



ESQUIMALT PARENT & STUDENT DOCKER

Sept. 2nd – Sept. 5th Revised Welcome Back!

Mon. Sept. 1	Holiday – Soak up the relaxation	No Scheduled Classes
Tues. Sept. 2	Grades 10-12 9:30 – 10:30 am (see below for poster) Grade 9 (see below for poster)	<u>Grade 10-12:</u> Find your B Block classroom posted near the flagpole and outside the Main office. <u>Grade 9:</u> 11 - 11:10am Gather near flagpole 11:10 -11:45am Assembly Gym 11:45 – 12:15pm Raft Block Posted near flagpole & outside main office 12:15-1:30pm Run through your schedule (A, B, C, & D) 1:30pm Closing announcements & Dismissal from Block D class
Wed. Sept. 3	Regular Class Begin Early Dismissal at 2:27 pm X-Country Runners Meeting	At Lunch in Room 301
Thurs. Sept. 4		
Friday Sept. 5	Kernal Korn Lunch for all students and staff Music Student Information Meeting Rib Fest	Free corn on the cob at Lunch

SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 10	Student School Photo Day
SEPT. 10	Early Dismissal 2:27pm
SEPT. 11	Meet <i>the Teacher</i> BBQ
SEPT. 12	ESQ Fall Music Social 2:45 - 5pm
SEPT. 18	Community & Connection Day Gr.9 during Block A and B



Office Hours

School Office will be open:
Sept. to June 7:30am – 4:00pm



WELCOME BACK!

Tuesday, September 2th

Grade 10-12

9:30-10:30am - All Grade 10-12 students will meet in their B Block classrooms. (B Block classes will be posted near the flagpole and outside of the Main Office).

10:30am - Dismissal

Grade 9

11:00-11:10am - Greetings near flagpole

11:10-11:45am - Assembly in Gym

11:45-12:15pm - RAFT Block (Posted near the flagpole and outside the Main Office)

12:15-1:30pm - Run through schedule (A, B, C & D)

1:30pm - Closing announcements & Dismissal from Block D class



WHO WE ARE AT ESQ

Esquimalt High school values **diversity, equity and inclusion**, ensuring that all students, staff and guests feel **safe and respected**. **Relationships** form the foundation of our school community – as such, we strive to create a culture that fosters **belonging and connection** to support **academic success and social-emotional well-being**.



DO's – How We Shine

- Show kindness, respect and inclusivity through our words and actions
- Take care of ourselves, our school and our community
- Arrive on time and ready to learn
- Use technology and resources responsibly, including storing cell phones out of sight unless permitted by the teacher
- Build a safe, welcoming space for everyone
- Choose words and actions that lift others up
- Make healthy choices for yourself and others
- Solve conflicts respectfully
- Be creative, original and honest in your work
- Express your ideas and opinions using respectful, polite and inclusive language
- Step in and speak out if you witness acts that don't align with who we are as a community



Reference: <https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/code-of-conduct/>





Esquimalt High School Bell Schedule for 2025-2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school outside timetable	7:30 – 8:45	7:30 – 8:45	7:30 – 8:45	7:30 – 8:45	7:30 – 8:45
A Block	8:50 – 10:10	8:50 – 10:10	8:50 – 9:58	8:50 – 10:10	8:50 – 9:58
Break	10:10 – 10:20	10:10 – 10:20	9:58 – 10:08	10:10 – 10:20	9:58 – 10:08
B Block	10:23 – 11:45	10:23 – 11:45	10:11 – 11:20	10:23 – 11:45	10:11 – 11:20
Lunch	11:45 – 12:30	11:45 – 12:30	11:20 – 12:05	11:45 – 12:30	11:20 – 12:05
C Block	12:33 – 1:53	12:33 – 1:53	12:08 – 1:16	12:33 – 1:53	12:08 – 1:16
D Block / Focus Block (Wednesday)	1:56 – 3:16	1:56 – 3:16	<div>Raft /Focus Block* 1:19 – 2:05</div> <div>D Block* 2:08 – 3:16</div>	1:56 – 3:16	<div>Early Dismissal** D Block 1:19 – 2:27</div>
After school outside timetable	3:20 – 4:35	3:20 – 4:35	3:20 – 4:35	3:20 – 4:35	Early Dismissal

➤ *Focus/Raft (Grade 9s) Block– all students in attendance during Focus/Raft Gr. 9 Block

**Early Dismissal Days/Staff Collaboration will occur at 2:27 pm Support available to students as needed on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 3rd, Sept. 10th, Oct. 15th, Nov. 12th, Dec. 10, Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th, Mar. 11th, April 15th, May 13th, June 10th.

