



Esquimalt Parent & Student Docker

Sept. 19th – Sept. 23rd

“Every moment is a fresh beginning”

Have a great week!

Mon. Sept. 19	Stat	No School
Tues. Sept. 20	Gr 9 Community Building Day	
Wed. Sept. 21	First Focus Block First PAC Meeting	Dismissal at 3:16 pm 6:45 pm on Zoom
Thurs. Sept. 22	New Student Welcome and Clubs Day	
Fri. Sept. 23	Professional Development Day	No Students



Save the Date

- Sept. 26th: EMPA AGM Meeting at 7 pm
- Sept. 26th: Start of improv theatre
- Sept. 30th: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Given out to Students
Sept. 14th /15th
Please return **Student Verification Forms** (once reviewed) and **Blanket Field Trip Forms** to your Block B teachers ~ Thank you!

Welcome to Esquimalt

We would like to welcome new staff members to the Esquimalt Family. Welcome Joy Lambright Educational Assistant, Denica Bowe Indigenous Department and AJ Hildebrand Speech and Language Pathologist! We are happy they have joined us at Esquimalt High School.

Masks, COVID-19, and Daily Health Checks

At the moment, wearing a mask or face covering is not required as per the School District Communicable Disease Prevention Plan. The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice for staff, students, and visitors. We will continue to be respectful, supportive, inclusive, and mindful of all individuals’ personal choices and comfort levels. Please visit <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/covid-19/> for the most up to date health checks, regulations, and plans. We will provide any new information as it transpires.

Locker Assignments:

If you have paid for a locker but have not received your locker or combination please check your Learn email address. If you do not see it yet and have paid, please be patient as we have received many requests for lockers and are working through assigning them. Thank you very much for your patience. 😊

School Attendance:

Regular attendance is absolutely necessary for success at Esquimalt High School. Please call 250-382-9223 and leave a message on the 24-hour voice mail if your student will be absent from school. Unexcused absences will affect achievement and excessive absenteeism may result in the student being withdrawn from courses.

Focus Block Sign Up Reminder!

ESQ FIRST FOCUS BLOCK | Wednesday September 21, 2022 | 1:19 pm - 2:05 pm

bit.ly/esqfocusblock

Link **Closes** at 11:00 pm Sunday

Students will sign up ONCE and remain with the same Teacher for all of Semester 1

STUDENTS WHO DON'T SIGN UP FOR A FOCUS BLOCK WILL BE ASSIGNED A TEACHER/SPACE

See Attachment for more details

What is Focus Block? First Focus Block Sept. 21st

- Students will attend Focus Block on scheduled Wednesdays from 1:19 pm until 2:05 pm
- This time is for students to self-direct, explore and **FOCUS** on learning
- An opportunity to catch up on work, get some help, or practice skills
- Each student will be assigned a room for Focus Block and attendance taken
- You will work independently, in partners or small groups – it just depends!
- Teachers will not be assigning new work
- Focus block **does not** occur on the second Wednesday of each month – that will be an early dismissal day for students at 2:27 pm
- This is instructional time and will not be for clubs, sports or rehearsals during this time

Update: Attention All Grade 9s!

Connection and Community Building Days, September 20th

Grade 9 students have been given an information package that includes information, assigned group, a permission form and a

Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club waiver. Attached you will see this document. Student in group 3 and 4 must return their permission form and waiver by **Tuesday, September 20** in order to participate in the big canoe adventure activity. Originally, our grade 9 days were scheduled to include Monday, September 19, however, that day will have to be postponed to a date yet to be determined. We will try to at least have all grade 9s embark on a big canoe trip.



1. A **HUGE** thank you to all of our students and staff who volunteered at Rib Fest this past weekend! We are so proud of the contribution you make to our community.
2. Congratulations to all of our students who are taking the risk of joining something NEW this year. We've had a great start to our sports season with Volleyball tryouts and Run Club. Stay tuned for "Clubs Day" on September 22nd to learn more about available extra-curricular opportunities.
3. Thank you to students, staff and families for making our first Meet the Teacher night so successful! Special thanks to our BBQ chefs Mr. Schneider, Mr. Witzke and Mr. Clark for their grill skills!

Student Costs:

Text Book Deposit: \$20.00 This is a onetime deposit required for all **new** students. Deposit is refundable, upon request, when the student finishes/leaves the school provided there are no outstanding liabilities.

Student Activity Cost: \$25.00 This provides students with photo ID card and supports special school events.

