



ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

ASSOCIATION

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

EHS SCHOOL UPDATE

Happy New Year from the Esquimalt High Admin Team!

We wrapped up 2024 with lots of fun and festivities, culminating with our Talent Show and Santa's Breakfast on December 20th. This event is always well attended, and only possible because of our volunteer pancake makers who come to the school at 6:30 am! This is especially impressive as we hold our Winter Formal for our Grads the night before, so it is a late night followed by a very early morning for some of our teachers.

As we are currently heading towards the end of Semester 1, we are in the midst of Basketball season, as well as starting our course planning for next year. This is an opportunity for students and parents to get a sense of what classes are being offered in the 2025-2026 school year. We are also finalizing our intake process for our Challenge Program and Rugby Academy for next year.

Looking ahead to the Spring, our Musical Production this year is *Legally Blonde The Musical*! This will be running April 26th and 27th and May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Ticket purchase information will be made available on our school website, likely following Spring Break.

Thank you once again to our Alumni for supporting our many initiatives, including their contributions towards scholarships for our Grade 12s. We are grateful for their continued support of our school community.

Go Dockers!

Sarah Garr, Principal



EHS GRAD CLASS OF 2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Three outstanding EHS grads of 2024 were recognized with a \$1000 EHSAA Scholarship each at the November 2024 EHS Alumni Association AGM. Jonathan Atwell, Turquoise Chiang, and Trini Moffet were each represented by their parents, as all three of them are already underway studying at their chosen post-secondary institutions.

Jonathan Atwell excels in athletics, academics (particularly the sciences) and music. A committed and talented volleyball player, Jonathan's leadership skills and passion for the game led to him coaching and inspiring the next generation of players. As team captain for the senior boys' volleyball team, Jonathan led the team to provincial championships in 2024. He's also a setter for the U18 Black top-ranked Victoria Volleyball Club.



Jonathan completed the French Immersion and Challenge program, while maintaining honour roll status throughout. Jonathan's interest in science was furthered after he spent a summer participating in the Deeley High School Internship program, where he explored immunology and biochemistry.

This multi-talented student also achieved first class honours for the Royal Conservatory of Music level 5 piano. Jonathan is combining two of his passions as he is currently studying biochemistry and playing volleyball at UBC Okanagan with a future goal of medical school.

Turquoise Chiang has been described as an exceptional young leader, who is not only an honour roll student in French Immersion and Challenge, but she is also passionate about making a positive difference in her community.

She served as president of the City of Victoria Youth Council, where she advocates for youth perspectives in local planning, and has spear-headed initiatives like fund-raising for Our Place and hosting beach cleanups. Turquoise has also represented youth voices on panels at UVic's Centre for Youth and Society.

With a goal of becoming a speech-language pathologist, Turquoise is underway with her studies at University of King's College in Nova Scotia.



The third winner, **Trini Moffet**, has a passion and commitment for global and social issues. She “walks her talk” by cleaning up beaches, fund-raising for charities, and serving as a positive role model at school. She wants to create positive change.



Trini’s goal is to work in journalism. Inspired by her community service, she has developed a deep commitment to global and social issues, and wants to understand and address the world’s challenges.

Her resume includes membership in girl guides, student advisory council, and BIPOC awareness club, and she was both a basketball team member and team manager, demonstrating the diversity of her interests, an excellent trait for a future journalist.

She is on her way to her future goal with her first step of studying communications at the University of Ottawa.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Did you have your own car when you attended EHS? And did you proudly drive it to school at every opportunity?

Many of us will remember hanging around outside the school during the lunch hour, and watching the students lucky enough to have their own cars, drive laps around the EHS neighbourhood.

Certainly Mr. Williamson looks very pleased with his vintage 1928 Essex.

If you have a photo of yourself with the car that you drove to EHS, please feel free to forward the photo to us, with the details about your car and your grad year, and we will feature you in a future newsletter.

You can forward them to:
ehsalumni1959@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

EHSAA president Barry Scott attended the Nov. 11th 2024 Remembrance Day ceremony at Esquimalt's Memorial Park.

Barry said the day began without the usual November downpour of rain and wind, which seemed to bring out a larger number of people to attend this year's ceremony at the Esquimalt Cenotaph. He was honoured to be joined by grade 9 EHS leadership student Owen Olsson as the pair represented EHS in the laying of a wreath in memory of all those military personnel and volunteers who served with distinction in past world conflicts. Barry especially noted those who lost their lives in the pursuit of freedom for our country.



The Navy base commander arrived to take the traditional salute in front of the assembled military, cadets and various scouting groups, before everyone joined in singing O Canada at 11 am sharp. The program included the reciting of In Flanders Fields, a fly past by WWII aircraft, a lowering of the flag to

half-mast, a two-minute silence, and a short meaningful clergy sermon followed by wreath laying by 50 plus organizations. Barry said the memorable service appeared to resonate with everyone in attendance.

WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY AT EHS?



Social Studies 10 - Ms. du Plessis Class

During the Great Depression, most people couldn't afford many groceries. They had to stick to simple meals made with very few ingredients. A few weeks ago, my Socials 10 class prepared classic Depression-era dishes like the Poor Man's Meal, sugar sandwiches, and Depression Cake. They turned out pretty tasty!



