyao](#))

In this Google Classroom, students will learn of extra-curricular activities and events that are happening in our local community and beyond. Don't miss out on something that has your name written all over it!

Peer Tutoring

Up and running starting Wednesday, September 22. Stay tuned for more information coming through the Future Opportunities Google Classroom, our social media and this Docker. Mrs. Bjornson could use more senior tutors, as well. If you are in Grade 11 or 12 and want to learn more about the Esquimalt High Peer Tutoring Program, please email Mrs. Bjornson and attend our first meeting: Tuesday, September 14, lunch, Rm 206 dbjornson@sd61learn.ca

All members of the graduating class of 2022

Join the Scholarship & Postsecondary Google Classroom. (code: uhyov3q)

In this Google Classroom, all announcements and references pertaining to both, postsecondary transition, and scholarship applications is found. In the Spring, students will need to be on this Google Classroom should they wish to apply for our local scholarships.

Students do not need to be registered in the Scholarship 12 course to have access to the information that is accessed in the Google Classroom. **Please attend our first Scholarship 12 meeting next Wednesday in Room 206 at lunch to find out more about the course and the Google Classroom.**

If students are wishing to have course credits for Scholarship 12, they MUST be in the Google Classroom so that they can access their assignments. All assignments are designed to make postsecondary transition and scholarship hunting easier. Students who take the course tend to win more scholarships than those who do not since they are more informed and are less likely to miss deadlines. It is not too late to join the class. Please let a counselor know that you wish to be added and attend our first meeting on September 15.

If anyone has any questions, please email Mrs. Bjornson (dbjornson@sd61learn.ca).

2021-2022 Bell Schedule and Focus Block

Please see our 2021 bell schedule attached to the email. You will notice a new addition to Esquimalt – Focus Block! Sign up for Focus Block will begin Monday, September 20th for Wednesday, September 22nd.

What is Focus Block?

- Time for students to self-direct, explore and **FOCUS** on your learning
- An opportunity to catch up on work, get some help, or practice your skills
- **All students attend** support block - you will sign up
- You will work independently, in partners or small groups - it just depends!
- Teachers will not be assigning new work
- Sometimes we will have assemblies or Careers workshops
- Focus block does not occur on the second Wednesday of each month - that will be an early dismissal day (for students :)
- Remember - it is instructional time - there will not be clubs, sports, or rehearsals during this time



There will be NO Focus Block this first week of school - dismissal at 2:27 pm

PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

PARTICIPATE

Voice | Committees | Events

For the PAC board to represent its membership well, input from our diverse community is key!

Committees are formed based on need and interest. Examples of committees include Indigenous Relations, Health & Safety, and Communications.

Opportunities to volunteer exist year-round, including for one-off special events. Tell us about your special skills and how they can help shape the school community.

MEETINGS

General Meetings | AGM | VCPAC/BCCPAC

General meetings are open to all PAC members. Check the school e-newsletter or the PAC Facebook page for dates and times. Socializing is part of the experience, as well as parent education.

Yearly, there is an Annual General Meeting (AGM) when a new executive team is named.

Our PAC has a say in parent advocacy at the district and provincial levels. This, through our memberships with VCPAC and BCCPAC.

WHAT IS THE PAC?

The PAC provides a forum for membership to exchange ideas, express concerns, and ask for support.

We advise the board of school trustees, school principal and school staff respecting any matter relating to the school.



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