



# Esquimalt Parent & Student Docker

## Jan. 6 – Jan. 10

Happy New Year!		
Jan. 6	School Reopens	Welcome Back
Jan. 7	GRAD Photos	Green Room
Jan. 8	GRAD Photos	Green Room
Jan. 9	GRAD Photos	Green Room
Jan. 10	GRAD Photos	Green Room

### *Save the Date*

- Jan. 6: School Re-opens..... Happy New Year!
- Jan. 7 to January 15: GRAD Photos
- Jan. 13: PAC Meeting 6:45pm
- Jan. 15: Early Dismissal 2:27pm
- Jan.15: Challenge Info Night (Mt. Douglas)
- Jan. 20: Alumni Meeting



**GRADE 9 PARENTS:**  
Please sign and return the **Immunization Forms** to the Office.  
Thank you!



**THANK YOU, ESQUIMALT COMMUNITY!**

The Gingerbread Fundraiser  
for Santa's Anonymous  
Raised  
\$10,000.

### **DON'T MISS OUT: GRAD PHOTO INFORMATION!**

LINK to book grad photos is now open!!!

Grad Photography Dates: January 6th to January 15th 2025 @Esquimalt High School in the Green Room on 1<sup>st</sup> floor

From Prestige Portraits:

*The sessions will be 20 minutes, and we will do formal cap/gown photos as well as casual photos. (ex. Jeans/Tshirt, Sports uniform, etc)*

*We highly suggest Grads bring a dress shirt and tie or wear v-neck or scoop neck top for formal photos. Unfortunately, we will not have shirts and ties for graduates to use.*

*The use of props provided by Lifetouch (roses, diploma scroll) is voluntary, we have implemented safety protocols for sanitizing props or will provide one time use props for each sitting.*

*Graduates may also bring appropriate props to be included in their sitting. (ex.basketball, musical instrument, etc)*

<https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

**There is no 8-digit code, students/parents can search by Province and City- DISREGARD 8 digit code**



## **GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS**

Immunization consent packages for grade 9 students **have been distributed to students**. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school as soon as possible. Students in grade 9 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics. Please discuss the information in the consent package with your child and include them in the decision to provide consent for immunization.

Students in grade 9 can make an informed decision about immunization regardless of their parent/guardian/representative decision to consent or refuse immunization. For more information visit: [The Infants Act, mature minor consent and immunization | HealthLink BC](#)

Immunizations will be provided at the school for **grade 9 students on January 24, 2025**.

**Contact the local Health Unit at 250-519-5311 if you have any questions.**

Thank you,  
Sonja van der Putten, (she/her/s)  
Vice Principal

## **Opportunity for Travel:**



A promotional graphic for travel opportunities. It features two men in the foreground: one with a beard and a black t-shirt with 'I ❤️ esq' holding a megaphone, and another in a blue jacket and a hat holding a map. The background is a collage of travel-related items: a red stamp for 'AMSTERDAM KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS' with a departure date of '08 JUL 17' and 'Immigration'; a blue stamp for 'PARIS FRANCE' with a departure date of '25 AUG 17' and 'PARIS AIRPORT'; a black tag with '\$150 OFF'; a drawing of the Eiffel Tower; a drawing of a cathedral; a drawing of a passport with a globe; a drawing of an airplane; and a drawing of a location pin. Text at the bottom reads 'SIGN UP BY WINTER BREAK MAY 1-9 2025' and 'PARIS and AMSTERDAM' with 'new spot' next to Paris. There are two QR codes at the bottom right.

## **Esquimalt PAC:**



A winter-themed fundraising graphic for the Esquimalt PAC. It features a blue background with snowflakes, a string of colorful lights, and illustrations of a white polar bear and a penguin. Text in the center reads: 'Esquimalt PAC is fundraising for the Esquimalt High Grad class of 2025. Get your 50/50 tickets today.' Below this is the URL 'https://esquimaltpac.rafflenexus.com/'. A QR code is on the left. The main title 'Winter 50/50' is in large, stylized font. Below it, the odds are 'ODDS - 1/4000', the draw date is 'DRAW DATE - JAN 13 BEFORE 4:30', and the license number is 'LICENSE # - 157430'.

## **Food Programs at Esquimalt:**

A reminder that our **Breakfast and Lunch programs** are intended for those students who are experiencing financial hardship/need. While we appreciate that other students may at times need to access breakfast on occasion, we are asking that those students who are able to access food at home please do so.

Please note that the **Rainbow Kitchen "Fridge of Love"** is open and accessible to ALL staff and students, regardless of financial need! 😊

## **CAREERS:**

### **Health DUAL CREDIT**

Grade 12 students are you interested in taking a Health Dual Credit course in Semester 2?

See ESQ Careers Team for more information/application

**DUAL CREDIT COURSES IN HEALTH**

GET A JUMP START INTO THE FOLLOWING FIVE HEALTH PROGRAMS

- HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT
- PRACTICAL NURSING
- CERTIFIED MEDICAL LAB ASSISTANT
- MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT
- MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY

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**PNUR 101**  
Anatomy & Physiology  
PRE-REQUISITE: C IN ASP 12

**MOA 155**  
Medical Terminology  
CO-REQUISITE: ENG 12

**HEALTH 111**  
Indigenous Peoples Health  
PRE-REQUISITE: C IN ENG 12

**MLAB 139**  
Pre-Analytics & Laboratory Principles  
CO-REQUISITE: ASP 12 WITH MINIMUM B IN ASCI 11

MOA 155 is part of the Medical Office Assistant Program and is a pre-req for Certified Medical Lab Assistant / Medical Radiography / Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

This course requires weekly on-campus labs (Friday afternoon) + weekly online lessons. MLAB 139 is part of the Certified Medical Lab Assistant Program.