REUNION NEWS



Hello graduates of Esquimalt High School. I am the reunion coordinator for the EHS Alumni Association. We are trying to compile a list of EHS class reunion organizers for the years 1975 to the present. We often get messages from far away EHS grads trying to connect with friends from their respective years and asking about reunions.

Having reunion coordinator contact names and email addresses would greatly facilitate our efforts. If your grad year has one or more reunion organizers who are willing to add their name(s) to our list I would appreciate getting their contact information. Cheers.

Send contact names and emails to:

Robert Laidler (EHS '69) @ bobtheman50@gmail.com





CHANGE IN DATE

Due to major error in booking by Golf Club!!!

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

For Grads & Spouses/Partners

**@ Cedar Hill Golf Club, 1400 Derby Road
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Limited availability of parking – perhaps carpool where possible

Appy's and No-Host Bar Available

COST: \$40.00 ea. - Payment to be received by MAY 14, 2025

Please fill in the info below and return (along with your cheque made out to “Grad of ‘65”) to:
Sandra Ross, 417 Sue Mar Place, Victoria, BC V9C 3E1

OR

You can e-transfer your payment to Sandra at rosieandjade@hotmail.com

I will be attending the Reunion: YES NO
Spouse / Partner will be attending: YES NO

Please email me the Grad List: _____

Will pick up the Grad list at the Reunion: _____ *Add \$2.00 [for printing] to your cost of Reunion*

Please mail the Grad List to me: _____ *Add \$4.00 to cover printing & mailing cost*

GRAD NAME:

(Maiden Name) _____

Name of Spouse/Partner: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

CELL NO.: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Look forward to seeing you on June 14

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Greetings to everyone from the **EHS grad class of 1970**. Berte Marr here. This year will mark 55 years since we said goodbye to the hallowed halls of Esquimalt High. Since then, unlike most grad years, we have never had a high school reunion since the 35th year when we found a small group of around 25 to 30 of us and got together at the Macaroni Grill Restaurant near Mayfair Mall. Now the building is Island Savings in that spot. This is shameful.

I did connect with Linda Fife, Michael Parker, Eileen Zapshala, Lynne (Sutton) Holder many years ago with discussions starting Jan 2017 hoping to get something organized for our 50th year and sadly that didn't come to fruition. I am planning to rectify that situation by organizing a **55 year reunion in the fall**. In order to do this I will need 3 or 4 in-town grads to help me locate our classmates and put our reunion together. If you are interested in helping me organize our class 55 year reunion please contact me at drberte@me.com. I can't do it alone and with help we'll make it happen. Cheers.

Time zips by and I still remember some of my classmates: Jim Munro, Arlene Bowker, Jo Politano, Joan Mills, sister Sue Mills, Parker triplets and many more. Sadly as time progresses some of our classmates have passed.

Berte (proud EHS '70 grad)



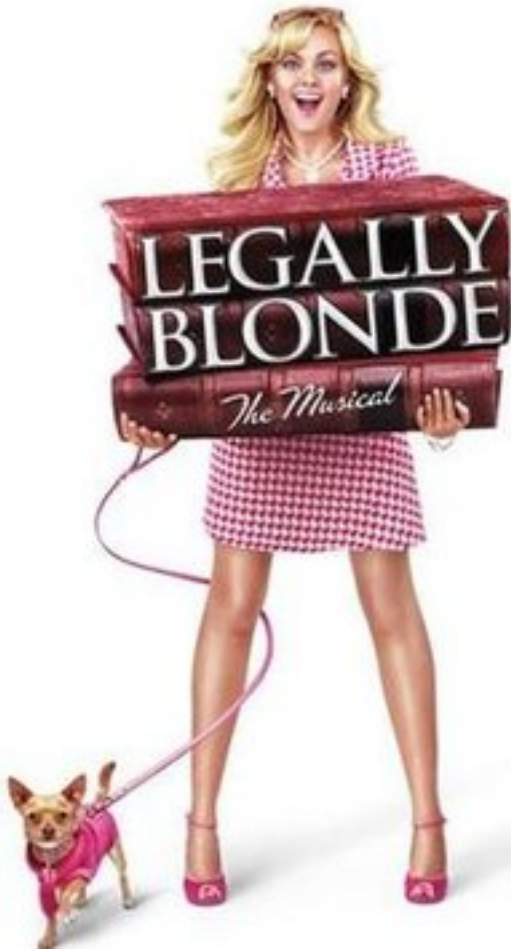
EHS MUSICAL THEATRE STUDENTS PRESENT:

LEGALLY BLONDE – THE MUSICAL

Talented EHS students under the direction of Fine Arts Department Head Kaehlen Allison have begun rehearsal for their spring production of Legally Blonde – The Musical. Actors and stage crew and pit band members are all learning their lines and their jobs and their music to be ready for opening night on Friday April 25th.

The story revolves around Elle Woods, a fashionable blonde sorority girl whose life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her. She wants to prove that she is more than the cliché blonde sorority girl, so she follows him to Harvard Law School. Elle defies expectations and manages to stay true to her personality.

Alumni members are encouraged to get tickets for this delightful musical. You are guaranteed an entertaining and enjoyable experience. And of course, by buying a ticket, you are supporting the current students of EHS.



Information and Tickets: Phone the school at 250-382-9226.

Performance Dates:

Fri. April 25, Sat. April 26, Thurs. May 1, Friday May 2, and Sat May 3.

See you at the show!