



ESQUIMALT PARENT & STUDENT DOCKER

April 14-18

April 14	PAC Meeting	6.45 pm, All Nations Room
April 15	-	
April 16	Term 3 ends	
April 17	-	
April 18	Good Friday-School is closed	



Save the Date

April 21	Easter Monday -No School
April 22	Term 4 begins
April 25-26-27 & May 1,2,3	Musical production-Legally Blonde
April 28	Pro-D Day -No School



Get your tickets for **Legally Blonde: *The Musical!***

We are very excited to invite you to Esquimalt High School's musical production of *Legally Blonde!*

We're thrilled to have you join us as we follow Elle, a sorority sister who follows her heart to Harvard law school to prove she's serious marriage material. This show is full of comedy, as well as valuable lessons about defying stereotypes, believing in yourself, and staying true to your values.

Our company of over 60 students, live band of community members, and two adorable K9s cannot wait to welcome you to our production.

If you're feeling especially fancy, treat yourself to a VIP Ticket Package, which includes your very own tote bag filled with goodies, complimentary snacks, and first pick of seats!

Show dates:

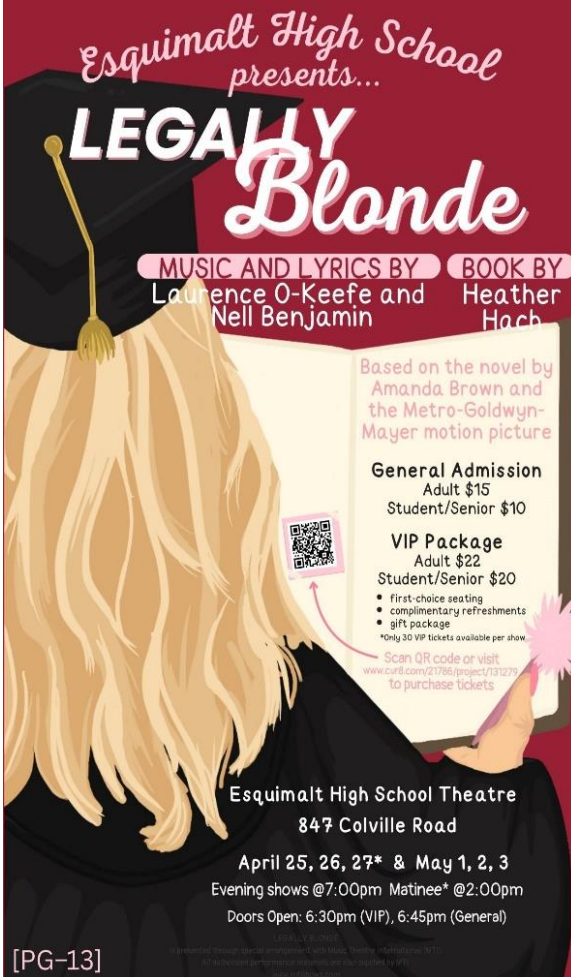
April 25, 26 and May 1, 2, 3.

 Show starts at 7.00 pm

 April 27th, matinée at 2:00pm.

 Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#).

**Please note there is a service fee attached to the online sales. Any refunds or exchanges directly through the website. If the cost of the ticket is a barrier, please contact us to arrange tickets.*



Esquimalt High School
presents...

LEGALLY Blonde

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY Laurence O-Keefe and Nell Benjamin
BOOK BY Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

General Admission
Adult \$15
Student/Senior \$10

VIP Package
Adult \$22
Student/Senior \$20

- first-choice seating
- complimentary refreshments
- gift package

*Only 30 VIP tickets available per show.

Scan QR code or visit www.ehs.com/21766/project/131279 to purchase tickets

Esquimalt High School Theatre
847 Colville Road

April 25, 26, 27* & May 1, 2, 3
Evening shows @7:00pm Matinee* @2:00pm
Doors Open: 6:30pm (VIP), 6:45pm (General)

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🎓 GRAD 2025: Important Information for Students & Families 🎓

Attention Grade 12 students and families! Here's everything you need to know about upcoming graduation events.

📅 Important Dates

- ♦ **May 21:** Grade 12 Capstone Presentations
- ♦ **June 2:** ESQ Grad Recognition Ceremony – UVic Farquhar Auditorium
- ♦ **June 21:** Grad Dinner Dance (Tickets go on sale in May)

🎫 Recognition Ceremony at UVic – Ticket Information

Step 1: Register

✅ All grads **must** complete the registration form: [ESQ Grad 2025 Registration](#).

⚠️ **This is NOT your ticket order!** This form is required before purchasing tickets.