Bell Schedule for 2025-2026: Please see attached for a printable copy of the current bell schedule for Esquimalt High School. The timetable has **Raft/Focus Block** on specific Wednesdays, please see below for more details.



WELCOME TO OUR GRADE 9 RAFT!

I ♥ ESQ



What is Raft?

This is a “class” where students meet once a week to focus on connections, relationships and FUN! Our intention is to provide opportunities to **CONNECT** with the Raft teacher and peers over the course of the year to increase feelings of **BELONGING**!

What is Focus Block?

- Students will attend Focus Block on scheduled Wednesdays from 1:19 pm until 2:05 pm
- This time is for students to self-direct, explore and **FOCUS** on learning
- An opportunity to catch up on work, get some help, or practice skills
- Each student will be assigned a room for Focus Block and attendance taken
- You will work independently, in partners or small groups – it just depends!
- Teachers will not be assigning new work
- Focus block **does not** occur on the second Wednesday of each month – that will be an early dismissal day for students at 2:27 pm
- This is instructional time and will not be for clubs, sports or rehearsals during this time

School Attendance:

Regular attendance is absolutely necessary for success at Esquimalt High School. Please call 250-382-9223 and leave a message on the 24-hour voice mail if your student will be absent from school. Unexcused absences will affect achievement, and excessive absenteeism may result in the student being withdrawn from courses.

Course Changes for Semester 1:

Students will receive their Schedules on Tuesday.

Those hoping to make course changes **MUST** submit their requests using the bit.ly link

@ <https://bit.ly/esqcoursechangesept25> between September 2 and September 9. This link will close on September 9 @ midnight. Instructions to make changes will also be printed on the back of the schedule.

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 messages from one of the counsellors & reply ASAP.*****

The bitly link appears to be delayed- it will redirect you to the google form shortly after opening!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2025-26

School Supplies for Grade 9 through 12

Students are required to bring the following basic school supplies with them to the first day of class: loose leaf paper inserted in a binder with subject area tabs, pens, and pencils.

Students taking P.E. are requested to bring gym strip.

Teachers will advise students of extra supplies their courses require.

Important: Children with Health Conditions: Please ensure the school is aware of any students who have Life-Threatening Health Conditions. **See form attached for information.**

Student Help at Ribfest 2025 (September 5-7):

If you are volunteering for Ribfest this September and have any questions or concerns, please contact your sponsor coach or Mr. Thompson at: mbthompson@sd61.bc.ca

EHS Alumni Association:

The Esquimalt High School Alumni Association holds regular meetings. All former students are welcome to attend this meeting. For information about the Alumni Association please email ehsalumni1959@gmail.com

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 Costs Information 2025-2026

Textbook Deposit	\$22.00	Onetime deposit required for all <u>new</u> students. Deposit is refundable, upon request, when the student finishes/leaves the school provided there are no outstanding liabilities.
Student Activity Cost	\$27.00	Optional - provides student with photo IDcard and supports special school events.
Grad Cost	\$42.00	Optional - recognition ceremony costs & grad cap/gown rental.
Yearbook	\$53.00	Optional – distributed in June 2025
Locker	\$8.00	Optional – locker includes a lock. Onetime cost for <u>new</u> students.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made by credit card through School Cash Online at

<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/>

Link is also available on the Esquimalt High website. A School Cash Online registration guide is attached.

Payment by cash, cheque, debit, and credit is accepted in the office for those who cannot pay online.

**No student will not be denied the opportunity to participate in educational opportunities due to financial hardship. Please contact the Principal or a Vice-Principal if finances are an issue.*

Fast, safe, and convenient! **Greater Victoria School District** would like you to get started today and register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications of upcoming events and fees involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *GET HELP* option in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

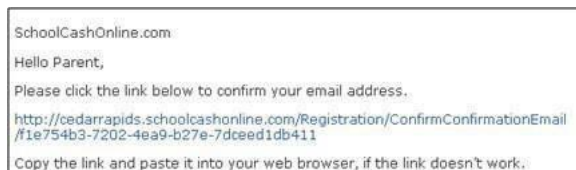
Step 1: Register

- Go to the *School Cash Online* home page
<https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/>
and select the ***“Get Started Today”*** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



Step 2: Confirmation

- A confirmation email will be forwarded to you.
- Click on the link provided to confirm your email and School Cash Online account
- Sign into account with credentials.



Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐ ?

School Name: ?

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number ?

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Birth Date: *
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select ***Continue***
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select ***Continue***
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select ***“Add Another Student”*** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select ***“View Items For Students”*** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.