Grad Cost: \$40.00 This covers recognition ceremony and grad cap/gown rental.

Yearbook: \$50.00 Optional – distributed in June.

Lockers: \$7.00 if you have not paid in the past. Lockers will be assigned by request this year. This can be done through School Cash Online. All locker requests will be issued through the student's SD61learn email accounts each Friday following their request.

Payment Options: If possible payments should be made online via School Cash Online at:

<https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>

Link is also available on the Esquimalt High website. A School Cash Online registration guide is attached. For those who cannot pay online, cash or cheque will be collected at the school. Collection information will follow once school commences.

No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in educational opportunities due to financial hardship. Please contact the Principal or a Vice Principal if finances are an issue.

Note: If you are paying for items in the office, please come at lunch hour or after school. Do not come during class time. Thank You!



Canadian Universities Event

On **Tuesday October 4, 2022** Esquimalt High School will be taking interested students to the **Canadian Universities Event (CUE)** at Oak Bay High School. This event hosts representatives from most of the major universities across Canada and provides students with an opportunity to explore their post-secondary options.

Bus leaves ESQ: **10:15am**

Bus Leaves Oak Bay High: **11:30am**

Students who attend this event will miss their BLOCK B class and are responsible for connecting with their teacher.

The event is open to grade 10 -12 students, but priority is reserved for those students in grade 11 & 12. Interested Students sign up at [Bit.ly/esqcue2022](https://bit.ly/esqcue2022) or see Tarra in the counselling area

The Café is back... For those of you paying with cash - prices have been updated and lunch is now \$7.00. Reloadable Café Cards go on sale Tuesday September 20, 2022. Students can purchase through their accounts on School Cash Online.

CAFETERIA MENU – SEPT. 19TH TO SEPT. 23RD	
Monday	Stat
Tuesday	Pizza by the slice
Wednesday	Crispy ginger pork noodle box, also available with tofu or Broccoli and cheddar soup or grilled halloumi , nectarine and tomato salad, basil vinaigrette
Thursday	beef and bean burrito or corn and black bean burrito or Beef barley soup or grilled halloumi , nectarine and tomato salad, basil vinaigrette
Friday	Professional Development Day

Improv Theatre Starts September 26th

Are you interested in the art of acting on the spot? Do you want to experience the joy of unscripted theatre performance? Come check out our Improv class, starting at 3:30 in the theatre on September 26. Students of all ages, grades, experience levels and abilities are welcome!!! Not sure yet? Feel free to drop in and find out all about it!

(message Ms. Walker if you have any questions owalker@sd61learn.ca)



(PAC) Parents' Advisory Council: First Meeting Sept. 21st at 6:45 pm

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. The PAC is an important part of our school and we value our partnership with our parents. A student's school experience is enriched when parents, staff and students are working together.

Topic: Esquimalt PAC Meeting

Time: Sep 21, 2022 06:45 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82350441911>

Meeting ID: 823 5044 1911

One tap mobile

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+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

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Meeting ID: 823 5044 1911

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kcsv1UW6SI>

SNAPSHOTS – Supporting Our Students by Supporting Those Who Care for Them

Since 2018, the Greater Victoria School District 61 has worked diligently to offer parents and caregivers a quality newsletter focused on topics that support positive mental health.

The Snapshots provide a wide range of mental health and wellness information and resources to support students and families as they navigate their way through the K-12 years. The information in the Snapshots offers the opportunity for parents and caregivers to initiate conversations with their child(ren) that will assist them in making positive decisions about their mental and physical well-being.

Our September Snapshot is a recap of our most popular Snapshots over the past years under the categories of mental health, relationships, connection and technology.

Snapshots:

[Secondary September Recap](#)



GRAD 2023 GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

Join both GCs ASAP!

GRAD 2023:

tnw4oji

Scholarship & Postsecondary Info:

kv4ie7d

Join both GCs ASAP!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Shirts for Sale

ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL IS SELLING ORANGE SHIRTS WITH ORIGINAL ARTWORK CREATED BY RANDE COOK AN ABORIGINAL ARTIST FROM THE KWAKWAKA'WAKW FIRST NATION.

RANDE DESIGNED THE ARTWORK FOR ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS' SOCIETY.



SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE OFFICE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. CASH OR CHEQUE.

UNISEX SIZING. YOUTH & ADULT AVAILABLE.

**STUDENT SALE \$8.00/SHIRT
PUBLIC SALE \$15.00/SHIRT**

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