Step 2: Purchase Tickets

- ♦ Ticket sales open Monday, April 7 **via the UVic Box Office**.
- ♦ \$10 per ticket (**plus box office fees**).
- ♦ 6 tickets per family (**extra tickets may be available closer to the date**).
- ♦ **Purchase tickets in person or by phone: 250-721-8480 (Mon–Fri, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM).**
- ♦ Everyone entering the auditorium needs a ticket (**including babies & toddlers**). Grads do not need a ticket—they are the stars of the show!
- ♦ **Accessible seating is limited**—please mention any accessibility needs when ordering.
- ♦ **Tickets will be emailed** to students' SD61 emails (**@sd61learn.ca**).
- ♥ Need financial help? **Reach out to a counsellor or administrator—this will remain confidential.**

📅 Grad Assemblies (*Important: Dates Subject to Change*) 📅

April 24 – *NEW DATE* (C Block)

May 28 – 1:00 PM (Grad Focus)

May 30 – Block D (Cap & Gown Distribution)

June 2 – Rehearsal at UVic (Grads away all day)

Scholarships: Important Information

Specific Criteria Awards for UVIC-bound students

A variety of scholarships and bursaries for students entering UVIC. Generally, it is a “one-application” process. If you are taking a gap year, apply next year



 **Due April 30** → best to get on this ASAP!

 [Apply here](#)

BC School Sports Scholarships

BC School Sports is pleased to provide over \$30,000 in scholarships available to student-athletes this year.

 Deadline to apply: **May 1, 4.00 pm.**

 [Apply here](#)

SD61's Indigenous Education Department Scholarships


A variety of awards are available for Indigenous students in multiple grades. The application deadlines seem to mostly be mostly in early May; check each award carefully for criteria and deadlines.

 Deadline to apply: Early May

 [Apply here](#)

BC Arts Council


Supporting the development of B.C.'s rich diversity of future artists and arts and cultural practitioners. Awards are available to B.C. residents to attend full-time post-secondary arts training or to pursue high school half-day dance programs. Awards provide up to a maximum of \$6,000.

 Deadline to apply: **May 1**

 [Apply here](#)

The Looking Glass Foundation's Reflection Scholarship


The Reflections Scholarship supports students who have lived experience with an eating disorder by helping them pursue their academic and career goals through education. It is awarded in recognition of someone's strength and courage in facing their eating disorder as well as their enthusiasm and tenacity for their chosen academic path and the career they plan to follow. The scholarship divides \$10,000 equally amongst the successful applicants.

 Deadline to apply: May 31st.

 [Their website](#) should be updated soon!

Pacific Leaders Scholarships for Children of Public Servants

This scholarship requires an essay, grade 12 only and provides \$2,500. The eligibility includes that your parent has worked in the BC Public Service (part-time or full time) for the last three years as of the application deadline.

 Deadline to apply: May 14

 [Apply Here](#)

Student Vote Coming Soon + Our School Gym to Host Federal Election Polling

In recognition of the upcoming federal election on Monday, April 28, a staff team is organizing a Student Vote event for **Thursday, April 24**. The goal is to engage students in the democratic process and help them better understand the significance of this election.

The experience will help them to understand how the process works, where to find information about the different parties and platforms. Also a **student survey** will be held during Focus Block on April 16, to understand the issues that matter the most to our students.



🗳️ **Student Vote Details**→ April 24th, in the library during Blocks A, B, C, and part of D (ballot counting)

🌟 **Reminder:** Our school gym will also serve as a **polling station on April 28** (Pro-D Day, no school), welcoming the public to vote in the federal election.

ATHLETICS & ARTS

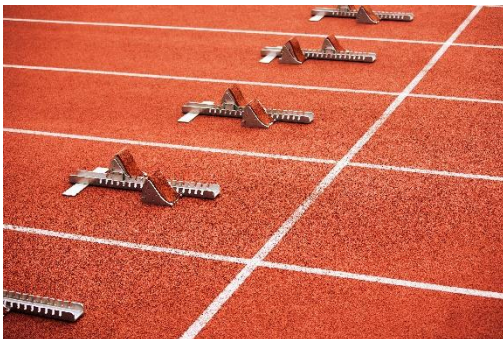
Support Our Girls' Soccer Team!



Cheer on our Girls' Soccer Club in their next games this spring season! Let's show our school spirit as they hit the field. Go ESQ! 💙💛

📅 Thrusdays & Fridays: Uvic Spring High School Tournament.

