



# ESQUIMALT PARENT & STUDENT DOCKER

*May 26-30*

Monday May 26		
Tuesday May 27		
Wednesday May 28	<b>GRAD Meeting during Focus Blk</b>	
Thursday May 29		
Friday May 30	<b>Cap / Gown Distribution Applications Due for Dual Credit Program</b>	During Blk D See below for details



## Save the Date

June 2	<b>UVIC Grad Ceremony (GRADs away all day)</b>
June 3	Year End Concert Part 1
June 5	Year End Concert Part 2
June 6	Cycle for Change
June 10	<b>Literacy Assess AM Library Gr. 12 Numeracy Assess PM Library Gr. 12 Evaluation de litteratie de la 12 annee- LTF 12 only</b>



## IMPORTANT GRAD INFORMATION COMING UP:

### Extra tickets UVIC Grad ceremony:

#### UVIC CEREMONY TICKET UPDATE:

Extra tickets were released Friday morning via the UVIC box office. There is VERY limited space left-please be mindful when requesting extras

Here are the details:

- **MAX two extra per grad-** first come first served- once they run out they are gone
- Tickets can only be ordered by PHONE 250-721-8480 or in person
- Tickets will be emailed to student email
- ALL GUESTS (including babes in arms) need a ticket- (this is a fire code regulation by the venue)

### Grad Assemblies:

-@ ESQ: Wednesday May 28 Focus Block

-@ ESQ: Friday May 30 D Block (gowns caps and vee stoles will be distributed after the rehearsal, and **NO** you may not get yours early- exception: GRADitude)

DO NOT LOSE THEM- WE DO NOT HAVE EXTRAS

GOWNS and VEE STOLES will be returned the night of grad- caps are yours to keep (feel free to decorate)!

-@ UVIC MONDAY June 2 8:45 AM- 10:30 AM(ish) \*be there @ 8:40

**ALL GRADS MUST BE THERE**





## Spring Challenge Social – June 24

The **Spring Social** is on June 24 at 6:30-9:30. Open to current grades 9-12 Challenge students.

## CAREERS:

### DUAL CREDIT – APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 30, 2025

High school students can enroll in a first year course or program at Camosun College in their Grade 12 year that earn credits towards High School and Post Secondary transcripts –  
**TRADES & NON TRADE OPTIONS AVAILABLE!**



### Why Become a Dual Credit Student?

- **Your school district covers your tuition!!!**
- Most courses are transferable to other colleges and universities
- Avoid the five-course crunch in your first year. Five can be a lot!
- Build your confidence going into future options

Please email ESQ Careers for more information: Tarra Clarke: [tclarke@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:tclarke@sd61.bc.ca) or Mr. Henderson [khenderson@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:khenderson@sd61.bc.ca)

# 🎓 GRAD 2025: Important dates 🎓



Attention Grade 12 students and families: Graduation is just around the corner. Prepare your Capstone presentation and add all the important dates to your calendar. Your big day is almost here!

## 📅 Important Dates

- ♦ **June 2:** ESQ Grad Recognition Ceremony. **UVic Farquhar Auditorium- 6.45 pm.**
- ♦ **June 21:** Grad Dinner Dance (Tickets go on sale on 20 May, \$90 per person, maximum 2 per grad) – Scottish Community Centre (1803 Admirals Road). Doors open at 5.00 pm/ Dinner starts at 6.30 pm.

## 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

- Sales via **UVic Box Office: \$10 each** (+ 3 box office fees), **max 6 per family** (more may open later). Link to buy tickets in your **Google Classroom** or call **250-721-8480** (Mon–Fri, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM)
  - **Everyone needs a ticket**, including babies (grads do not). **Accessible seating is limited**—please mention if needed
  - **Tickets are sent to students' @sd61learn.ca email**
- 💙 **Need support?** Speak with a counsellor or admin—confidentially

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

**May 28** – 1:00 PM (Grad Focus)

**May 30** – Block D (Cap & Gown Distribution)

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

**June 10** – Last chance to write missing literacy/numeracy assessments





*ESQ grad 2025*

*'A Night To Remember'*

# DINNER DANCE

*21 JUNE 2025 - 5:30-10:30PM  
SCOTTISH COMMUNITY CENTRE*

*TICKETS - \$90 CAN BE PURCHASED  
AT LUNCH MAY 21-JUNE 3RD*


*INFO - [TZEMANEK@SD61LEARN.CA](mailto:TZEMANEK@SD61LEARN.CA)*



## **IMPORTANT: Grade 12: Last chance to write Literacy/Numeracy Assessment June 10<sup>th</sup>**

There is a **last opportunity** to write missing Literacy/Numeracy assessments for our Grade 12. YOU MUST have it written to graduate. If you are unsure whether you have written one of the exams or not, check with your Grad Mentor, Ashley at the Office, or Ms. van der Putten.

