



Esquimalt Parent & Student Docker

Sept. 25th – Sept. 29th

“Every moment is a fresh beginning”

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| Mon. Sept. 25 th | School Chosen Pro D | No Classes |
| Tues. Sept. 26 th | ESQ Careers to Canadian University Event (See below for details) | Bus Leaves ESQ 10:15 am Bus Leaves Oak Bay High 11:30 |
| Wed. Sept. 27 th | Improv Class and Club Meeting | 3:30 pm Theatre |
| Thurs. Sept. 28 th | Leadership Retreat | |
| Fri. Sept. 29 th | | |

Save the Date



- Oct. 2nd: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No Classes
- Oct. 4th: Grade 10 Careers Assembly during Block C
- Oct. 9th: Thanksgiving Day No Classes
- Oct. 11th: Early Dismissal at 2:27 pm
- Oct. 13th: Instrument Masterclass Night
- Oct. 15th – Oct. 17th: GRAD Surf Trip
- Oct. 18th: Parent Teacher Interviews

Attention Parents/Guardians

Please have your student return the Student Verification Form and Blanket Field Trip Form to the Office once signed.

If your student has not picked up these forms please have them come to the office for the forms.

Thank You!

Grade 10 Career and Life Education (CLE A) – Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, Block C

Grade 10 students will be called down for an assembly in the theatre on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, during Block C for their first Career and Life Education 10 (CLE A) meeting. In this first assembly, we will introduce how the course completed, give access to the Google Classroom (q5kmkyo), share a variety of Esquimalt High School opportunities, and answer any questions. Please go to your Block C first and wait to be called down to the theatre.

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Board of Education and Superintendent

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September 18, 2023

Dear Families and Caregivers,

We are excited to welcome new and returning students, staff and families this September. Over the summer months, the Board of Education and District Staff have been busy planning and preparing for a successful 2023-2024 school year.

As you may be aware, on May 31, 2023, the Board of Education ended the School Police Liaison Officer Program which involved School Police Liaison Officers from Oak Bay Police, Saanich, and the RCMP (Police Liaison Officers have not been present in Victoria and Esquimalt schools since 2018).

The Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are deeply committed to creating and maintaining safe, welcoming, and inclusive school environments for all members of our learning community. We believe that every student deserves an environment in which they can thrive academically and personally and want to assure you that the safety of our learning community remains our top priority.

Furthermore, we want to reassure you that our students will continue to receive the necessary support and care from trained, certified, and regulated professionals in schools and the community. Over the summer, the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools worked to ensure that appropriate processes are in place. We will be collaborating with schools to ensure they are informed about how to access and utilize these available services for supporting students and staff during times of need.

The Board is committed to maintaining strong relationships with local police and to clearly defining their roles within our schools. They play a key role in keeping our school communities safe. In the event of a school emergency, we want to emphasize that our existing protocols for lockdowns, critical incidents, and violent threat risk assessments continue to be in effect.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared goal of providing a safe and nurturing educational environment for all students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Duncan".

Nicole Duncan
Chair, Board of Education
School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deb Whitten".

Deb Whitten
Superintendent of Schools
School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

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.

One Learning Community



CUE: Canadian University Event

On **Tuesday September 26, 2023** 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/ESQCUE2023](https://bit.ly/ESQCUE2023)**



The poster features a large, stylized 'CUE' logo in yellow and orange at the top. Below it, the text 'CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT' is written in bold black letters. A QR code is on the left, and a white box in the center contains the event details: 'hosted at Oak Bay High School', 'ESQ Careers is taking students to CUE', 'TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2023', and contact information for Tarra Clarke and Ken Henderson. At the bottom, a list of 30 universities is provided, and social media handles for @cuebc_org and @cuebcevents are at the very bottom.

CUE
CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT

hosted at *Oak Bay High School*
ESQ Careers is taking students to CUE
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
For more information see ESQ Careers Team
Tarra Clarke tclarke@sd61.bc.ca Ken Henderson khenderson@sd61.bc.ca

SIGN UP TO ATTEND bit.ly/ESQCUE2023

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| Acadia University | Memorial University | University of Alberta |
| Alberta University of the Arts | Mount Allison University | University of Calgary |
| Bishop's University | Mount Royal University | University of Fraser Valley |
| Brescia University College | Nipissing University | University of Guelph |
| Brock University | Ontario Tech University | University of Guelph-Humber |
| Burman University | Queen's University | University of King's College |
| Capilano University | Royal Military College | University of Lethbridge |
| Carleton University | Saint Mary's University | University of Manitoba |
| Dalhousie University | Simon Fraser University | University of New Brunswick |
| Emily Carr University | St Francis Xavier University | University of Northern BC |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University | St Thomas University | University of Ottawa |
| Huron University College | St Jerome's University | University of Saskatchewan |
| King's University College | The King's University | University of Victoria |
| Kwantlen Polytechnic University | Thompson Rivers University | University of Waterloo |
| MacEwan University | Trinity Western University | Vancouver Island University |
| Marine Institute | University Canada West | Western University |
| McMaster University | | York University |

 [cuebc_org](https://www.instagram.com/cuebc_org)  [@cuebcevents](https://www.facebook.com/cuebcevents)

