



Esquimalt Parent & Student Docker

Sept. 30 – Oct. 4

“Every moment is a fresh beginning”

Mon. Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	No Scheduled Classes
Tues. Oct. 1	Food Safe Course	See below for details
Wed. Oct. 2		
Thurs. Oct. 3	Online Bookings for Parent Teacher Meetings	Opens at 3pm (See below)
Fri. Oct. 4	Online Bookings for Parent Teacher Meetings	Open (see below)



Save the Date

October 7 to 9: Online Parent Teacher Meeting Bookings open until noon Oct. 9
 October 9: Early Dismissal 2:27pm
 October 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences see below for adjusted Bell Schedule

Attention Parents/Guardians

Friday, Sept. 13th your student should have brought home two forms for updating:
Student Verification Form &

Blanket Field Trip Form and one Parent Letter

Please update and sign, then **Student Verification** and **Blanket Field Trip** Forms are to be returned to B Block Teacher or Office.

Thank you!!



Ordering School Photos:

If you would like to order your student photos, please have order forms to the office by **Oct 4th**.



October 10th Bell Schedule Change **For Parent Teacher Meetings:**

A Block	8:50-10:00
B Block	10:05-11:15
Lunch	11:15-11:50
C Block	11:50-1:00
D Block	1:05-2:15

Open, Thursday, October 3rd at 3pm: Online Booking for Parent-Teacher Meetings

When booking please note:

- * You will book one appointment at a time – you need to go through the process below for each teacher you want to book with
- * The Parent Teacher Meetings will be in the Gym and Cafeteria
- * **Booking closes at noon on Wednesday October 9th.**

If you require assistance with booking, please contact the office at 250-382-9226.

Video Instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLbr8vhNvYo>

Step by step:

1. Click on the following link:<https://outlook.office365.com/book/EsquimaltHighSchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/>
2. Click on the selection box according to teacher's last name
3. Click in the section "Select Staff (Optional)" on the drop down arrow to find the teacher's name
4. Click on the interview time you prefer
5. Go to: Add your details and add: Name, Email, Phone Number
6. Go to: Provide additional information Enter your student's name
7. Click the Have Read box reminders that you have selected the teacher you want to meet with
8. Click 'Book' to complete process

NOTE – repeat process for each teacher you are booking with.



SCENT FREE ZONE

Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free

It is the policy of the Greater Victoria School District (GVSD) to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. This will be accomplished by eliminating or minimizing the use of products and fragrances whose scent or other properties are known to trigger allergies or other hazardous reactions.

PLEASE
DO NOT wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.
USE unscented personal care products.

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One Learning Community

Student Connect:

GVSD Student Connect allows students to review privacy information and choose which online digital services they consent to use. Students should review their current consent items at the start of each school year.

New items can be added at any time (for example if a student needs access to a service in Gr. 11 that they did not need previously). Consent can also be revoked at any time if a student is misusing technology.

Important consent items in Student Connect include:

- School Yearbook and In-School Photo/Video Consent
- School and School District Media Consent
- Broadcast Media Consent
- Student Acceptable Use of Technology

Permissions for Digital tools:

- Google Workspace for Education
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- MyBlueprint
- Canva

Student Connect: <https://studentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/>

Parent Connect:

Parent Connect is an online service developed by the Greater Victoria School District to expedite consent requests and access Learning Updates (report cards). The service reduces the amount of paper forms and allows parents and school staff to review a student's consent information on-demand. The service also includes Google Translate to support parents who prefer to communicate in languages other than English.

Learning Updates (report cards) are shared digitally with both parents and students through Parent Connect and Student Connect.

Starting in Q2, all Learning Updates will only be shared via [Parent Connect](#) and [Student Connect](#). Paper copies of Learning Updates will only be available upon request.

Please click on the link below for information on how to create an account and access Parent Connect. When you access the account, student Learning Updates will be available as a pdf document.