Please read your email and the Docker regularly for more information.

 **When?** Tuesday, June 10. Literacy am/ Numeracy pm.

 **Location:** Library

## **Check for your Lost and Found Items Before End of the Year!**

We currently have a number of unclaimed items in our Lost & Found box, located at the Office. If you have misplaced personal belongings such as glasses, earphones, or keys, please check with our staff.

**Clothing items (including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and winter wear) are stored separately in a box located under the entry stairs.**

**Please note:** All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year. We encourage you to retrieve your belongings as soon as possible.



## **Be Kind! May 26-30 Kindness Week at Esquimalt High**

**Hello kind families and friends!**

**May 26-30 is Kindness Week at ESQ!**


It's a time to focus on spreading a culture of kindness through our school community. There will be fun events every day - students and staff are invited to come to the flagpole at lunch for activities designed to spread kindness. There will also be a town hall on Friday, details to be announced. It's cool to be kind!





## Esquimalt High Scholarships and Bursaries

A variety of scholarships and bursaries for students graduating from Esquimalt. This is a “one-application” process-- in other words, one application can be used for multiple awards. Gap year is OK for most (not the Lions Club).

 **Deadline: June 25<sup>th</sup>.**

 To view the list of awards, [click here](#).


 Applications are found on the Scholarship & Postsecondary Google Classroom. The application itself has TWO PARTS: paper submission and digital submission. Both parts must be completed to be considered for these awards.

 **Fun fact:** the number one reason why grads do not apply for these awards is that they do not have a letter of recommendation. Best get on this right now! 😊

## GVTA Dependents Scholarship

Open to any graduating dependent of a member of the GVTA

It is a draw! Get your application in and cross your fingers. Up to four winning students each year.

 Deadline to apply: **May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

 [Apply here](#)

## ICA's Diversity Scholarships


ICA's Diversity Scholarships are awarded to students from a diverse and/or immigrant background who demonstrate in their academic and community work active support for strong community values around diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Capital Region. Awards provide up to a maximum of \$5,000.

 Deadline to apply: **June 20, 2025**

 [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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

 <https://www.lookingglassbc.com/scholarship>

# Parent Connect: How to Check Report Cards online?

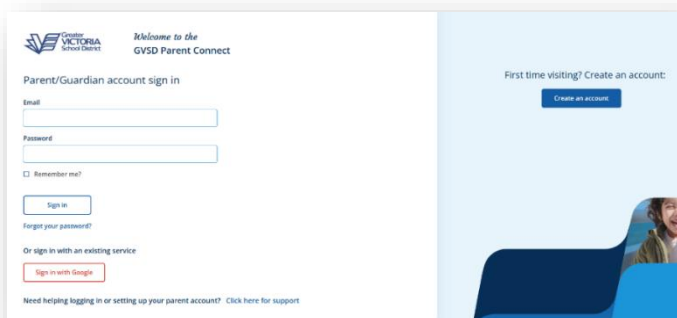
Our Learning Updates (Report Cards) are updated in the [Parent Connect Online System](#). The service reduces the amount of paper forms and allows parents and school staff to review a student's consent information on-demand.

Considering that 20% of the students in SD61 speak different languages than English and French, the service also includes Google Translate to support parents who prefer to communicate in other languages.

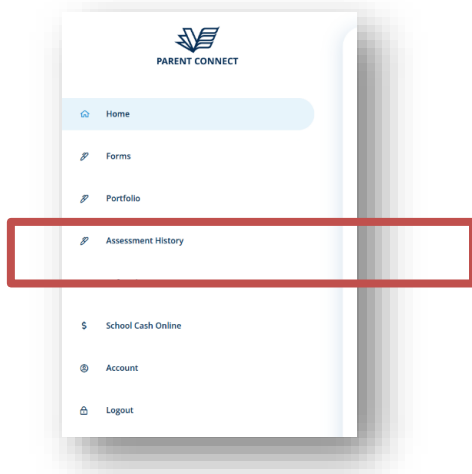
Paper copies will only be available **upon request** in person from the office.

