



## Esquimalt Parent/Student Docker

March 13 - March 17

*"Every moment is a fresh beginning"*

Mon. March 13	
Tues. March 14	Block C: Gr. 10 CLE Presentation in Theatre
Wed. March 15	Early Dismissal for Students at 2:27 pm
Thurs. March 16	
Fri. March 17	Last Day before Spring Break



### Save the Date

March 20 to March 31: Spring Break no classes in session  
Saturday, April 1: Interact Bottle Drive at Esquimalt High School  
April 3: First day back after Spring Break  
April 7: Good Friday No Classes Scheduled  
April 10: Easter Monday No Classes Scheduled  
April 12: Students Dismissed Early 2:27  
April 18: PAC Meeting at Esquimalt High 6:45 pm

**Welcome New Staff:** Welcome Colleen Kensit to our Esquimalt Family!! Colleen, Educational Assistant will be joining us after the Spring Break on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking forward to you joining our team!



### **Important Reminder: Course Selection Update for: Grade 9, 10 and 11 Families**

**FINAL COPY COURSE SELECTION FORMS DUE - NOW:** students will only hand these in if they differ from the 1st draft. Please bring to the office. Thank you!!!

## **Parents of Students in Grade 10 and 12 – Student Learning Survey 2022/2023**

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2023** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

### **For Students:**

Students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school.

### **For Parents:**

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey).

1. Click "Take the survey" in the blue box.
2. Under Parents, choose "Direct Access"
  - a. Choose School District – 61 Greater Victoria
  - b. Choose Esquimalt High School
  - c. Choose your preferred language for the survey to be in

Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

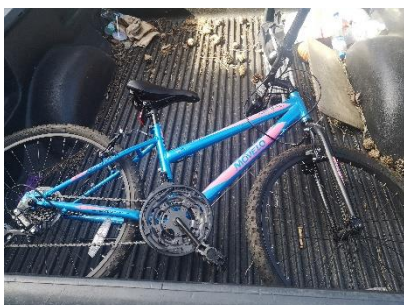
If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-382-9224 or Mr. Jared Adams (V P) at [jadams@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jadams@sd61.bc.ca).



### **Our Success Stories**

- Thank you to Mr. Rak's class for picking up garbage around the school community. It looks great!!
- Thank you to the teachers and the parents who participated in the **Parent Teacher Night**. It was a great success.
- Will competed on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the **BC Skills Competition for Fine Furniture and Joinery** and came 2<sup>nd</sup>, way to go Will!!

### **Found Bike:**



This bike was found yesterday. It was sitting behind a car in Vic West by the doggy daycare and no one was around. Police report has been made - file number is 2023-900236. They have not come to pick it up yet.

If this is your bike please contact Diana Elliott 250-884-5164 [dianat@hotmail.com](mailto:dianat@hotmail.com)

### **Update Girls Soccer:**

Girls soccer practice Tuesday 4-5 at Hampton

Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> Away game vs Lambrick Park @ Tyndall Turf, please arrive no later than 2:50

Any questions please email Mr. Aris at: [baris@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:baris@sd61.bc.ca)



### **Track and Field Update!!**

Practice after school Monday and Wednesday meet on the track after school. **Still, time to join. Need more boys to complete relay teams.**

If you have any questions please email Ms. Thornber at: [sthornber@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sthornber@sd61.bc.ca)



## **Last Chance - One week left!**

**ESQUIMALT PAC'S**  
*Spring*  
*50/50 Draw*  
**DRAW DATE: MARCH 17TH**  
Purchase tickets online at:  
**[esquimaltpac.rafflenexus.com](http://esquimaltpac.rafflenexus.com)**  
BC GAMING EVENT LICENCE # 1195598  
CHANCES OF WINNING ARE 1 IN 3,400  
ACTUAL ODDS DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD



## **Attention Grade 10 French Immersion Families:**

We are very excited that Victoria International Education will be offering an educational student exchange to France for French Immersion students in 2023-2024. This pilot project will be open to students who are currently in grade 10 French Immersion. There will be a **zoom** information session next **Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.**

<https://gvsd61.zoom.us/j/61811038685?pwd=dWdIZDFBSjVDVWpHYlMyTnU4dkhRUT09>



# **2023-24 FRENCH STUDENT EXCHANGE**

Greater Victoria School District  
Travel Opportunity for Current Gr 10 Students

In partnership with Marie Pila Ecole, Victoria International Education (VIE) is pleased to offer Greater Victoria School District (GVSD) students an intercultural opportunity to meaningfully engage with French peers via a student exchange program. This is an excellent opportunity for GVSD students to have an immersive cultural experience while further developing their French language skills in a real-world context.