More info with Mr. Brandon baris@sd61.bc.ca



Track Season is Off to a Great Start

Weekly **Wednesday meets** are now underway! If you're interested in joining the team, see **Ms. Thornber** or attend our **weekly practices**—it's not too late to get involved. Come be part of the fun! 🏃🏃🏃

Any questions please contact Ms. Thornber at:
sthornber@sd61.bc.ca

ESQ CAREER: SUMMER PROGRAMS

For more information about any of the below offerings, please contact **ESQ CAREERS TEAM**:

- Career Centre Coordinator: Tarra Clarke: tclarke@sd61.bc.ca
- Career Educator: Mr. Henderson: khenderson@sd61.bc.ca

SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

Graphic Design with PDA

This 4-week program in July that provides students with: foundational graphic design knowledge, connections to local companies, & enhance soft skills, gain life experience, & foster industry passion. Earn 4 Credits!

- **ATTENTION** → Applications due on **Friday April 17th**



"PLAN A" LOCAL 1598

Summer Youth Employment Program

A summer employment program offers high school students who are in **Grade 11 & 12** hands-on experience as Material Handlers in the construction industry. Accepted students receive tools and safety equipment, gain safety certifications and training, and earn school credits for graduation. This is for summer **full-time work!**

•APPLICATIONS DUE: April 30th

*Please note: There is a **limited number** of students who will be offered this opportunity.



THE BC SUMMER
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAM

SPRINGBOARD OPPORTUNITY

Canadian Students at Sea | Royal Canadian Navy

On April 29, 2025 | 9:00 am - 3:30 pm experience a day in the life of a Sailor. The CSaS program provides students with an understanding of the Royal Canadian Navy through a hands-on and fully immersive experience, both at-sea and ashore. You will be traveling as a group with other students from SD61 schools.

APPLICATIONS DUE: April 22nd



CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

Food Safe Level 1 Certification

Tuesday, May 6 8:30 AM – 3:16 PM (all day)

Lower Cafeteria

Open to Grades 9–12 (**priority to Grades 11 & 12**). Learn essential food safety skills and earn a valuable certification — perfect for summer jobs or the food industry.


[Sign up here](#)

Students are responsible for checking in with their teachers.

CAREERS EVENT OPPORTUNITIES


ANNUAL SD61 Career Fair @ Archie Browning Arena

 Thursday, April 24 | Block C

 Open to Grade 11–12 students

Over **90 exhibitors** from post-secondary institutions, industries, and cool careers — all ready to chat about what they do, how they got there, and why they love it. Whether you're curious about tech, trades, health care, or the arts, there's something here for everyone.

 [Sign up now](#)

 Return signed permission forms due by: Noon, April 17

 **VERY limited seats** — don't miss out!


Career Panel Chat: For Teens + Parents

 Online | April 23 @ 6 PM


Join to hear from a panel; inspiring stories, explore diverse career paths, and get insider tips to turn passions into a career you'll love like science communication, nursing, emergency health, Olympian/Wealth Advisor and CEO - AI-based Creative Technology. Great advice. Real talk.

 [Sign up here](#)

Islands Youth Parliament (IYP)

 May 2–4 | Ages 14–18


This program aims to empower participants by deepening their understanding of governance, democracy, and civic service through debates and discussions on bills and legislation. This experience is designed to enhance your civic responsibility and leadership skills.

 Perfect if you're interested in politics, law, or leadership!

 [Details + apply by April 25](#)


Women in Trades & Technology (WITT) @ Camosun College

 Thursday, May 1st |  9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

This one-day event at Camosun College is packed with interactive activities across their trades and technology departments.  Explore programs, meet industry pros, and discover exciting career paths!

 Open to **Grade 10–12 students** who identify as female

 **Limited seats** — don't wait!

 Apply sending an e-mail to [Tarra Clarke](#) by April 28

REMINDERS

ALL SUBJECTS/PROOFREADING
SERVICES AVAILABLE

ESQ Peer Tutors are here to help!

bit.ly/esqtutorrequest



LIFE Seminars
Living In Families Effectively



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.

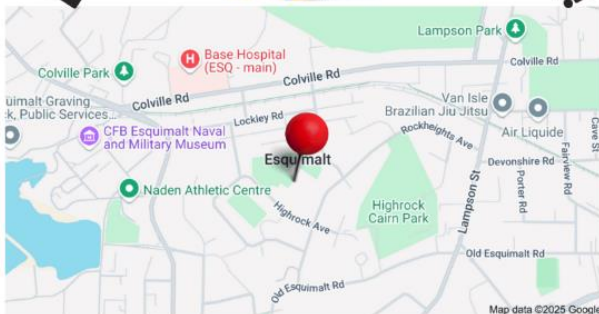
Eight Tuesday Evenings in Two Parts: Part One: Feb. 18th to March 11th

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

Go to lifeseminars.com to register



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BEE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR!