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

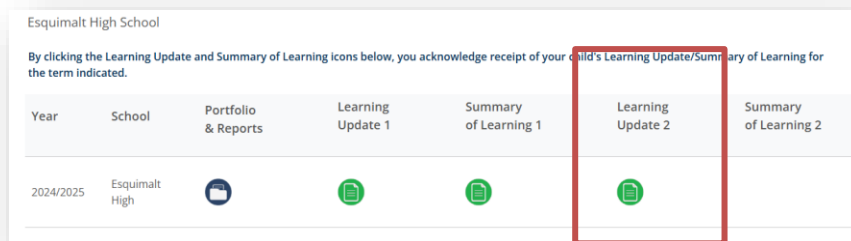
## How to access to the Learning updates? Here are the steps



1. Log In to the system with your email and password or with your Google (Gmail) account.
2. If it is your first time, click in the blue bottom "Create an account".



3. On the left side panel click on Home. Click on the name of your student, if you only have one Student in the District.
4. Click on "Assessment History".



5. Click on "Learning Update 2". A PDF file will download.
6. Check your Downloads file. Open the Report Card for your student.



## **Upcoming Track Events**

Track & Field Updates: Esquimalt High will have 4 athletes representing Esquimalt High at BC in Langley in June. To qualify they had to come in the top 5 at Islands.

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Oliver Kim 1500 m steeplechase

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Proud of the whole team! Please congratulate these students!

💛❤️ Thank you for representing Esquimalt with dedication and spirit! 💛❤️



## **Dockside Dispatch: Student News in Action**



We're excited to share **Dockside Dispatch**, our school's own news production featuring **student-created stories, reports, and more!**

Catch the latest episodes and explore past features by visiting the **Dockside Dispatch Archive:**

 [Dockside Dispatch Archive – Click here](#)

Stay informed and support our talented students!

[New video!](#) 



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

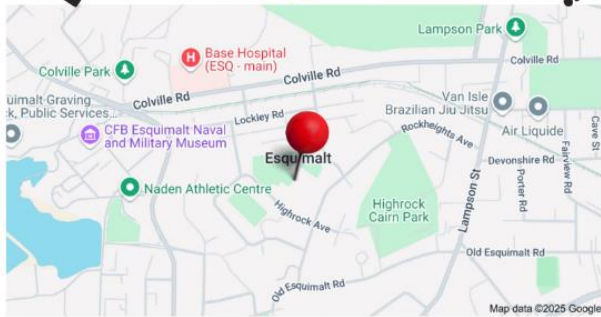
CONSENT is important.

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





## BEE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR!



## REMINDERS

### Bee a Good Neighbour!

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!



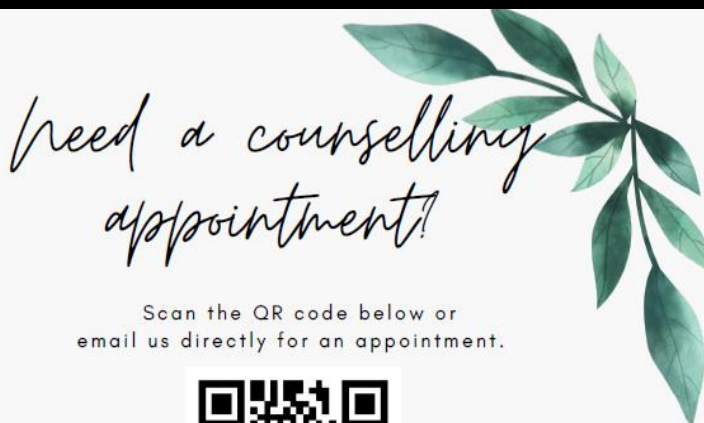
All students must get a parking pass from the office.

Student Parking is located at the far end of the upper parking lot.

ALL SUBJECTS/PROOFREADING SERVICES AVAILABLE

### ESQ Peer Tutors are here to help!

[bit.ly/esqtutorrequest](http://bit.ly/esqtutorrequest)



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](mailto:ahoffmanesd61.bc.ca) \*Monday to Friday

Anastasia Andrews (she/her)

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

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING

Tim Zemanek (he/him): [tzemanekesd61.bc.ca](mailto:tzemanekesd61.bc.ca)

### YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELLORS (YFC)

Personal and family counselling. NOT COURSE CHANGES.

