ESQUIMALT PARENT & STUDENT DOCKER

Nov 30 - Dec. 4

Mon. Nov . 30		
Tues. Dec. 01	**Winter Music Concert Part 1**	**Part 1**
Wed. Dec. 02	**Early Dismissal 2:27pm**	
Thurs. Dec. 03	**Winter Music Concert Part 2**	**Part 2**
Friday Dec. 04	**Challenge Winter Social Gym and Cafe**	**6:00 to 9:00 in the Theatre**

Coming Soon

SAVE THE DATE	
DEC. 9	**Raft/ Focus Block**
DEC 9	**Winter Dance Show**
DEC. 10	**Early Dismissal 2:27pm**
DEC. 11	**Music Holiday Social**
DEC 12	**Robotics Qualifier**
DEC 16	**Raft/ Focus Block**
DEC 17	**Winter Formal**
DEC 18	**Santa's Breakfast/ Last Day**
DEC 19	**Winter Break Begins**
JAN 4	**Welcome Back to Class- Full Day**



REPORT CARDS (Learning Updates) were published Nov. 20th and are now AVAILABLE through Student/Parent Connect!
Be sure to follow directions below to check.

Staffing updates:
Esquimalt Nation Student Facilitator:
Anakin Bennett will be transitioning out of the role. Shiloh Underwood will be the replacement starting in January.

Farewell to our cafeteria assistant Adrienne Cocker we wish her all the best in her new role at Doncaster.

New Edition for Dockside Dispatch:

Here is the latest episode of dockside dispatch!

Here is the YouTube link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1Cc9fk3kB0

If you would prefer a direct link to avoid ads, click on this one - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mxSndX5T0sIt8jkXSuVBmRFByAvMyjtM/view?usp=sharing

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 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 – Nov. 30 – Dec 4 **Vegetarian and halal options are available daily, please check the cafe menu board**	
Monday	pasta bolognese
Tuesday	Pulled chicken taco, picante salsa, pickled cabbage
Wednesday	chili with corn bread
Thursday	Szechwan chicken noodle box
Friday	pulled pork mac and cheese







ESQUIMALT MUSIC PRESENTS

WINTER CONCERT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

STARTING AT 7PM

ESQUIMALT HIGH | 847 COLVILLE ROAD

Featuring

Tuesday, December 1st

JUNIOR JAZZ BAND
VOCAL ENSEMBLE
STRINGS ORCHESTRA
SENIOR CONCERT BAND

Thursday, December 3rd

R&B BAND
JUNIOR CONCERT BAND
CONCERT CHOIR
SENIOR JAZZ BAND



Admission by Donation

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WINTER

FOOD DRIVE

Bring any **non-perishable** food items to your **B block** classes from December **1 - 16** to help give back to our community.
There will be **prizes** for the three classes with most donations.

As we near the Winter Holidays, Esquimalt High School Students bring back the tradition of Sharing with others by preparing Food Hampers for our Community. Each B block class collects Non-Perishable Food items which are then distributed to Families. The Collection runs from Dec 1-16th

Winter Break Runs from Dec 19th-Jan 3rd.

We will come back to learning January 4th, 2027

Gingerbread Kit orders are coming to a close.

If you haven't yet ordered homemade Gingerbread made by our Culinary students you have until Dec 2nd to get your order in.

Help us support Santa's Anonymous.

ESQUIMALT HIGH 13TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE FUNDRAISER!

HOUSE KITS $20 EACH

http://bit.ly/esqgingerbread26

Order Deadline Dec. 2, 2026

Brought to you by the ESQ Culinary Program

All proceeds go to CFAX Santa's Anonymous!

ORDER NOW



SANTA'S BREAKFAST!!

DECEMBER 18

8:50 - 12:00

TALENT SHOW!

12:00 - 1:30

organized by ESQ high leadership, supported by staff volunteers, school clubs and the music program!

Talent show sign up!





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Students must arrive by 7:30 or they will not be admitted
NO INS AND OUTS
NO SMOKING or VAPING on the venue property
<u>This is a school event and our code of conduct applies to all students</u>

<u>Address:</u>
Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort 100 Harbour Rd

We are in the Harbour Room and will enter via the Harbour Foyer located on the Harbour side of the Hotel. Come straight through the main lobby, down the stairs and the entrance is on your right hand side.

Parking: The hotel parking is $8-free parking available in the surrounding areas- or even better- get dropped off!

Note: This is APPETIZERS/Small Bites only, so have a meal before you arrive- lots of yummy food for all-but not enough for dinner for all- **Please alert us to any allergies**

Dance!! Have fun!!!





