



ESQUIMALT PARENT & STUDENT DOCKER

Sept. 21st – Sept. 25th

Mon. Sept. 21	Pro D Robotics Build Day	No Scheduled Classes
Tues. Sept. 22		
Wed. Sept. 23	Raft Focus Block	
Thurs. Sept. 24	Grade 9 Community Morning Robotics at Esquimalt Farmer's Market	
Friday Sept. 25	Club Day New Student Welcome Day	

SAVE THE DATE



SEPT 29	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation-Assembly
SEPT. 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation NO Classes
OCT. 2	ESQ Band Masterclass Evening
OCT 3	Robotics Bottle Drive@ Tillicum Mall
OCT. 7	Early Dismissal 2:27pm
OCT. 8	Student Photo Retakes
OCT. 9-10	Robotics Community Team Event
OCT. 12	Thanksgiving No scheduled Classes
OCT. 19	PAC Meeting
OCT. 21	Parent/Teacher Interviews

Student/Staff Photo Retakes Oct. 8



Attention:

The **Student Verification Forms**
Please fill out on Parent Connect!

Robotics Bottle Drive:
Oct 3rd at Tillicum Mall
9:00am-2:00pm
Proceeds to Esq Junior Robotics!



PEER TUTORING AT ESQUIMALT!

The Esquimalt High Peer Tutors are looking for students to help! All grades, all subjects! Use the bit.ly to make a request. Mrs Bjornson will connect with you within 1 or 2 days. Feel free to visit Mrs Bjornson in 211a if you have any questions. ✦ Peer tutoring services are FREE! **bit.ly/esqtutorrequest**

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!

Cafeteria:

The cafeteria accepts cash and cafeteria card for payment. Cafeteria Cards can be purchased through SchoolCash Online starting September 22, 2026. Cafeteria Cards take 1 full business day to load.

CAFETERIA ESQ Café Menu – Sept 21st-25th

Monday	Pro D NO Scheduled Classes
Tuesday	BBQ Ribs, Jalapeno Corn Bread, Charred corn and Black Bean Salad
Wednesday	Crispy Chicken Sandwich, hot honey, cambazola cheese, caramelized onion aioli, greens and tomato, served with fries
Thursday	pork chop with wild mushroom sauce, mashed potato and garlic green beans
Friday	teriyaki, beef noodle box

New to Canada Student Club
Room 330 **Fridays at lunch!**
Hangout with other students who are new to Canada and ask any questions you have! There will be snacks!



Athletics:

Practice Times

Volleyball:

SR BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

- **MONDAYS @ 5:30**
- **WEDNESDAYS - LEAGUE NIGHTS - SCHEDULE TBA**
- **THURSDAYS @ 5:30**

SR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

- **MONDAYS @ 5:30**
- **TUESDAYS - LEAGUE NIGHTS - SCHEDULE TBA**
- **THURSDAYS @ 3:30**

JR BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

- **MONDAYS @ 3:30**
- **WEDNESDAYS @ 3:30**
- **THURSDAYS - LEAGUE NIGHTS - SCHEDULE TBA**

JR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

- **MONDAYS @ 3:30**
- **WEDNESDAYS @ 7:30 AM (BEFORE SCHOOL)**
- **THURSDAYS - LEAGUE NIGHTS - SCHEDULE TBA**

Track and Field:

X-Country practices afterschool

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Any questions please contact: **Sarah Thornber** (BSc, PDPP, SPED)



Soccer:

To be confirmed

Rowing:

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- Wednesdays @ 4:00
- Fridays @ 4:00
- Saturdays @ 9:00



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**!

Out of Timetable Blocks:

The student Schedules will show the following Blocks when the classes are before school, at lunch or after school. If the student will be absent, please let us know the block the student will be away during this time.

Attendance Letters for Classes	
Block Letter	Time of Class
A	See Bell Schedule
B	See Bell Schedule
C	See Bell Schedule
D	See Bell Schedule
E	Focus Block
F	Mon Before School
G	Tues Before School
H	Wed Before School
J	Thurs Before School
K	Fri Before School
L	Mon Lunch
M	Tues Lunch
N	Wed Lunch
P	Thurs Lunch
Q	Fri Lunch
R	Mon After School
S	Tues After School
T	Wed After School
U	Thurs After School
V	Fri After School

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 as well as before/after school.