[Parent Connect instructional video](#) and link to the portal.
[PDF Instructions for how to access Parent Connect](#)

New Electric Scooters Parking

A scooter rack to lock electric scooters is available. The rack is located outside the band room by the bike racks. The rack accepts a variety of locks (U-shackle, hand cuff style, cable, etc). **Students will need to provide their own lock suitable for their scooter.** Charging is not available for scooters.

Scooter & Bike Racks

Students riding pedal bikes, e-bikes, scooters & e-scooters are required to provide their own lock to secure their unit in the storage racks. Locks must be suitable for the unit and students need to know how to use them – locks need to be snug and fastened to/thru appropriate places of the unit and storage rack.

Scooters and e-Scooters can be locked to the bike racks or the new scooter racks. The new scooter rack accepts u-shackle locks, u-shackle with cable locks and cuff style locks.

There are many videos on YouTube showing a variety of locks and ways in which to secure them to different pedal bikes, e-bikes, scooters & e-scooters. Students who need assistance with locking their units to one of the storage racks can see the office.



FINE ARTS:

Improv Club! Theatre sports, comedy games and unscripted theatre! Starts Thursday September 12 at lunch, in the theatre. All ages and experience levels welcome! We may also have an after school club that will start in October. Talk to Ms. Walker if you have any questions. Students may join the GC for updated information:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NzY1MTY1NzE0MVpa?cjc=224cwk6>

ALL SUBJECTS/PROOFREADING
SERVICES AVAILABLE

**ESQ Peer Tutors are
here to help!**

bit.ly/esqtutorrequest

**EHS
PEER TUTORING**

Student and Family Affordability Fund:

In March 2024, the Ministry of Education and Child Care provided districts with additional **one-time Student and Family Affordability Funds (SFAF)**. The Student and Family Affordability Fund is intended to support families with costs associated with going to school that they may be struggling to pay. The aim is to make life more affordable for families who are temporarily facing financial challenges and need temporary assistance with the current cost of school supplies and education related fees. The funds will be provided in as flexible, private and stigma-free manner as possible.

Funding use includes, but is not limited to:

1. Goods:
 - Providing basic school supplies that might otherwise be purchased by parents, guardians, and students (e.g., pens, paper); and
 - Supporting with clothing/footwear required for school sports or other school activities.
2. Fees:
 - Waiving education-related fees (e.g., additional supplies for shop, culinary and craft classes, workbooks, camps, field trips, relevant cultural events, other student society meetings including those related to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and instrument and equipment fees or other fees charged by school districts); and
 - Fees for school sports and other school activities.

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

School Attendance

Regular attendance is 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.

ESQ Music Ensemble Schedule 2024-2025

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:30-8:45am	ALLISON	Vocal Ensemble	Senior Concert Band	Vocal Ensemble	Senior Concert Band	Choir
	KRELL	Junior Concert Band	Junior Jazz Band	Junior Concert Band		Senior Jazz Band
LUNCH M/T/Th 11:45am-12:30pm W/F 11:20am-12:05pm	ALLISON		R&B Band Sectional			
	KRELL			Music Extensions		
AFTER SCHOOL M/T/W/Th: 3:30-4:45pm Fridays: 2:45-4:00	ALLISON	Musical Theatre TECH	Musical Theatre CAST	Choir	Musical Theatre CAST & TECH	R&B Band
	KRELL		Senior Jazz Band			Junior Jazz Band
	LEESON	Strings			Strings	

Need a counselling
appointment?

Scan the QR code below or
email us directly for an appointment.



SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLORS

Personal counselling, course changes, post-secondary and academic advising.

Allyson Hoffman (she/her)

(A to K): ahoffman@sd61.bc.ca *Monday to Friday

Anastasia Andrews (she/her)

(L to Z): aandrews@sd61.bc.ca *Monday to Friday

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

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

YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELLORS (YFC)

Personal and family counselling. **NOT COURSE CHANGES.**


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

Michaela Louie (she/her): mlouie@sd61.bc.ca *Tuesday to Friday

Akki Mackay (they/them): akmackay@sd61.bc.ca *Monday to Thursday

Are you interested in Programming? Photography? Graphic arts?
Marketing? Game strategy? Social media and/or web design?
If so...