Lockers are a hot topic! So how do you get one?

There is a one-time charge of \$8.00 that covers Grade 9 through 12. And even if you paid in a previous year, here is what you need to do:

1. Go to **Schoolcash Online** – you can find the link on our school website or scan the QR code:
2. Register or Sign In
3. Choose the option “locker”. If you paid previously, it should come up as \$0.00



4. Finalize the request

As the registrations come in, we will be assigning students to lockers. Students will need to check their **SD61 student learn email accounts** in the next couple weeks for confirmation of locker number and combination

Does Your Student Drive to School?

Student drivers will need to **register** for a parking permit to park on school grounds. Please complete the parking permit application attached in full and return it to the office.



Cafeteria:

The ESQ Café cafeteria will open for service mid-September. Re-loadable Cafeteria Cards will be available for purchase then. Details to follow in upcoming Docker Newsletter.

School Parent Calendar:

Please see attached for a printable copy of the Esquimalt Parent Calendars.

Athletics:

Track and Field:

X-Country Runners Meet Wednesday September 3 at Lunch in room 301 or contact Ms. Thornber. First practice after school on Wednesday. Bring your runners and a water bottle. First Race is September 24 th.

Sarah Thornber (BSc, PDPP, SPED)

Volleyball Athletes: Sept 2nd-

Open gym for all interested volleyball athletes (330-5)

Jr. Girls Try outs

Sr. Girls Tryouts (week of Sept 8-15th) more info to come.

Any questions please contact Mr. Witzke at:

awitzke@sd61.bc.ca



PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

WHAT IS THE PAC?

The PAC provides a forum for membership to exchange ideas, express concerns, and ask for support in all matters relating to the school.

PARTICIPATE

Executive | Committees | Events

Through the Executive, the PAC advises the board of school trustees, school principal and school staff respecting any matter relating to École Secondaire Esquimalt High School.

Committees may be formed based on need and interest. Examples of committees include Indigenous Relations, Communications, and Alumni.

Opportunities to volunteer exist year-round. Tell us about your special skills and how they can help the school community.

MEETINGS

General Meetings | Annual General Meeting | Special

General meetings are open to all PAC members. Check the school e-newsletter or the PAC Facebook page for dates and times.

Yearly, there is an Annual General Meeting (AGM) wherein a new Executive is named.

Occasionally, a meeting may be called to discuss a topic of special interest to membership. Socials happen, too!

We can't wait to meet you!

DID YOU KNOW?

You must opt-in to be included in PAC correspondence. Send us your email address, or follow us on Facebook to stay informed. Also, keep an eye out for us in the weekly school newsletter.

Make sure your voice is heard.



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@EsqPAC



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PARENT-INFO

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Parents' Advisory Council (PAC):

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. **The next meeting is September 15th at 6:45 pm.** The PAC is an important part of our school and we value our partnership with our parents. A student's school experience is enriched when parents, staff and students are working together.

Please see below for a quick description of Parents' Advisory Council.

Deletion of Google Accounts for Graduating Students is December 31

Graduating students have until Dec. 31, 2025 to transfer any documents and files they are storing in their district Google account to a personal account or external storage drive. After that date their accounts will be deactivated. [These instructions](#) show departing students how to transfer their information.



Parent Connect: How to Check Report Cards online?

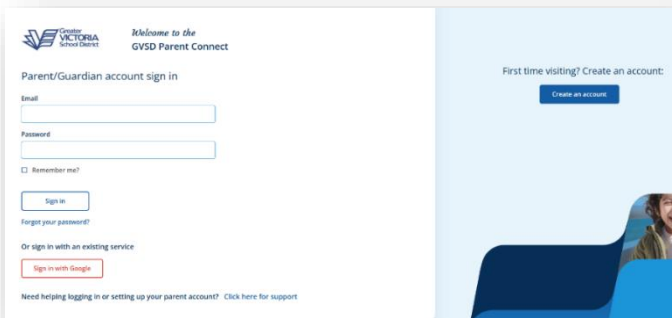
Our Learning Updates (Report Cards) are updated in the [Parent Connect Online System](#). The service reduces the amount of paper forms and allows parents and school staff to review a student's consent information on-demand.

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.