PNUR 101 is a pre-req for the Practical Nursing Program.

Health 111 is part of the Mental Health & Addictions Program / Educational Assistant & Community Support Program / Early Learning & Care Program / Community, Family & Child Studies Program.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO YOUR SCHOOL BASED CAREERS TEAM

## **GRADE 12 SEMESTER 2 DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES**

Grade 12 students planning to apply for post-secondary education in any of the following areas should connect with ESQ Careers to determine if you meet the prerequisites for starting a course in Semester 2. This opportunity can help reduce your course load for your first year of post-secondary and have it be covered by the district. Additionally, courses may be transferable to other colleges and universities!

- Early Learning & Care
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Community, Family & Child Studies
- Educational Assistant & Community Support
- Practical Nursing
- Health Care Assistant
- Certified Medical Lab Assistant
- Medical Office Assistant
- Medical Radiography

Interested?, check in with ESQ Careers Team: Tarra [tclarke@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:tclarke@sd61.bc.ca) or Ken Henderson [khenderson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:khenderson@sd61.bc.ca)

**GRAD 2025:**

**IMPORTANT GRAD INFORMATION: Attention GRAD families!**

See important information about grad below.

**Important Dates:**

May: Grade 12 Capstone Presentations - May 21st

June 2024- Grad events

- o ESQ GRAD Recognition Ceremony Monday June 2, 2025 UVIC Farquhar Auditorium
  - Tickets on sale in Spring (6 per family- this MAY increase to 8\*\*)
- o Dinner dance June 21



**GRAD ASSEMBLIES:**

All the upcoming assemblies will have a newsletter to bring home

Dates \*subject to change\*

Feb 19-1pm in to focus

April 30-1pm in to focus

May 28- 1pm to focus

May 30- BLOCK D

June 2- Rehearsal at UVIC- grads away all day

Ally Hoffman, CounsellorÉcole Secondaire Esquimalt High School

A colorful flyer for a 'Bottle Drive' event. The top section has a light blue background with the text 'EAS Esquimalt Atom Smashers' in orange and yellow, the Rotary International logo in orange, and 'GRAD 2025' in blue. Below this is a yellow and blue wavy border. The main text 'Bottle Drive' is in white on a blue banner, flanked by a sun icon and a water drop icon. Below the banner, it says 'SAT JAN 4TH 10AM-2PM' in orange and blue. The bottom section has a light blue background with the text 'drop off at Esquimalt High OR email for pickup esqatomsmashers@gmail.com' in white and blue. At the bottom, it says 'SAVE YOUR BOTTLES! Your donations fund our robotics team and grad 2025!' in blue and white.

**Save Your Bottles** - the Rotary club is sponsoring a no-sort bottle drive benefiting Grads 2025 and Robotics Saturday January 4, 2025 here at Esquimalt High School. We thank you for your support.

**THANK YOU!!**

A big THANK YOU to Leadership students and Mr. Schneider's classes who teamed up to sort thousands of food items into hampers for families. A huge shoutout to Chasity for coordinating this initiative, and to our incredible team of students and adults who organized and sorted 32 hampers that will be picked up by families this week.



## REMINDERS:

*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): ahoffmanesd61.bc.ca \*Monday to Friday

**Anastasia Andrews (she/her)**

(L to Z): aandrewsesd61.bc.ca \*Monday to Friday

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

**Tim Zemanek (he/him):** tzemanekesd61.bc.ca

### YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELLORS (YFC)

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

**Bob Beattie (he/him):** bbeattieesd61.bc.ca \*Monday to Wednesday

**Michaela Louie (she/her):** mlouieesd61.bc.ca \*Tuesday to Friday

**Akki Mackay (they/them):** akmackayesd61.bc.ca \*Monday to Thursday



**Reminder about taking photos and filming at Esquimalt:**

CONSENT is important. BEFORE taking a student or staff members' photo or filming, you must ask for permission first.

### Upcoming Field Trip

Want to ski, snowboard or cross-country ski at Mount Washington? Look for details on the school website in the New Year!



## 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](#)

## **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](mailto:sgarr@sd61.bc.ca)**

**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 – Jan. 6 to Jan. 10

<b>Mon.</b>	Cafeteria Closed
<b>Tues.</b>	Cafeteria Closed
<b>Wed.</b>	To Be Determined
<b>Thurs.</b>	To Be Determined
<b>Fri.</b>	To Be Determined



[Mental Health and Wellness](#)  
[Snapshot:](#)

**Family Ties and Community Bonds**

**Click:** <http://cm.pn/il3y>

Sharing Our Stories  
of Success!



A bit delayed but the season has wrapped up! Proud of these athletes and the hard work they put in! Looking forward to next year! ❤️ ❤️ 🙌



Thank you to John Harris for coming to teach our students & staff how to can salmon. We look forward to being able to share these with families and community!



The holiday spirit is strong with our gingerbread cookie decorating  
The holiday spirit is strong with our gingerbread cookie decorating Grads!



Triple header action shots with our Jr. Girls, Jr. Boys, and Sr. Girls leaving it all on the court.





An enthusiastic crowd for our annual "Dreidel Drop in the Metal Shop"!

Shout out to Tillie for her pro dreidel tips & to Mr. Schneider for the yummy latkes. [#happyhanukkah](#)