

## EMCS Weekly Message for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Spring Break is quickly approaching. It is important for the students to stay focused and engaged in learning until break and it is also a great time to visit the EMCS website ([www.emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/](http://www.emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/)) which is regularly updated with opportunities and timelines for all students to stay on track. Huge congratulations to our grads for a fantastic fashion show and thank you to all who supported and attended this fundraiser.

### **Course Selection for 2016-2017**

Course selection for the 2016-2017 school year is underway. Due to technical difficulties, current Grade 9 to 11 students will NOT be using Career Cruising for course selection this year. We hope to use Career Cruising next school year, so students are encouraged to turn in their Career Cruising consent forms to the office if they haven't already done so.

Counsellors met with current Grade 9 and 10 students this week regarding course selection and will meet with current Grade 11 students on Monday, March 7.

Information on course selection for current Grade 9 – 11 students can be found on the EMCS website at: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/course-selection/current-gr-9-11-students/>

Completed course selection forms are due at the EMCS office by Friday, March 11.

Please contact your child's school counsellor if you have any questions about course selection for next year.

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**Math and Science Tutoring** - Free tutoring for all levels of math and science (up to grade 11) is offered every Thursday after school in the counselling suite. No appointment necessary.

**Europe 2017 Spring Break Trip:** for those who have signed up and those who are thinking of signing up, there is a meeting Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the art room. (Please see poster attached)

## **Scholarships and Bursaries**

There have been some major updates to Scholarship & Bursary section of the EMCS website. Grade 12s are encouraged to look through all the awards in the EMCS Awards Database. There is a lot of scholarship and bursary money available.

Scholarships/bursaries with application deadlines in March:

- Sooke Minor Hockey Scholarship
- Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association Scholarship
- Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship
- BC School Trustees Association Student Citizenship Award
- BC Soccer Scholarship
- Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship
- Quest for Excellence Bursary
- Ken Dryden Scholarship
- Canadian Association of Principals Student Leadership Award
- Michael Potter / Rotary Club of Victoria – Harbourside Bursary

**Attention students interested in working at the Dockyards!** Apprenticeship opportunities are now available in the following trades:

- Hull trades
- Metal trades including metal fabrication, sheet metal, and welding
- Pipefitter
- Electrician (Marine & Weapons)
- Machinist
- Millwright

Applications are in the Career Centre. Deadline for completed applications is April 10th. Don't delay, these opportunities go fast.

## Reminders for Grade 12 Students

**Please remember that only students who are on track to grad will be permitted to participate in the grad ceremony. Being on track means that there are deadlines that must be met!**

- Refer to the Grade 12 Checklist for a list of important things to do during your Grade 12 year. <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2015/10/EMCS-Grade-12-Checklist.pdf>
- Review the Grad List requirements online at: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2015/10/Grad-List.pdf>
- Are you taking a distance learning course? You should be turning in assignments regularly. **Any DL courses that are required for graduation must be completed by May 1** for you to be on the Grad List. Note that many post-secondary schools expect you to complete DL courses early in the spring so be sure to check the requirements of the post-secondary schools you hope to attend.
- Self-Reporting grades to universities... UVIC, UBC and many other universities require you to “self-report” your marks online. Check the requirements and timelines for universities to which you’ve applied. Self-reporting at UVIC opens Feb. 15. **See your counsellors for help if needed.**

**Vancouver Island’s Youth Parliament** is looking for students to participate in the March 11-13th session held at the University of Victoria. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss and debate topics passionate to youth. Please contact the Career Centre for an application.

### 11 Field Ambulance Open House - March 20

On March 20th, 11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance will be hosting an Open House as part of a recruiting drive for the Army Health Care Reserves. The event will be from 12pm to 4pm and will have interactive displays which will include an IV clinical area, a weapons tent, and a field hospital set up to display casualty care. There will be a lot of information provided on different trades and post-secondary funding. Lunch will be provided.

11 Field Ambulance is located at 724 Vanalman Ave. Victoria, BC.

For more information, contact Sgt. Van Loon at 250-363-8360 or [Seth.Vanloon@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Seth.Vanloon@forces.gc.ca)

**HMCS Naval Reserve** is hosting a Spring Break “Sailor for a Day” opportunity. Sea survival, life raft training and open water operation of a Ridged Hull Inflatable Boat will be part of the day. See the Career Centre for details.

**For our Prom on Friday, June 17th** please remember that the Magic Wand offers dresses, accessories and tuxedos for students who are not able to purchase their own. Simply call Elizabeth at 250-658-0246 to set up an appointment. The Magic Wand is an annual supporter of the Edward Milne Grad Fashion Show! (Please see attached poster).

Spring break is almost upon us and often there are fun and organized trips associated with this break. We want to be clear, though, that “S Trips” are not sanctioned by our school or by our school district. Neither are they a school recommended way for our students to spend their spring vacation.

**Volunteers Needed:**

Student volunteers 16 yrs. of age or older to help us with time keeping and score keeping shifts March 11th, 12th, and 13th @ Seaparc. Sign Up in the Career Centre.

Volunteers for the Sooke River 10K Race being held on Sunday April 3rd. Please sign up in the Career Centre.

March 14th - 29<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

March 30<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens – Welcome Back!

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Non-Instructional Day

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Fair Night

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Career Exploration Night at EMCS

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Early dismissal (3 hours early) – Parent Teacher Conferences