GRAD 2024

Esquimalt High School Grade 12 **Parent Information September 2023**

Important Dates

Grad Website - <https://sites.google.com/sd61learn.ca/esq-grad/home>

October 11th - Capstone Coach Check-in meeting - must attend December 21st -

Winter Formal

- Delta Hotel 6:30 - 10:30pm

May 8: Grade 12 Capstone Presentations

- 3:00 - 6:00pm

June 2024 - Grad events

- UVIC Ceremony Monday, June 3, 2024
 - Tickets on sale in Spring (6 per student)
- Dinner Dance - Saturday, June 15th, 2024
- Indigenous Education Grad Tentative date: TBD

GRAD Checklist

- ✓ Pay Grad Fee - \$40
- ✓ Student should join Grad google.classroom **Odx4rm**
- ✓ Student should have Capstone on track
- ✓ Explore post-secondary options -Student should join Scholarship

Coming Soon:

- **Grad Wear sales October 2nd - 12th**
- Capstone Coach Check-ins
- Grad Mentor grad check after Term 1

Capstone Presentations

- Students NEED to Present at the GALA ON MAY 8TH
 - Be AVAILABLE and book off work
 - 3:00pm - 6:00pm
- Students will be assigned a Capstone Coach

Grad Mentor

Grade 12 students are assigned a Grad Mentor to monitor their academic progress through the school year; either a counsellor or admin, and will be given a letter just before Term 1 finishes that will explain whether they are on track to grad or are not. Those that are not on track will then meet with their mentor to determine a plan of action.

- Mentors will be meeting with all students who are not currently in a position to graduate to formulate a plan and determine eligibility for events. These students will be getting letters set home regarding their graduation status.

POST-SECONDARY UPDATES

Student Transcript Service (STS) ***IMPORTANT***

Please follow the process for ordering and sending transcripts to post-secondary institutions carefully.

If you need INTERIM grades sent **prior to May**, transcripts (both electronic and hardcopy) need to be ordered from the office (please specify that they need to include interim grades)

Note: Students proceeding to post-secondary **MUST** complete this process to have transcripts sent.

If you would like to register for the transcript service now, you may do so at :

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

Welcome back!

Snapshot:

We have made a few changes to the Snapshots for the 2023-24 school year.

- Firstly, we will introduce a new Snapshot bi-monthly starting in September.
- Secondly, the Snapshots for the year will focus on the significance of nurturing connections and community in your children's lives.

The September/ October Snapshot explores some of the agencies and services in our community for families. These agencies can serve as valuable partners, offering a wide variety of services designed to bolster families and enhance their overall well-being. By collaborating with these organizations, parents can tap into a wealth of expertise, guidance, and programs that address a spectrum of needs.

Access the Snapshot Here: [September/October 2023 Snapshot – It Takes a Village](#)

Update from Counselling Team

Need to make a counselling appointment?

You can email counsellors directly or use the counselling request bitly: <https://bit.ly/ESQcounselling>

SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLORS: Course changes, postsecondary and career advising, solution-focused, brief counselling, and referrals to outside agencies.

Allyson (Ally) Hoffman (she/her): Students last names A to K. ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca Available: Monday to Friday

Anastasia Andrews (she/her): Students last names L to Z. aandrews@sd61.bc.ca Available: Monday to Friday

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING:

Tim Zemanek (he/him): tzemanek@sd61.bc.ca

YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNSELLORS (YFCs): Personal and Family counselling (NOT COURSE CHANGES)

Bob Beattie (he/him): bbeattie@sd61.bc.ca Monday to Wednesday

Brianne Mendes (she/her): bmendes@sd61.bc.ca Monday to Friday

Akki Mackay (they/them): akkimackay@fairfieldcommunity.ca Wed-Friday

If it is an emergency go to the counselling area or call the Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888.

CLUBS:

FINE ARTS:

Improv Class and Club Information

The first Improv class and club meeting will be Wednesday September 27, at 3:30 in the theatre. See Ms. Walker or check out our table at Clubs Day for more information.

Art Club is on Thursdays at lunch in the Art Room (room 223). Art Club starts on September 28.

Omdrea Walker BEd, MEd, (she/her)



MATH CLUB:

JOIN MATH CLUB!

Thursdays at lunch in room 305

ENJOY MATH? PURSUING STEM IN POST-SECONDARY?

Math Club is for you! We provide students with the opportunity to participate in math contests that strengthen math skills, challenge students and help with winning scholarships.

We also host study groups, math support and a variety of fun math-related activities.

Keep an eye out for our events!

MEET NEW PEOPLE!

CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

STUDY GROUPS!

Find us at Club's Day!

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM:
@esqmathclub

JOIN OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM:
e4yeik6

Orange Shirt Day: Size Youth Small to Adult 2XL available

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**

**FOR MORE INFO CALL 250.382.9226
OR EMAIL ESQUIMALT@SD61.BC.CA**

Cafeteria: Reloadable Cafeteria Cards will be available for reload or purchase **Tuesday Sept. 19th** through School Cash Online. <https://bit.ly/ESQCAFECARDS>***Re-loads will be automatically added current cards the following business day by lunch. If you have a card from last year please bring it to the Accounts Office so it can be reactivated.

CAFETERIA MENU – Sept. 25 to Sept. 29

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| Mon. | School Chosen Pro D No Classes |
| Tues. | Pulled pork taco, pico de gallo, cabbage slaw |
| Wed. | Curried Chicken with basmati rice and naan |
| Thurs. | Fried chicken, roasted potatoes, and green beans |
| Fri. | Pork belly poutine, house cut fries, cheese curd, crispy pork belly and gravy |

For those of you paying with cash - lunch is \$7.00.