



ESQUIMALT PARENT & STUDENT DOCKER

June 22 to June 26

Mon. June 22	Copernican Day/In Class Finals A Blk 9-11:30am & C Blk 12:30 – 3pm	
Tues. June 23	Copernican Day/ In Class Finals B Blk 9 – 11:30 am & D blk 12:30 – 3pm	
Wed. June 24	Regular Classes: Awesomeness Assembly: Yearbooks issued FUN DAY	
Thurs. June 25	Curriculum Completion Day <u>by Invite from Teacher</u>	
Friday, June 26	Students do not attend	



COMING SOON...

JULY 6	Marks published on Student/Parent Connect
JULY 7	Parenting Without Power Struggles course Begins (see below)
AUG 24	Alumni Meeting
SEPT. 7	Labour Day Stat
SEPT. 8	First Day of School and Start of Semester 1
SEPT. 9	Regular Bell Schedule

Attention All Students: If you have moved this year!

Please make sure the office has your current address to receive your diploma in August (Gr. 12s) or other mail we may need to send to families. Thank You!!


PLEASE RETURN TEXTBOOKS TO THE LIBRARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS!

Locker Clean Out was Friday June 19

If students have not cleaned out their lockers please do as soon as possible. Bring a bag to put your locker contents into to bring home. If you don't take your items home and we are unable to reach you they will be donated to a charity.





 **Challenge Spring Social**, Tuesday June 23, 6:00-9:00 at Esquimalt High. Open to Challenge students of all grades with a special farewell for our grade 12s. Bring potluck snacks.

Omdrea Walker BEd, MEd, (she/her)
Art & English



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

We currently have a number of unclaimed items in our Lost & Found. Currently, **clothing items (including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and winter wear, water bottles)** are displayed on tables in the hall outside the Office.

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.

PE Students: Please ensure you clear out your PE lockers before the end of the school year.

Parents' Advisory Council:

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. **The next meeting is September 14, 2026.** 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.



"Fun Day" Schedule Wednesday, June 24

8:50-9:15am - B Block - Take attendance and escort to Awesomeness Assembly

9:20-10:40am - Awesomeness Assembly (Gym)

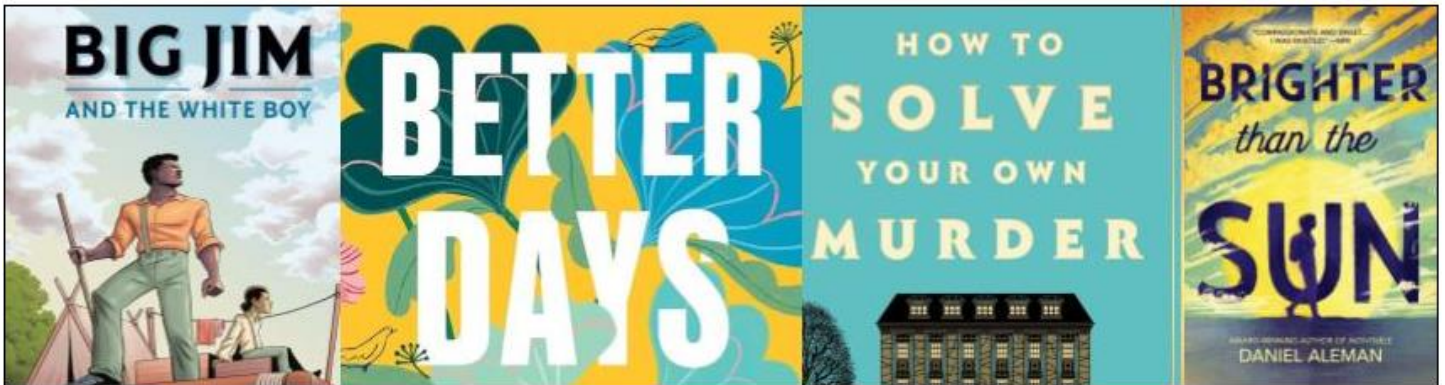
10:40am - Fun Day, BBQ and Yearbook Distribution

Library Commons:

CHECK OUT
NEW BOOKS!
READ THIS SUMMER!

This year we're loaning books out to students over the summer to let everyone continue to enjoy the collection of great books we've been building for years. Even students with books at home have appreciated having increased access at other schools that have loaned books over the summer break. Public libraries are great places to get great books too, but many students have said it's not always easy getting there.