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)**

Does Your Student Drive to School?

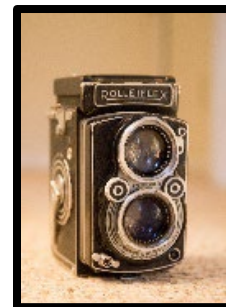
Student drivers will need to **register** for a parking permit to park on school grounds. Please complete the parking permit application attached in full and return it to the office.



Hello Families! Student Photo Information:

Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z>
- The login code to access your images is on the yellow QR flyer your child was given on photo day. Please check with them.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- Your order deadline is: October 7 2026 (after the deadline a late fee is applicable)



Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families>
2. Enter the information required.
3. Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.

Catch Up Photo Day:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake? Retakes are offered for expression, poor posture, or head tilt; not for personal style changes (ie: change of clothing or hair). Please note all glass glare is removed on final prints.
- If you would like your photo taken, we will be at your school on: **October 8 2026**

[Click Here](#) to find out more about ordering.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

CAREERS:

ESQ Careers: Upcoming Opportunities

Contact ESQ Careers Team for more information:

Career Centre Coordinator: Tarra Clarke tclarke@sd61.bc.ca

Career Educator: Mr. Henderson khenderson@sd61.bc.ca

Canadian Post-Secondary Event (CUE)

Explore universities from across Canada and learn about programs, scholarships, admission requirements and campus life!

- Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2026
- Location: Oak Bay High School
- Departure from ESQ: 10:10 AM sharp
- Return: 11:30 AM
- Class missed: Block B
- Space is limited: Priority will be given to Grade 12 students.
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Sign up: bit.ly/esqcue2026

Students must check their SD61 Learn email for updates. **A seat is not confirmed until a signed permission form has been returned to the office.** Students who receive a seat will be sent an email confirmation. **See Tarra in careers for a permission form**

Earn Credits Through Work Experience

Working or volunteering? Turn your experience into high school credits!

- Earn 4 credits for every 100 hours, up to 8 credits.
- Use paid or unpaid work and volunteer hours.
- Keep your current placement or explore something new.
- Build workplace skills and gain hands-on experience.
- Work toward the 30-hour experiential learning and ADST graduation requirements.

Sign up by September 23 to earn credits during the 2026–2027 school year:

bit.ly/esqwex12A

For more information, contact Mr. Henderson at khenderson@sd61.bc.ca.

Police Camp – Spring Break 2027

March 13–20, 2027

Students in Grades 10–12 are invited to apply for an eight-day leadership program hosted at St. Margaret's School.

Participants will experience:

- Leadership development
- Daily physical training
- Day and night police scenario simulations
- Social responsibility and life-skills activities

Application Information

Students apply directly to the Victoria Police Foundation by scanning the QR code on the Police Camp poster.

The Victoria Police Foundation manages the application and selection process and will interview applicants in November/ December here at Esquimalt.

Application deadline: Friday, October 30, 2026, at 3:00 PM

FOODSAFE Is Now Full!

Due to overwhelming interest, all available seats have been filled.

If you signed up, please check your **SD61 Learn email** to confirm your seat.

Students on the waitlist will have another opportunity to take FOODSAFE in Semester 2.

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Grade 10, 11 or 12

in partnership and hosted at

St Margaret's School



- Leadership development
- Daily physical training
- Day and night police scenario simulations
- Social responsibility and life skills

Applicant interviews will be held
November and December 2026.



**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO APPLY TODAY**

Application closing on Friday, October 30th at 3pm.

Presented by

GREATER VICTORIA POLICE
FOUNDATION





Join our Esquimalt Highschool Volunteer Crew

VOLUNTEER IN 2026!

Be part of one of Victoria's most iconic weekends.

The Royal Victoria Marathon is powered by community, and we need incredible volunteers to help bring race weekend to life. From cheering runners on course to helping at the start line, finish line, aid stations, package pickup, and more, there's a role for everyone!



