



Esquimalt Parent and Student Docker

Week of Dec. 6th – Dec. 10th

Mon. Dec. 6 th	Focus Block sign up opens Grad Photos this week Women in Trades Family Smart Workshop	bit.ly/focusblock 6 th – 10 th Grad Photos taken 6:30 pm to 8 pm 4 pm to 5 pm
Tues. Dec. 7 th	Winter Music Concert	See below for information
Wed. Dec. 8 th	Focus Block (Grads required to attend meeting) Family Smart Workshop	4 pm to 5 pm
Thurs. Dec. 9 th	Winter Music Concert	See below for information
Fri. Dec. 10 th	Youth Open Mic Night, Cedar Hill Arts Center	7-9 pm

Save the Date:



Dec. 12th – Robotics Fundraiser Flying Squirrel
Dec. 14th – PAC Meeting

Dec. 14th – ESQ Music Social (after school)
Dec. 15th – Staff Collab. Students dismissed at 2:27 pm
Dec. 16th – Winter Grad Formal
Dec. 17th – Santa's Breakfast (Last day before Winter Break)

Goodbye from Vicki Roberts

I want to say a heartfelt goodbye to all of our students and families. It has brought me great joy working with you all in the Esquimalt family of schools for the past 6 years. Thank you for trusting me with your learning and your children. See you all one day soon I am sure!

GOODBYE VICKI ROBERTS

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our Vice-Principal, Vicki Roberts. She has accepted an exciting new opportunity as part of the District Team. In this role, she will be supporting teachers and students across our school district. We know that she will continue to support the ESQ community in her new role. Vicki has been an extraordinary leader in our school – thank you Vicki!

We welcome Ally Hoffman into her new role as acting Vice-Principal at ESQ. Ally has been an integral part of our school community for over 20 years!

ESQUIMALT STUDENT TEACHERS

Congratulations to our wonderful Student Teachers! Thank you for all the hard work and care that you have brought to our students and our school. We wish you continued success as you start your teaching careers!

WELCOME NEW ESQUIMALT STAFF MEMBER

We would like to welcome Brianne Mendes to our Esquimalt Family. She will be one of our Youth and Family Counsellors working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards were distributed on Friday November 26th in Block B class. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about their progress in class. Contact information can be found on the school website. Final report cards for Semester 1 will be distributed on Friday, February 4th, 2022. Report cards not picked up will be mailed to families.

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is a priority for the Greater Victoria School District to communicate effectively to parents, students and community partners during inclement weather. With cooler temperatures in our forecast, the District would like to remind families of its inclement weather protocol and where to find information about the determination of school closures.

The District assesses weather conditions on a daily basis and puts every effort into making a determination by 6:30 a.m. of whether or not schools will remain open. The status of schools and transportation is then provided to local media and communicated to our community.

Inclement Weather Updates are provided through the following:

- School District website: www.sd61.bc.ca · Local media outlets
- Social media channels
 - o Twitter: [@sd61schools](https://twitter.com/sd61schools)
 - o Facebook: [@sd61schools](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterVictoriaSchoolDistrict)
 - o Instagram: [@sd61schools](https://www.instagram.com/sd61schools)

The District is regularly monitoring local weather conditions and Environment Canada's forecast, and will continue to do so over the weekend. Please stay connected with us for regular updates.

The Greater Victoria Region is broad and we understand that some areas may be more difficult to travel than others. It's always a parent's decision if you choose to keep your child home due to road conditions.

For more information about notification of school impacts due to inclement weather:

<https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/inclement-weather-notifications-2/>

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! CHALLENGE PROGRAM

Parent Information Night JAN. 6 7PM

There will be a Parent Information Night on January 6th 2022 at 7pm (via Zoom) for all families who are interested in applying to Esquimalt's Challenge Program (2022-2023). Please check our website for the Zoom link, application package and more details about the program. See attached PDF



GINGERBREAD HOUSE SALES

The Esquimalt High School Culinary Program is so close to its goal of selling 1000 gingerbread houses. All proceeds go to CFA Santa's Anonymous. Orders due by Dec 5, 2021. For full details or to order go to <https://bit.ly/esggingerbread2021>

Pick-up: Gingerbread house kits will be collected from the loading door to the left side of the main building entrance off Colville Road. Please look for the signage or call the office at 250-382-9226 for directions. Please do not come into the building and ensure you are wearing a mask while on the premises and that physical distancing is maintained. Kits can be picked up Dec 8th-10th & 13th-15th at Esquimalt High from 10 am - 3 pm.

Cafeteria Menu

Week of Dec. 6th to Dec. 10th

MON – Bacon mac and cheese or 4 cheese mac and cheese

TUES - Chicken or tofu fried rice

WED – Charcuterie Box, variety of cheese and smoked meats, pickled vegetables and bread

THURS - chicken farfalle alfredo or farfalle primavera

FRI – bacon, mushroom Swiss burgers, lettuce, tomato, house burger sauce, or mushroom Swiss, caramelized onion veggie burger, lettuce, tomato, house burger sauce

DECEMBER UPDATES FOR LIFETOUCH PHOTOS

We are currently experiencing significant shipping/delivery delays due to the flooding and travel restrictions across the province. If you are waiting for proofs, you may want to view and/or order photos, by doing the following: Log into www.mylifetouch.ca and use your child's student number for access.

If you need to check on your order please call Customer Care at 1 888 676 1647 or use the chat feature on the mylifetouch.ca website.