It's important that students can choose what they want to read. This has been confirmed by [research](#) involving students and other stakeholders. That research has also shown how much students appreciate having a professional on hand to guide their choices when needed.



You might think that loaning books out over the summer is going to lead to lots of lost books, but other schools haven't found this to be a big problem. In fact, students really appreciated the trust they were given to care for and return books they borrowed. Students followed through with their responsibility to return books in September and the trusting relationships built vastly outweighed the minimal loss of books.

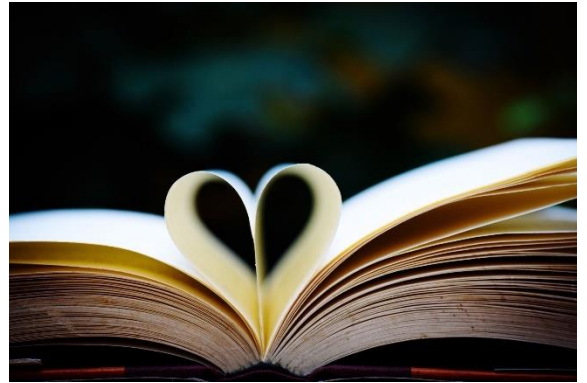
So, drop by the library! Check out some of the hundreds of new books available and talk to Mr. Orme, Esquimalt High School's teacher-librarian, or Amber Hibbs, our school library clerk, about borrowing some books for the summer break! <https://esquimaltlibrary.sd61.bc.ca/>

Thanks!

Geoff Orme (he/him)
Teacher-Librarian

ESQUIMALT Yearbooks:

Yearbooks will be distributed on Wednesday, June 24 following the Awesomeness Assembly. There will be a limited number of books available for purchase that day. The price per book is \$53.00 by cheque or cash.



South Vancouver Island
Formerly Boys & Girls Club of
Greater Victoria



FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM
**PARENTING
WITHOUT POWER
STRUGGLES**



Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm
345 Wale Rd - begins July 7th!

8 week program for parents of kids 9-14 years

To register for this FREE program email:
parentingprograms@bgcsvg.org

Parents are welcome to reach out to us directly at parentingprograms@bgcsvg.org with any questions.

Online registration is also available at [Parenting Programs | BGC South Vancouver Island](#).

Thank you,

Cleia Sangster
Community Parenting Group
Facilitator

Parent Connect: How to Check Report Cards online?

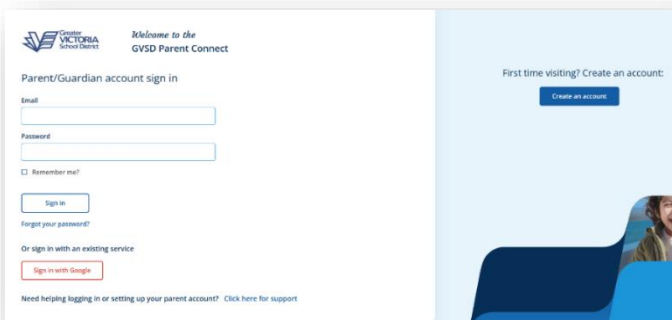
Our Learning Updates (Report Cards) are updated in the [Parent Connect Online System](#). The service reduces the amount of paper forms and allows parents and school staff to review a student's consent information on-demand.

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.

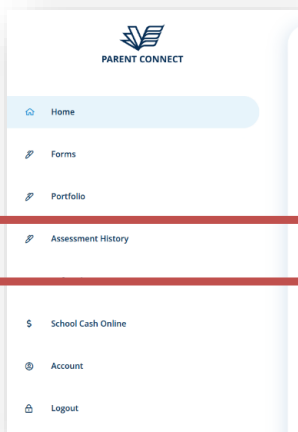
Paper copies will only be available **upon request** in person from the office.

