



Esquimalt Parent & Student Docker

Jan. 27 – Jan. 31

Happy January!

Jan. 27	Bitly closes for Semester 2 course changes Meeting for Junior / Senior Girls Soccer	See Below Green Rm at Lunch
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

Save the Date



- Feb. 3: Start of Semester 2
- Feb. 10 to Feb. 12: GRAD Photo Retakes
- Feb. 10: PAC Meeting

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

27	28 Copemican Day/ Assessments Blk A 9 to 11:30am Blk C 12:30 to 3pm All Students to Attend	29 Copemican Day/ Assessments Blk B 9 to 11:30am Blk D 12:30 to 3pm All Students to Attend	30 Curriculum Completion Day Attend if invited by your teacher	31 Curriculum Turn Around day No Scheduled Classes Deadline Sec. Prog. of Choice/Career
----	--	--	---	---

Soccer Meeting for Senior and Junior Girls Soccer

If interested in Girls Senior or Junior Soccer, there is a meeting on **Monday January 27th** at lunch in the Green room.

If you have any questions, please email Mr. Aris at:

baris@sd61.bc.ca

Mr. Brandon Aris



Counselling Department:



****NEW****

Due to unforeseen circumstances the date for schedule distribution has been moved to WEDNESDAY Jan 22 in B Block. The Bitly/link for course change requests will be open Wednesday Jan 22 to Monday Jan 27. Please do not email counsellors directly for course changes. All course changes will be done via this form.
Thank you for your patience!

ALL students wishing to request a course change MUST submit their request, by either, (1) using this bit.ly link: <https://bit.ly/January2025-S2-CourseChanges> OR (2) scanning the QR Code below to fill out the request form between Wednesday, January 22nd and the end of the day on Monday, January 27th.



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 from the counsellor.

NOTES:

- “ASSIGNED TIME” on the schedule is an intentional empty block (part-time students)
- English 10 and Careers only have ONE HALF of the course for now (will show as 2 credits)
- Inside the schedule LINEAR classes take up two blocks -will show up as FY - full year- (ex. Linear MATH 10)

**** PLEASE DO NOT USE THE COUNSELLING APPOINTMENT REQUEST form to request a course change at this time. We will ONLY be using the above Bitly and QR code. ****

[Stay calm and carry on! We will get to your requests as quickly as we are able.](#)

Dr. Allison Rees

Presents an Eight Week Parenting Course



Sidestepping the Power Struggle

- Learn to work with your child's unique temperament
 - Discover effective parenting strategies
- Develop effective communication skills that create harmony

Based on research, taught by a seasoned educator and therapist, this course will satisfy parents with kids of all ages. Attend in person (location to be announced) or on Zoom.

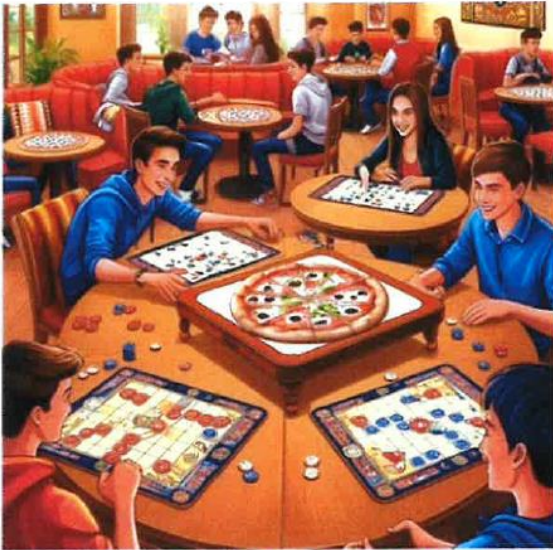
Eight Tuesday Evenings in Two Parts: Part One: Feb. 18th to March 11th

Part Two: April 1st to April 22nd From 7:00 to 8:30

Go to lifeseminars.com to register



**UKRAINIAN
CONNECTION CAFE**



4-6 PM FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

UKRAINIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADES 9-12

**COME AND ENJOY GAMES & PIZZA
at the NLC at Vic High School**

for registration text or phone:
Samantha at (250)361-7426



Let's Compost Responsably!

*New Biodegradable compost
bin lining*

Garden Club and E.S.C.A.P.E have
teamed up to replace
our school's compost
bin linings with
biodegradable bags!

They're more
environmentally
friendly, and make
organic waste easier
to deal with for our
custodians



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, Counsellor École 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.

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! 😊

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. 27 to Jan. 31

Monday	Kung Pao Chicken noodle bowl
Tuesday	Beef Birria Taco
Wed.	Closed for cleaning
Thursday	No Service
Friday	No Service



Inspiring Story of an Esquimalt GRAD

Esquimalt GRAD Camilo Aybar has created a symphony and YouTube presentation. Very inspiring story and heartfelt. To view please click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/5BAt20yOA6M>