Community Photo Session

Mountain West Studios will be hosting a community photo session for students who may have missed the opportunity to have photos taken or would like a retake. Please see the details below for information.

Date: Saturday December 5, 2026
**we kindly ask that you sign up by Thursday December 3rd*



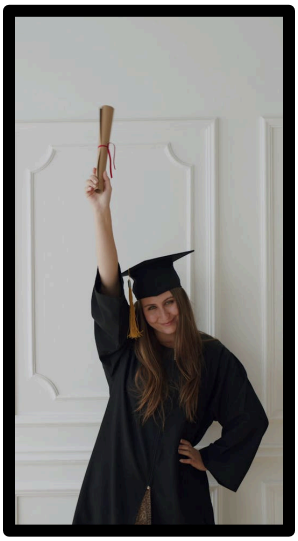
Location: Victoria West Community Centre Fireplace Room
521 Craigflower Rd, Victoria

Sign Up Here: Community Retakes - Victoria

Please note the following regarding your appointment:
Photo sessions will require a $20 deposit. You will receive a discount code in the amount of your deposit, which is redeemable towards any purchase. Students will have 2-4 standard school photos taken and uploaded to a personal gallery.
All photos taken at this event are made available for personal purchase and will not be included in school services such as yearbooks if applicable.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Mountain West Studios' customer service team for assistance.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Hello Grads and Parents!



Exciting news! Your online gallery from your grad portrait session is now live! Visit this link to access your gallery: https://vando.imagequix.com/K9L3W9Z
You will use the QR code that was given to you at your appointment. Your order deadline is: January 16, 2027
Missing your login code? No problem!
1. **Visit https://www.mountainwest.ca/support-for-families**
2. **Click on "Looking for your login code?**
3. **Enter the information required.**
4. **Your code will be emailed within 1 business day.**

Regarding yearbook image selection:
1. **Log in to view your grad images**
2. **Click on 'Choose Yearbook Pose' at the top of the page, and then "Select Photo"**
3. **Photos that are eligible to be selected will appear; after you have chosen, click confirm.**

The deadline to select your yearbook image is: December 3 , 2026
****If you miss selecting a pose by the date indicated, no worries - our team will select one for you! If you wish to change your pose after the deadline has passed, a custom handling fee will apply.***

Photo Retakes
If you missed the opportunity to have graduation photos taken during the first sittings or wish to have retakes done, please visit the link below to book an appointment.
This is an important reminder! Your graduation photo must be taken by Mountain West Studios in order for your image to be included in your school yearbook and on the commemorative composite of the graduating class.
Grad Cap and Gown/Fashion Retakes - December 14, 2026
Click below to schedule your retake.
Esquimalt High Grad Retake Sittings
Mountain West Studios
Phone: 1.888.644.4494
Email: help@mountainwest.ca





Winter Dance Show

Dec 9th in the Theatre
Doors: 6:30pm
Showtime: 7:00pm
Admission by donation

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)**

DROP-IN Youth Clinic

TUESDAYS
11:30AM - 2PM
@ Medical Room

Services include:

- Contraception (e.g. birth control)
- Emergency Contraception (e.g. Plan B)
- STI testing & treatment (sexually transmitted infections)
- Pregnancy tests
- Sexual decision making
- Free condoms & lube
- Immunizations

Need help NOW?

Scan QR code or visit www.SexAndU.ca

For more resources and other options to get care locally, visit SmartSexResource.com



FREE. Confidential. No judgement. Everyone is welcome.

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CAREERS:

CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT SPRINGBOARD OPPORTUNITIES!
Interested in learning more or would like to apply, see our ESQ Careers Team!
Career Centre Coordinator: Tarra Clarke tclarke@sd61.bc.ca
Career Educator: Mr. Henderson khenderson@sd61.bc.ca

What is a Springboard? A one-day event that allows students through experiential learning to reflect on where their interests and strengths overlap with emerging career-life opportunities. Springboards are an innovative approach to expose student awareness to a variety of career-life choices.

Connect with ESQ Careers for more Information or to Apply
Career Coordinator Tarra: tclarke@sd61.bc.ca | Career Teacher Ms. Martinsen kmartinsen@sd61.bc.ca



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!

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.

Join Victoria's Vibrant Hosting Community

The Greater Victoria School District's Homestay Program is looking for new host families.