COME JOIN ESQ'S
ROBOTICS
TEAM



ESQ's ATOM SMASHERS
20025 - 20027

Meetings afterschool on Mondays,
Wednesdays, and Thursdays @ Room 221.

CAREERS:

NEW DATE ADDED!!! | FOOD SAFE LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION Opportunity

WHEN: Tuesday October 01, 2024

TIME: 8:50 – 3:20 ALL DAY

WHERE: Lower Cafeteria

If Interested please Sign Up at: bit.ly/esqfoodsaf2024

Please note:

- Students are responsible for checking in with their teachers re: missing work ect.
- If you had previously signed up and were waitlisted or did not attend, please sign up again through the bit.ly
- This opportunity is open to all students, however priority will be given to those who were previously waitlisted.

If you have any questions, please email ESQ Careers:

Tarra | Career Centre Coordinator | tclarke@sd61learn.ca

NEW DATE ADDED

ESQ IS OFFERING

FOOD SAFE

LEVEL 1

CERTIFICATION

WHEN | TUESDAY OCT.01, 2024

WHERE | ESQ LOWER CAFE

TIME | 8:50 AM - 3:20 PM

Students are responsible for notifying their teachers & completing any missed work

Questions? Contact ESQ Careers:

Tarra: tclarke@sd61.bc.ca

Mr. Henderson: khenderson@sd61.bc.ca



Scan me

bit.ly/esqfoodsaf2024



ESQ GRAD Class was successful in raising money through the Chuck a Puck on the weekend at the Royal's Game. ESQ GRADS Rock!



Grateful for the opportunity to come together with staff to reflect on our culture, community & connection.

CAFETERIA: The Esq Café menu offers a hot lunch, salad and a variety of baked goods daily.

Lunch \$7.00

Salad \$5.00

Baked Goods range from \$1.50-\$5.00

The Café accepts reloadable cafeteria cards and cash.

Cafeteria Cards will be available to purchase on [School Cash Online](#) September 14, 2024. Cards purchases or re-loads will be ready for pickup at 11:30am in the office one business day after purchase. If you have a card from last year please bring it to the Accounts Office so it can be reactivated.

What's on the Menu? ESQ Café – Sept. 30 – Oct. 4

Monday	STAT NO SCHEDULED CLASSES
Tuesday	Italian deli sandwich on house made focaccia, basil pesto, roasted garlic aioli, mix of salami, provolone and mozzarella cheese, marinated olives, arugula and tomato
Wednesday	Pasta Bolognese, rich meat sauce with rigatoni, parmesan crisp and herb gremolata
Thursday	Pork schnitzel, spiced apple chutney, braised cabbage, spätzle
Friday	Korean Fried chicken and waffles, gochujang sauce, coleslaw



PAC Fundraiser “Save a Tape”!

**Do you, or someone you know,
shop at Country Grocer? If so, we
want your RECEIPTS!**

**Esquimalt High School PAC will
receive 1% of all orders!
Bring receipts to the OFFICE.**

Do You Have Used Clean Plastic Yogurt Containers with Lids?

If you do, please bring them to Room 217 so the Home Ec. Class can bring home their food from class.

Ms. Christoff's class: dchristoff@sd61.bc.ca

Thank you!!



Youth Health Clinic

Thursdays from 11:30-2:00
Esquimalt High
in the Office Medical Room

Confidential services provided by a Public Health Nurse:

- ✓ Birth Control
- ✓ Emergency Contraceptive
- ✓ Pregnancy testing and options
- ✓ Sexually Transmitted Infection testing & treatment
- ✓ Sexual decision making and relationships
- ✓ Immunizations
- ✓ Naloxone kits
- ✓ Free condoms