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

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

Tanya Hadley (she/her): [thadleyesd61.bc.ca](mailto:thadleyesd61.bc.ca) \*Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Emily Stark (she/her): [estarkesd61.bc.ca](mailto:estarkesd61.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.

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

[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.

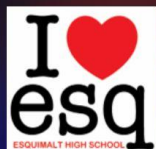
 <b>Key Consent Items:</b>	 <b>Acceptable Use of Technology (Digital Tools You Control):</b>
 Yearbook & School Photos/Videos	 Google Workspace for Education
 School & District Media	 Adobe Creative Cloud
 Broadcast Media	 My Blueprint
	 Canva



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.

## CAFETERIA ESQ Café Menu –May 26-30

Monday	Lentil dahl, Roti, pickled vegetables
Tuesday	Butter chicken Taco, cucumber mint salsa, jalapeno crema
Wednesday	Braised short rib, potato gratin, green beans, morel jus
Thursday	Buttermilk fried chicken and waffles, hot honey glaze, jicama slaw
Friday	Maui Ribs, luau rice



## SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS



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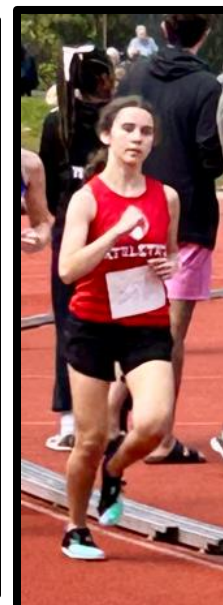
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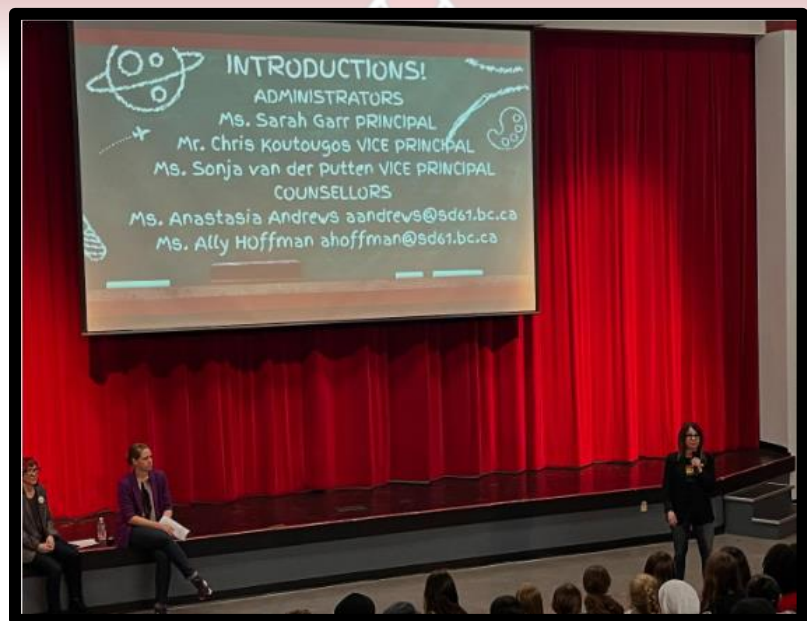




# SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS

## Welcome to the New Esquimalt Students!

Welcoming our future Esquimalt students! Grade 8s from across SD61 joined us for an afternoon of activities, connection, and fun. We can't wait to see you again in September!



## Esquimalt High Students Saving Lives!

Thank you to those students who gave blood to help save Canadian lives. Your caring spirit and actions are appreciated and valued!





# SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS

## **Congratulations to Esquimalt Rec and Esquimalt High Partnership!**

The Township of Esquimalt was recognized at the 2025 BC Economic Development Awards for Esquimalt Recreation's Youth Aquatic Safety and Leadership Program.



The program was originally designed to address the lifeguard shortages during COVID-19—these shortages led to pool closures due to insufficient lifeguard numbers.

To make certification more available, Esquimalt Recreation partnered with Esquimalt High School to allow students to take lifeguard training as part of their normal gym class, offering the program at a reduced cost to participants. This innovative collaboration helped provide a pathway for high school students to become lifeguards and learn valuable skills along the way.