



L'École Secondaire

Oak Bay High

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April 26, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Here are some of the important dates for this week:

April 30 & May 1, 2024                      Capstone Showcase (All Grade 12 students)

May 3, 2024                                      Learning Updates available for viewing (Report Cards)

For those of you who wish to connect with our daily announcements, please go to the following link:

<https://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/announcements/>

#### **From Scholarships & Careers...**

Families of Grade 12's - Several Oak Bay Community Awards are available for grads - please see Mr. Alexander's weekly update for info and deadlines ([bit.ly/obscholar](http://bit.ly/obscholar)).

Did you sign up for a Dual Credit class next year or wish that you had? Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Giesbrecht are having a 'Next Steps for Dual Credit' meeting on Monday April 29th in Focus in the theatre.

What is Dual Credit again? Dual credit courses let students earn high school and college credits at the same time. These credits are transferable to Camosun College and other post-secondary institutions within BC and beyond. Oak Bay works closely with the South Island Partnership team to create and offer academic opportunities. Drop by the Career Center with any questions and mark April 29th on your calendar.

Scott Alexander

#### **Hot lunch program...**

See the following [menu](#) for May

For those families interested in purchasing school meals, the subsidised cost is \$5 per meal, Purchases may be made in cash or through the school website where food cards can be purchased. <https://sd61.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/54290/140/False/True>

## Capstone Celebration....

On the evenings of April 30th and May 1 we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our grade 12 students as they present their Capstone projects. This evening is always a wonderful occasion as our graduating students share that of which they are most passionate. Thank-you to Ms. Taggart and Mrs. Buckingham who always make this event so memorable. We look forward to seeing all of our grade 12 parents at the event.

## Invitation

Metis students and families, you are invited to join the Metis Nation of Greater Victoria at the May 15 community potluck in the gym at the Native Friendship Center. We begin at 5:45. We are lucky to have two-spirit Metis artist Lynette Lafontaine joining us to share their journey to becoming a Metis artist. There will be a draw for one of their wonderful creations as well! Kids in particular may be inspired by Lynette and their art world. Bring a food item to share, and bring your own plate and cutlery if you remember to cut down on waste. Hope to see you there!

### *Lynette's Bio*

*Muskwa mostos kesigok iskew is my spirit name, which roughly translates as bear buffalo northern lights woman. I was given the French name Lynette La Fontaine by my parents at birth, Richard La Fontaine (Métis) and LeEtta La Fontaine (née Poirier). I am a Métis visual artist with roots in northern Saskatchewan, as well as the historic Métis community of Red River settlement and Nehiyaw community of Norway House. I grew up on the traditional, unceded Dakelh territory of the Stella'ten and now currently reside in the traditional Lekwungun (Tsarlip and W̱SÁNEĆ Nations). My work is inspired by connection to land, heart, spirit, ancestors and teachings from Elders and knowledge holders. With the intent to honour these connections, I utilize my preferred mediums of traditional and contemporary beadwork, mixed media, traditional materials such as porcupine quills, reindeer/ moose/ elk hair, white fish scales, and hide, as well as acrylic painting and fabrics. I aspire to continue to gather the skills and knowledge of traditional Métis art forms, such as horse hair wrapping, quill work, moose hair embroidery, and hollow hair tufting and sculpting, through self-study and knowledge transfer by master knowledge holders. In turn, reciprocating the transfer of knowledge to others, informally and formally.*