Due to staff absences the week of Dec. 13-17 replies may be a little slower than normal. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Andrew Aitchison

Direct: 250-882-0558

GRAD PHOTOS: Online bookings begin November 17th <https://prestigeportraits.ca/> Once you have registered the photos will be taken from Dec. 6th to 10th in the Student Council Room. (see attached PDF for additional details)

ESQ MUSIC WINTER CONCERTS

We are excited to welcome back a live audience to our theatre for this year's Winter Concerts! Free tickets can be reserved (maximum four tickets) through Eventbrite (link below). We will have a maximum of 100 audience members for each concert. PHO protocols will be followed. Please bring your mask and expect to sit socially distanced from others. The concerts will also be livestreamed for those wishing to watch from their living room. (Link will be available closer to the concert.)

Click on the link for tickets:

[December 7th Concert](#) (Concert Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Strings, R & B Band)

[December 9th Concert](#). (Grade 9 Band, Senior Band, Junior Jazz Band & Senior Jazz band)

Link to view the live stream of both concerts: <https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/calendar-event/winter-concert/>

ROBOTICS FUNDRAISER

The Atom Smashers Robotics Team at Esquimalt High School invites **YOU** to the Flying Squirrel on December 12 from 3-7pm for a Jump For Bucks fundraising event! 50% of ticket profits associated with their event will go to their team. **SHOW THE ATTACHED POSTER TO THE FRONT DESK OR VERBALLY INDICATE YOU'RE THERE FOR THE ESQUIMALT ROBOTICS TEAM JUMP FOR BUCKS EVENT BEFORE PAYING, FOR VALID CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FUNDRAISER.** By coming to Jump for Bucks you are supporting STEM oriented opportunities for the youth in your community. You get to have fun while they financially benefit. They can't wait to see you there!

YOUTH OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT

Students can participate by performing or being an audience member. We will have art supplies and creative prompts available for students who want to participate without performing. (See attached poster for details)

Interested PERFORMERS please rsvp Marie Metaphor Specht at marie.specht.fisher@gmail.com .

Those coming to be in the audience, do not need to rsvp.

We will be asking people to remain masked as this is an indoor event and we also ask that attendees bring proof of vaccination. If a youth is exempt from vaccination, but would still like to attend or perform, please email Marie Metaphor Specht at marie.specht.fisher@gmail.com

FAMILY SMART WORKSHOP SERIES

Workshop series called **Help For The Hard Times**. These workshops are for South Island families and caregivers whose child or youth has been a patient in a psychiatric unit or have had repeated hospital ER visits at Victoria General or Ledger House. These will be delivered every month and are facilitated by parents with lived experience and are **hosted online**.

Details for 1-hour Workshops

Session 1: How to support a safety plan at home (Part 1)

Session 2: How to support a safety plan at home (Part 2)

Session 3: How to take care of yourself and your family after a crisis

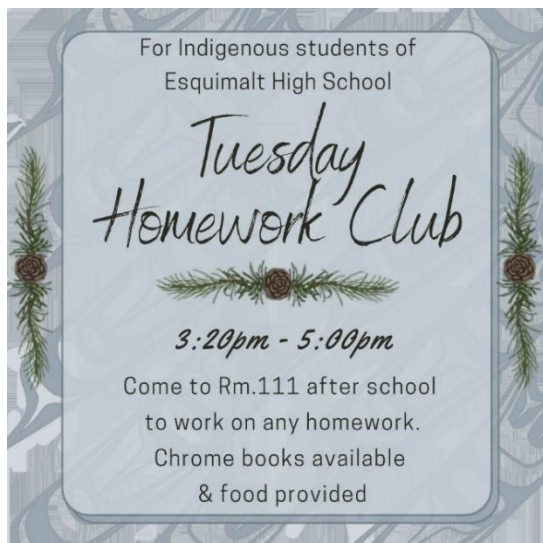
Session 4: How to find the resources you need

December Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays 4 PM - 5 PM Dec. 6, 8, 13, 15

January Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5 PM - 6 PM, Jan. 18, 20, 25, 27

Cost: Free **For more information and registration:** <https://familysmart.ca/workshops/>

ESQ INTERACT ROTARY CLUB'S SOCK DRIVE is on from December 1st - 15th. Please bring one pair of men's winter socks and deposit them in the designated container in the front foyer. (Please see attached)



December 2021 Secondary Snapshot

[Relationships, Romance and Consent](#)

Women in Trades Virtual Meet & Greet

ARE YOU A FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
INTERESTED IN TRADES?

This event is for you! Hosted by SD43 and the
BC Centre for Women in the Trades, join us to...

- Hear female tradespeople talk about their jobs
- Ask questions from experts who know!
- Meet other students in trades programs
- Learn about scholarship, employment,
and networking opportunities
- Win door prizes

Limited space, register now!

<http://ow.ly/Uqg050GPuaT>



MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 - 6:30-8:00 PM

Panellists include...



**Natasha
Zsiak**
Steamfitter



**Hira
Zavoral**
Power System
Operator



**Nicole
Wiet**
Elevator
Mechanic



**Lana
Love**
Millwright



**Lynn
Seraphim**
Diesel Engine
Mechanic



**Becky
Lupton**
Electrician



**Kathleen
Scott**
Electrician



**Amy
Carr**
Sheet Metal
Worker



**Cayley
McCandless**
Carpenter



**Meghann
Barsalou**
Carpenter



**Katie
Balme**
Heavy Duty
Technician



**Natasha
Danenhower**
Carpenter



**Chelsea
Bushman**
Electrician

