



Esquimalt Parent & Student Docker

Jan. 13 – Jan. 17

Happy January!

Jan. 13	GRAD Photos PAC Meeting	Green Room 6:45 All Nations Room
Jan. 14	GRAD Photos Rugby Academy Information Night	Green Room 7pm in the Library
Jan. 15	GRAD Photos Early Dismissal Challenge Information Night	Green Room 2:27 pm At Mount Douglas Secondary
Jan. 16		
Jan. 17		

Save the Date

- Jan. 20: Alumni Meeting
- Jan. 22: Fine Arts Fiasco ONE night only 7:00 pm
- Jan. 24: Grade 9 Immunization Day
- Jan. 28: **Copernican Day/Assessments**
Block A 9:00am to 11:30am
Block C 12:30pm to 3pm
- Jan. 29: **Copernican Day/Assessment**
Block B 9:00am to 11:30am
Block D 12:30pm to 3pm
- Jan. 30: Curriculum Completion Day
Attend if invited by Teacher
- Jan. 31: Curriculum Turn Around Day: No Classes Scheduled

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



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 1st 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



Counselling Department:



Semester 2 timetables will be printed and distributed to students on Friday, January 17th. ALL students wishing to make Semester 2 course changes MUST submit their request using the bit.ly link OR scanning the QR Code that will both be printed on the back of their timetable.

Semester 2 course changes are available between Friday, January 17th and the end of the day on Friday, January 24th.

Due to the sheer volume of course change requests counsellors are unable to meet with each student individually. After you submit a request - please check your @sd61learn.ca - school email account for a reply message from one of the counsellors.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE COUNSELLING APPOINTMENT REQUEST FOR COURSE CHANGES AT THIS TIME.

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.

ESQUIMALT SKI TRIP 2025

13 FEB, 2025



[Click here for more info!](#)

Esquimalt PAC:

A winter-themed fundraising poster for Esquimalt PAC. The background is light blue with white snowflakes, a string of colorful lights, and illustrations of a polar bear and a penguin. The text is centered and includes a QR code on the left.

Esquimalt PAC is
fundraising for the
Esquimalt High Grad
class of 2025
Get your 50/50 tickets
today

<https://esquimaltpac.rafflenexus.com/>

 *Winter*
50/50

ODDS - 1/4000
DRAW DATE - JAN 13
BEFORE 4:30
LICENSE # - 157430

Fine Arts Fiasco:



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! 😊

Athletics Update:

Dockers Athletics Bulletin: Jan 9, 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR DOCKERS FANS

Here's an update on the current teams as we are in the heart of the "Winter Season" of play.

Our Jr & Sr Basketball teams are in full swing and working hard on the courts. We have hosted a flurry of games at Esquimalt and there's a bunch more to come providing plenty of opportunity to poke your head into the gym and support the teams. The gym schedule can be found [here](#). The home games are highlighted for your convenience.

Here's a recap of Lower Vancouver Island Basketball results to date...

Jr Girls & Boys Basketball - both teams are registered for Division 2 play in the city and have been busy with scheduled exhibition and league play. (* indicates exhibition)

- Jr Girls' results
 - vs St. Andrews* 19-20 L
 - vs Stelly's* 12-52 L
 - vs GNS* 20-34 L
 - vs Mt Doug* 14-46 L
- Jr Boys' results
 - vs Vic High* 37-52 L
 - vs Claremont B* 40-29 W
 - vs St. Andrews 62-32 L
 - vs Belmont B 40-47 L

The **Sr Girls** compete in Division 2 within the city while the Sr Boys format divides teams by school size.

The **Sr Boys** compete regularly against their local AAA rivals.

- Sr Girls' results
 - vs St. Andrews 22-61 L
 - vs Oak Bay B 34-55 L
 - vs Parklands 44-23 W
 - vs Vic High 30-39 L
- Sr Boys' results
 - vs Reynolds 67-84 L
 - vs Edward Milne 52-86 L
 - vs Mt Doug 55-78 L
 - vs Stelly's 68-79 L
 - vs Mt Doug 52-64 L

Go Dockers!

ESQ Careers Opportunity

STANDARD FIRST AID LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION

PRO-D FEBRUARY 14, 2025

8 hours online + 8 hours in-person

SELF-PACED ONLINE MODULES: complete by Feb.03

IN PERSON TRAINING: Pro-D February 14, 2025

ESQ High School | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

COST
\$20

SIGN UP DETAILS

- ♦ Register at bit.ly/esqfirstaid2025
- ♦ Visit Mrs. Bradshaw in the office to pay the \$20.00 fee
- ♦ Check your email for instructions on accessing the online modules
- ♦ Complete the online modules by February 3, 2025
- ♦ After we confirm your completion of the online modules, you will receive an email confirming your secured seat!

Please NOTE: SPACE IS LIMITED!

- ♦ We have more students than available seats for the online section!
- ♦ Students who do not finish the online module will be unable to participate in the in-person certification
- ♦ Seats will be filled based on the order of payment and completion of the online modules!
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bit.ly/esqfirstaid2025

If technology or cost will be a barrier please contact ESQ Careers



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Career Teacher: **Mr. Henderson:** khenderson@sd61.bc.ca

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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

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



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.

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



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. 13 to Jan. 17

Monday	Lamb Kofta, za'atar pilaf, pickled cucumbers, tzatziki, pita Also available with falafels
Tuesday	Pulled pork taco, pickled cabbage, mango salsa, chipotle BBQ pulled pork Also available with pulled jackfruit
Wed.	Philly Cheesesteak sandwich, tender shaved beef, fried green peppers and onions, horseradish aioli Swiss cheese sauce.
Thursday Breakfast Special	Only available at morning break: Breakfast burrito, scrambled eggs, house made chorizo sausage, salsa, sour cream and aged white cheddar wrapped up in a flour tortilla.
Thursday	Seared scallop and prawns, charred lemon and saffron risotto, butternut squash puree.
Friday	Chimichurri flank steak, parmesan smashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots Or Grilled Portobella Mushroom.

Sharing Our Stories
of Success!



Congrats to Mateo,
champion pie eater!
☹️
**No Grads were
harmed in the
completion of this pie
eating contest.
🤪 [#grad2025](#)