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A reminder that our Student Code of Conduct extends beyond the walls of our school and into our community!

Please respect our neighborhood businesses and the private property of homes in the area.

Thank you for showing our neighbours how amazing ESQ students are!



*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@d61.bc.ca *Monday to Friday

Anastasia Andrews (she/her)

(L to Z): aandrews@d61.bc.ca *Monday to Friday

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

Tim Zemanek (he/him): tzemanek@d61.bc.ca

YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELLORS (YFC)

Personal and family counselling. NOT COURSE CHANGES.

Bob Beattie (he/him): bbeattie@d61.bc.ca *Monday to Wednesday

Michaela Louie (she/her): mlouie@d61.bc.ca *Tuesday to Friday

Tanya Hadley (she/her): thadley@d61.bc.ca *Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Emily Stark (she/her): estark@d61.bc.ca *Fridays



Supporting Our Students: Food Programs at Esquimalt

At Esquimalt, we believe that no student should go through the day hungry. Our **Breakfast and Lunch Programs** are here to support those facing financial hardship, ensuring they have access to nourishing meals. If your family can provide meals from home, we kindly ask that you leave these programs available for those who need them most. That said, we understand that sometimes a student might need a little extra support, and we're here for those moments too.

For **everyone in our school community**, the **Rainbow Kitchen "Fridge of Love"** is always open! Students and staff are welcome to grab a snack—no questions asked, just kindness shared. 😊

Thank you for helping us take care of one another!

Student and Family Affordability Fund

In March 2024, the Ministry of Education and Child Care provided districts with one-time **Student and Family Affordability Funds (SFAF)** to help families struggling with school-related costs. These funds offer **temporary, flexible, and private** assistance for school supplies and fees, ensuring support without stigma.

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. The Café accepts reloadable cafeteria cards and cash. [Cards purchases or re-loads](#) will be ready for pickup at 11:30am in the office one business day after purchase.

ESQ Café Menu – April 14-17

Monday	Drunken noodles
Tuesday	Root beer BBQ ribs, loaded baked potato, jalapeno coleslaw
Wednesday	Beef and bean burritos, salsa
Thursday	Bacon mac and cheese
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Good Friday- No school</i>

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.

Multilanguage's: The service also includes Google Translate to support parents who prefer to communicate in languages other than English.

All Learning Updates (**report cards**) will only be shared digitally with both parents and students via [Parent Connect](#) and [Student Connect](#). Paper copies will only be available **upon request** in person from the office.

How to create an account and access the system: [Parent Connect instructional video](#) or [PDF Instructions](#)



Learning Surveys

Student learning surveys for grades 10, 11, and 12 will be conducted throughout the month of April in students Focus blocks. These surveys allow students, teachers, and administrators to share their educational experiences with the Ministry of Education.










Please complete the survey in this [LINK](#).

Any questions please contact: Ms. Sonja van der Putten at: svanderputten@sd61.bc.ca

Student Connect: Stay in Control of Your Digital Choices

[GVSD Student Connect](#) lets you manage your privacy and choose which online tools and services you want to use at school.

- ☒ **Review your consent choices** at the start of each school year.
- +** Need a new tool for a class? You can add consent anytime!
- X** Changed your mind? You can remove consent if you're no longer using a tool or if tech is being misused.

 Key Consent Items:	 Acceptable Use of Technology (Digital Tools You Control):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearbook & School Photos/Videos School & District Media Broadcast Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google Workspace for Education Adobe Creative Cloud My Blueprint Canva



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.



SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS

Esquimalt Student honored at Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair

Congratulations to our Grade 10 student Margaret Fournier, who was awarded the prestigious Julia Lane Award at the 64th Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair. Margaret's project introduced a creative approach to rapid reforestation, exploring the use of potato peel extract and fertilizer as a growth solution. "I experimented with willow, poplar, and maple to determine which responded best, working on the project from July through April," she shared. The Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair took place on April 6–7 at the University of Victoria's Elliott Lecture Wing. The fair invites projects in three categories: experiment, innovation, and study.



Math Games Connect Grades 3 and 10 Students

This week, our Linear Math 10 students welcomed third graders from Vic West Elementary for an afternoon of math games and puzzles. The visit gave younger students a chance to explore math in a fun and supportive environment, while the older students practiced leadership by guiding their younger peers through the activities. It was a simple, positive way to build community across grades and make math a little more enjoyable for everyone involved. Thanks to everyone who helped make the visit smooth and meaningful.



Robotics Supports GSA

This last week, members of our robotics team, The Esquimalt Atom Smashers, were happy to gift GSA a button maker. The robotics team supports GSA and all the cool stuff they do. Happy button making 🤖