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

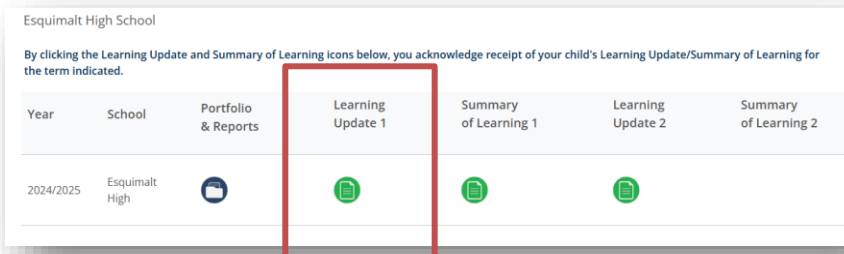
How to access to the Learning updates? Here are the steps



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 2". A PDF file will download.
6. Check your Downloads file. Open the Report Card for your student.

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/>





English 12 / English 151 Dual Credit Cohort – UPDATE

Students with confirmed Semester 2 seats please check their school email (sd61 learn) and complete required paperwork by June 24, 2026 to secure their spot.

Waitlisted students interested in taking English 151 at Camosun should email Tarra by June 24, 2026.

Work Experience 12 – Logging Summer Hours

Students planning to log summer hours: if you have a red folder, return all signed paperwork by June 25, 2026. Hours cannot be logged without completed paperwork before the end of the school year.

If you've arranged an alternative plan for your paperwork with Ms. Coutts or Tarra, please ignore this message.

Student and Family Affordability Funding 2025-2026

For those families who require support with costs directly related to school, such as school fees, school supplies, field trips, school sports or school activities, we now have some limited funding available. Please contact Sarah Garr (Principal) at sgarr@sd61.bc.ca if you have any questions and/or would benefit from some support.

Health and Safety:

[ESQ School Nurse](#)

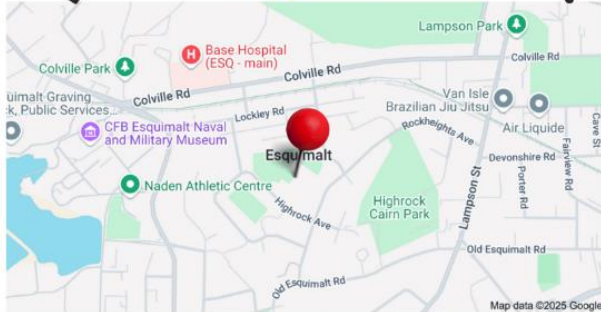
We have Youth Health Clinic at Esquimalt High on Tuesdays 1130-2 in the medical room. Students can access the nurse for general questions during breaks.

Services provided outlined below:

- **Contraception (birth control) dispensing**
- **Emergency Contraception dispensing (aka morning after pill)**
- **Referrals for IUDs**
- **Pregnancy testing (discuss options, referrals etc if needed)**
- **Sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment**
- **Urinary tract infection testing and treatment**
- **Immunizations**
- **Naloxone administration training and kits available**
- **Free condoms and lube**
- **Sexual health questions/educations**
- **Support following a sexual assault (either support accessing SA resources or can support myself)**



BEE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR!



Reminders:

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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 neighbourhood businesses and the private property of homes in the area.

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

Cafeteria: The ESQ Café menu offers a hot lunch, salad and a variety of baked goods daily. The Café accepts cash and reloadable Café cards. Café cards can now be loaded through the student’s account on School Cash On-Line.

CAFETERIA ESQ Café Menu – JUNE

Monday	No Food Service for the remainder of the year
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

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!



New Edition for Dockside Dispatch:

Here is the latest episode dockside dispatch #19!

<https://youtu.be/MJL963p6o7k?si=ZBBWi1RQE9Q6J4E4>





SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS

Challenge Olympics:

The Challenge Olympics - where might and mind merge, where speed and wit collide. Shout out to Nikolai and Andrei for organizing the games. ESQ for the win! 🏆





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Ms. Treble's Careers 11 Class:

Students in Ms Treble's Careers 11 wrapped up Self-Care and Wellness presentations this week. Student-led presentations included everything from chair yoga, kick ball, puzzles and board games, to meditation, getting outside, and musical chairs. Great job, grade 11s!



English First People's 10

EFP 10 celebrated their semester-long collaboration with Vic West buddies today. Students wrote their own Reader's Theatre pieces and shared their final drafts in the Library.

Thank you to Mr. Christie and the grade 5s for such a fun time working with our 10s in semester one and two!





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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

Today we celebrate our international students as they finish their time at Esquimalt High.

Thank you for sharing your cultures, experiences, and talents with our school community. We wish you all the best in your next adventure!