2026 ROYAL VICTORIA MARATHON

October 11, 2026 from 7:15-2:15

VOLUNTEER PERKS

Support over 15,000 runners

Meet amazing people in your community

Receive an exclusive volunteer hat

Contact Sarah Thornber @ (778) 676 2389
or sthornber@sd61.bc.ca

Music:

All music classes will be starting next week, following the "ESQ Music Ensemble Schedule 2026/27".

Did you know that we have a weekend music newsletter that is sent out on Sundays? Did you know that all music students are expected to read it? We are trying out a new system for how we distribute our Weekly Scoop email. Please let your music teacher know if you don't receive the email this Sunday!

We also have a program wide google classroom, known as the "Music Hub" which all students should join (code: 43fyt74). As things get sorted, we will also be posting the Weekly Scoop into the Hub for the next couple weeks.

Don't forget to dust off your instruments and make sure you have everything you need (reeds, valve oil, etc.) before your classes next week.

We can't wait to start making music with you!

Ms Allison (she/her) & Mr Leeson (he/him)

ESQ Music Ensemble Schedule 2026-2027

	Teacher	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:30-8:45am	ALLISON	Vocal Ensemble	Senior Concert Band	Vocal Ensemble	Senior Concert Band	Concert Choir
	LEESON	Senior Jazz Band	Junior Concert Band	Junior Concert Band	Junior Jazz Band	
LUNCH M/T/Th 11:45am-12:30pm W/F 11:20am-12:05pm	ALLISON			Musical Theatre LEADS		Musical Theatre LEADS
	LEESON		R&B Band Sectional	Junior Jazz Band	Senior Jazz Band - Sectional	Junior Jazz Band - Sectional
AFTER SCHOOL M/T/W/Th: 3:30-4:45pm Fridays: 2:45-4:00	ALLISON	Musical Theatre TECH & LEADS	Musical Theatre CAST	Concert Choir	Musical Theatre CAST & TECH	
	LEESON	String Orchestra		Senior Jazz Band	String Orchestra	R&B Band

*Sectional Rehearsals and Musical Theatre LEADS rehearsals are considered as class time. Further explanation as to how they will be structured will be provided by the teacher.

**Conflicts within and outside of our program will be navigated in collaboration between teachers, students, and families.

***This schedule is adjusted yearly based on the needs of the program. Schedules will be published in June for the following school year.

ESQ Musical Theatre
Program presents...

COME FROM AWAY



If you are interested in joining
Musical Theatre Performance (cast) and/or
Theatre Production (crew), please come to the
following information meetings:

Tuesday, Sept. 22: Musical Performance

Thursday, Sept. 24: Theatre Production

3:30-4:45PM in the ESQ Theatre

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

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.



esquimaltpac@gmail.com



@EsqPAC



ESQUIMALT.SD61.BC.CA /
PARENT-INFO

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VICTORIA, BC V9A 4N9

Parents' Advisory Council (PAC):

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. **The next meeting is October 19th 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.

Esquimalt High School PAC Executive, 2026-2027

- **President – Dylan Reeves**
- **Secretary – Kirsten Andersen**
- **Treasurer – Jessica Truswell**
- **Member at large – Yoni Bremner**
- **VCPAC/BCCPAC Rep – Mark Weston**



\$20/Dozen



<https://forms.gle/1vuiXsVtyUrvbYJf6>

PAC Fundraiser to support the amazing selection of clubs, sports and programs that Esquimalt High offers to our students. Pick up at school on **Wednesday, October 21st 3:00-6:30PM** during the Fall Parent Teacher Interviews.

Only 250 boxes available! On sale until sold out.

Scan QR code or click link for order form.
Payment by e-transfer to esquimaltpac@gmail.com



Exciting News Grads and Families!

Grad Cap and Gown and Fashion Photos are coming up soon! Photo sessions will take place at Parish of St Peter and St Paul 1379 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt BC, V9A 3R4. This environment allows us to provide quality photography within a safe and comfortable location.

Our goal is to provide portraits that CELEBRATE you and your 13 years of academic achievement. In order to appear in your school yearbook and on the commemorative school composite, it is important that you have your graduation photo taken by Mountain West Studios. We are your official graduation photographer!