- *Students come from around the world to participate in academic programming in Victoria's middle and high schools*
- *Homestays are needed for both short term stays (2 weeks – 3 months) and long term stays (5 months +)*
- *Host families provide a supportive and caring environment, along with 3 meals per day + snacks*
- *Training, homestay guidelines & 24/7 support is available from the homestay office*
- *Hosting an International Student is a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange*
- *$1350 per month is provided for student support*

For more information:
Website: www.studyinvictoria.com
Email: homestay@sd61.bc.ca
Phone: 250-592-6871

Parents' Advisory Council (PAC):

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. **The next meeting is Dec 8th 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.

What is the PAC? The PAC provides a forum for membership (*parents/guardians*) to exchange ideas, express concerns and ask for support in all matters relating to the school. Through the Executive, the PAC engages with the school principal, faculty and staff respecting any matter relating to École Secondaire Esquimalt High School.

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. To be included in PAC meeting correspondence (agendas, minutes etc) please send us a message at esquimaltpac@gmail.com.

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

Meetings: Monthly meetings are open to all PAC members. In May of each year there is an Annual General Meeting (AGM) wherein the Executive for the following school year is selected/confirmed.

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**

Robotics: **Saturday November 28nd** Esquimalt High is hosting robotics teams from around the city for a scrimmage. On **Saturday December 12th** Esquimalt High will be hosting an official FIRST Technical Challenge Qualifier tournament for robotics teams from Vancouver Island (spectators welcome).



ESQUIMALT ROBOTICS & ROTARY

BOTTLE DRIVE

DEC. 5 | JAN. 9

SCAN TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!

PROCEEDS BEING SHARED WITH INTERACT CLUB & COMMUNITY ROBOTICS INCLUDING: MACAULAY ELEMENTARY & SHORELINE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

10AM–2PM

Esquimalt High School,
847 Colville Rd, Victoria

💻Parent Connect: How to Check Report Cards online?

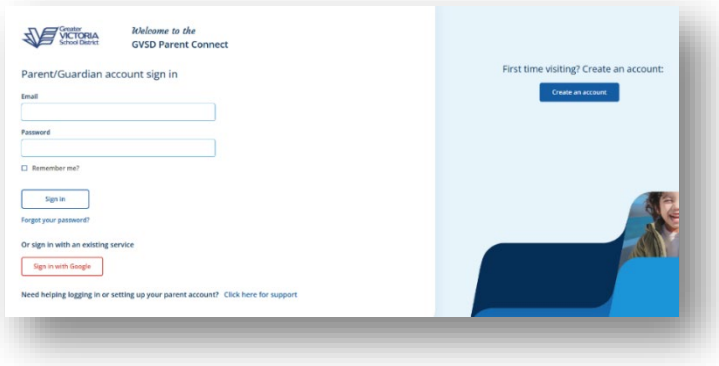
Our Learning Updates (Report Cards) are updated in the Parent Connect Online System. The service reduces the amount of paper forms and allows parents and school staff to review a student's consent information on-demand.

How to create an account and access the system: Parent Connect instructional video or PDF Instructions

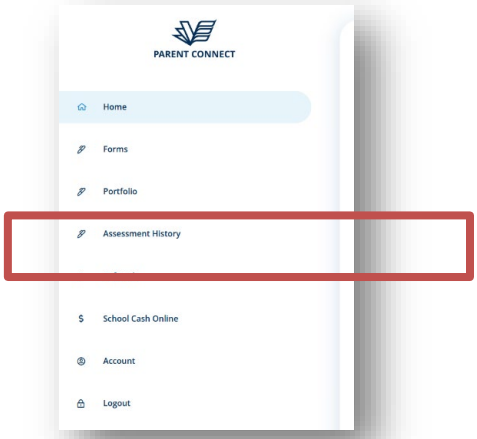
Considering that 20% of the students in SD61 speak different languages than English and French, the service also includes Google Translate to support parents who prefer to communicate in other languages.

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

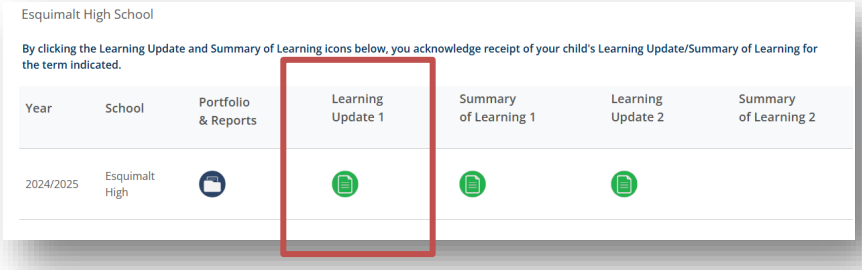
How to access to the Learning updates? Here are the steps ⬇️ ⬇️



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.

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 school community



Reference: https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/student-code-of-conduct/