### October 12 - Nov 1, 2023:

- Students from Carpentras, France will be hosted by participating GVSD students and will attend classes with peers

### March (Spring Break) 2024:

- GVSD students will be hosted by their French peers and will attend classes at Marie Pila Secondary

## **Approximate Program Costs: \$2300**

### **Includes:**

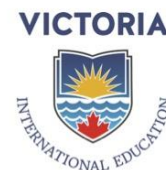
- Flight
- Accommodation
- Most meals
- Travel Insurance
- Activities
- Please note, we ask that GVSD students are able to host a French student in return

## **Victoria International Education**

For further program details and participation requirements, contact Reid Litster at [rlitster@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:rlitster@sd61.bc.ca)



**Please use the QR code for Zoom Information Sessions Links**



250-592-6871



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Uplands Campus. 3461  
Henderson Road, Victoria, BC

Cafeteria: For those of you paying with cash - prices have been updated and lunch is now \$7.00. Students can purchase a Café Card through their accounts on School Cash Online.

### CAFETERIA MENU – March 13 – March 17

<b>Mon.</b>	Chicken and waffles, coleslaw
<b>Tues.</b>	Baja style fish taco, pico de gallo
<b>Wed.</b>	Hot wings or dry pepper garlic wings, cut veggies and blue cheese dip or buffalo cauliflower bites, cut veggies and ranch dressing
<b>Thurs.</b>	Clean up- No Café Service
<b>Fri.</b>	Clean up-No Café Service

**ALL REFUNDABLE CONTAINERS ACCEPTED**  
pop, juice, beer, wine, liquor, bi-metal  
**no milk, soup, soy, etc**





**ROTARY BOTTLE DRIVE**


**Location:**  
Esquimalt High School  
Colville Road Entrance

**Dates:** Sat., 4 February  
Sat., 4 March  
Sat., 1 April  
Sat., 6 May  
Sat., 3 June


**Times:** 10 am – 2 pm



**Rotary**  
Club of Victoria 



**Deposit Here**

**Interact**  **Esquimalt High School**

**BOTTLE DRIVE**

**Saturday**

**10 am – 2 pm**

**Proceeds will support:**

- Local Charities
- Esquimalt High School

## **PAC News:**

Dates for future **PAC Meeting** are: April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (AGM) and June (TBD)

## **GRAD 2023**

### **PARENT COMMITTEE:**

If you are interested in participating in a parent/guardian committee for Grad complete the form: <https://bit.ly/3MKjOzr> The group will focus on fundraising, decorating and event planning.

### **Grad NEWSLETTER:**

The February Grad newsletter is [here](#)! It has news about grad dates, ticket purchase for the UVic recognition ceremony, scholarship and postsecondary information and more!

## **Student and Family Affordability Fund:**

As you may be aware, the Greater Victoria School District has received \$1.9 million in one-time funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to assist families temporarily facing financial challenges associated with going back to school. The [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#) has been created to improve food security and assist parents, guardians, and students with school-associated costs, such as school supplies and education-related fees. The funds will be provided in as flexible, private and stigma-free manner as possible. **All schools have since been provided with limited funds to help support the following:**

- Nutritional food/meals, before, during school day through school meal program (Grocery gift cards)
- Basic goods required for learning such as school supplies and clothing/footwear for school sports/activities
- Fees for school sports and other school activities (E.g., Grad events)
- Transportation support (E.g., gas cards, bus tickets, bus passes)
- To help off-set costs for families already facing challenges utilizing existing support systems in place

**If your family or student have any questions or require support, please reach out to Sarah Garr (Principal) by phone or email [sgarr@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sgarr@sd61.bc.ca)**