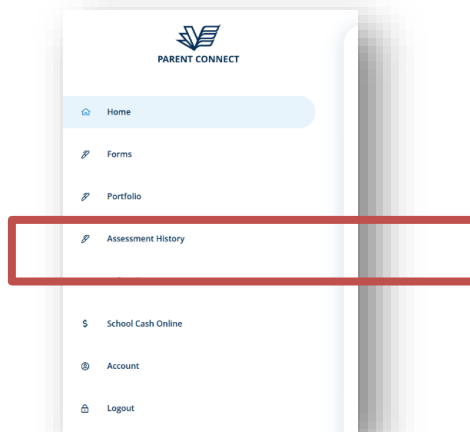
Paper copies will only be available **upon request** in person from the office.

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

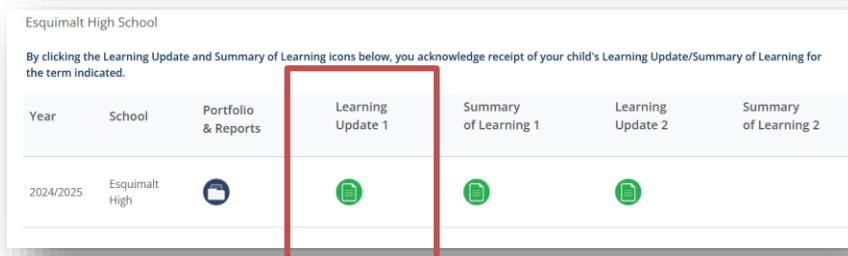
How to access to the Learning updates? Here are the steps



1. Log In to the system with your email and password or with your Google (Gmail) account.
2. If 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 1"**. A PDF file will download.
6. Check your Downloads file. Open the Report Card for your student.



ESQ MUSIC

Important Information!

Upcoming Dates:

Sept 5 - Music Student Info Meeting,
2:45-3:30pm, Theatre

Sept 12 - Fall Music Social Extravaganza.
2:45-5:00pm, Theatre

Sept 15 - Regular Music Class Schedule Begins!

Have you joined our ESQ Music Hub Google Classroom?

All students should join this Google Classroom for up-to-date announcements and information.

Join with the code: 43fyt74

Are you missing music classes from your timetable?

No problem! All students are encouraged to come to all of the classes they are interested in.

Need to get in touch with a music teacher?

Ms Allison - kallison@sd61.bc.ca

Concert Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Senior Concert Band, Musical Theatre,
General Music

Mr Leeson - cleeson@sd61.bc.ca

String Orchestra, Junior Concert Band, Junior Jazz Band,
Senior Jazz Band, R&B Band, Guitar

Youth Programs Fall 2025



Esquimalt Youth Services Summer Recap

Learn and develop leadership skills! Gain volunteer experience in the sunshine! We offer programs, services and opportunities for young, talented teens like you.



Youth Leadership Training Program Summer 2025



This past summer, more than 25 dedicated Youth chose to spend their free time giving back to the community through **Esquimalt's Youth Leadership Training Program**. The Esquimalt Youth Leadership Training Program equips youth with leadership skills, employment readiness, and meaningful volunteer experience across multiple departments at Esquimalt Recreation Centre.

Esquimalt Recreation Centre

Fall 2025 Edition

Esquimalt Youth Services Programs Fall 2025

LGBTQIA2S+ Teen Night
FREE DROP-IN
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00PM



Teen Night Drop-in
FREE DROP-IN
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Thursdays from 7:00-10:00 PM

Teen Night Drop-in
FREE DROP-IN + FREE GYM ACCESS
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Fridays from 7:00-10:00 PM

Teen Night Drop-in
FREE DROP-IN + FREE GYM ACCESS
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Saturdays from 7:00-10:00 PM

Mondays

Youth Improv
Age: 9-14 yrs
Register at esquimalt.ca/recreation.
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Sep 8-Oct 6th from 7:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday

Comic and Zine Making Workshop
Age: 10-16 yrs
Register at esquimalt.ca/recreation.
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Oct 7- Nov 25th from 5:30-6:45 PM

Wednesday

Youth Culinary Cuisine Workshop
Age: 10-16 yrs
Register at esquimalt.ca/recreation.
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Oct 7- Nov 25th from 5:30-6:45 PM

Thursday

Friday



Saturday

Teen Centre Birthday Parties
Age: 8-16 yrs
Register at esquimalt.ca/recreation.
Esquimalt Teen Centre
Oct 7- Nov 25th from 5:30-6:45 PM





SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS



Congratulations:

Congratulations to Tillie Stanger Ross, recipient of the 2024-2025 Governor General's Award for outstanding scholastic achievement! This is awarded to the student with the highest grade average in the graduating class. We are so proud of you Tillie - all the best in the future!



Welcome:

We are SO excited to welcome our new International Students for their orientation today! Welcome to Victoria, BC, Canada!