To book your photo sessions, visit:

<https://www.mountainwest.ca/high-school-grads/esquimalt-high-school>

Grad Cap and Gown/Fashion 🎓 November 16 - 18 and 21, 2026

The sitting fee is \$25 and includes the following year-end memorabilia: Diploma folder, Grad Composite, Graduation Certificate, 5x7 Ceremony Photo, 5x7 Grad Dinner/Dance, Grad Group Photo, 5x7 Individual Formal Wear Photo

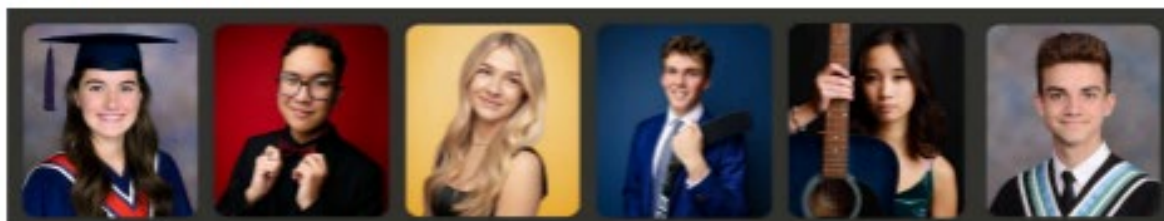
Buddy/Friendship and Family Groups 📸 Novemeber 21, 2026

The sitting fee is \$10 per person, per group, and includes a complimentary digital download.

Have Questions?

Email: help@mountainwest.ca

Phone: 1.888.644.4494



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/>



Student and Family Affordability Funding 2026-2027

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.



Student Costs Information 2026-2027

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.

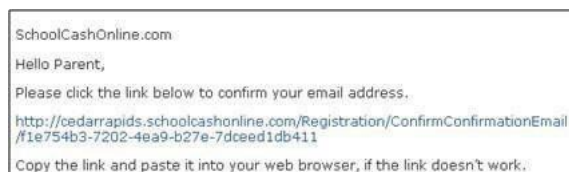
Step 1: Register

- Go to the *School Cash Online* home page
<https://sd61.schoolcashonline.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.

Parent Connect: How to Check Report Cards online?

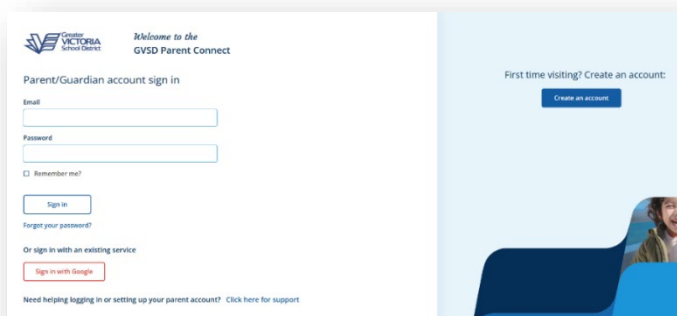
Our Learning Updates (Report Cards) are updated in the [Parent Connect Online System](#). The service reduces the amount of paper forms and allows parents and school staff to review a student's consent information on-demand.

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.

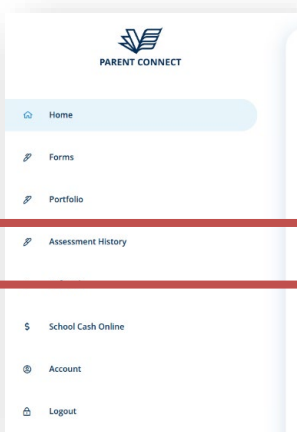
Paper copies will only be available **upon request** in person from the office.

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".

Esquimalt High School

By clicking the Learning Update and Summary of Learning icons below, you acknowledge receipt of your child's Learning Update/Summary of Learning for the term indicated.

Year	School	Portfolio & Reports	Learning Update 1	Summary of Learning 1	Learning Update 2	Summary of Learning 2
2024/2025	Esquimalt High					

5. Click on **"Learning Update 1"**. A PDF file will download.
6. Check your Downloads file. Open the Report Card for your student.



SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS

Korn Day!!!



Rib Fest

