

EMCS Weekly Message for April 11th, 2017

Report cards will be distributed during homeroom Wednesday with a reminder that tomorrow is also an early dismissal day for parent/teacher interviews. After a long weekend, classes resume first thing Tuesday morning. With only 51 days of classes left, it is important for students to set their sights on the horizon to finish the year strong. If you have any concerns about your student's progress, please contact their teacher or the office; we are always available to help.

The opening of the **Advanced Placement Studio Art Graduation Exhibit** at the South Shore Gallery is Saturday April 22nd from 12-3. Please come and support our young artists.

All parents of Aboriginal graduates please see the attached information for an optional Aboriginal recognition ceremony May 27th, at Camosun College. This is a district event honoring Aboriginal graduates from district 62. Deadline to RSVP is April 22nd. Please contact Kathy Sudlow ksudlow@sd62.bc.ca or Amy Harris aharris@sd62.bc.ca for any questions.

Spring Out Of Hunger Needs Volunteers!

The EMCS Leadership Program is happy to once again join forces with Belmont Secondary School this year for the newly branded spring drive, **Spring Out Of Hunger**. We are still in need of drivers and sorters; please sign up in the Career Center. See poster attached.

The Sooke Rotary Auction welcomes student volunteers for their annual event coming up on April 29th. Rotary supports many valuable projects in Sooke including generous bursaries for graduating students. They could use your help to make it all happen. See Career Centre for details.

Sooke Elementary Spring Fling needs volunteers to help set up/clean up, serve food and help with the auction on Thursday May 4th. The shifts are 4-6pm or 6-8pm. Sign up in the Career Center.

The Sooke Harbourside Lions Duck Race is being held on May 6th. All funds raised will support Juvenile Diabetes Research. Lions support many valuable projects in Sooke including generous bursaries for graduating students. Volunteers are welcome for this fun filled, family event. See Career Centre for details.

Magic Wand for grads makes dreams come true! Any graduating student may use the Magic Wand to borrow rather than buy – for a small fee. The 100 dresses are carefully selected and are either new or like-new. There are over 45 different styles of tuxes. All accessories included. (See poster attached)

Grad Requirements and EMCS Grad List

Grade 12 students are reminded to review BC Graduation Requirements and EMCS Grad List requirements on the EMCS website at:

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/general-news-announcements/>

Grad List Requirements:

- On track to complete ALL BC graduation requirements by the end of June
- Grad Transitions COMPLETE
- Passing ALL courses required to graduate on the April report card. If you are not passing required courses on the April report card, you will be added to the grad list when you provide teacher confirmation that you have brought up your marks to above 50%.
- Completed ALL required WestShore or other Distance Learning courses
- Grad ceremony comments submitted to office (the comments that will be read as you walk the stage at Grad)
- No outstanding school fees or missing library books / text books. See your counsellor if you require assistance.

Only students on the Grad List will be eligible to:

- book the 3 Grad tickets that are included with the grad fee
- purchase additional Grad tickets
- participate in the EMCS Graduation Ceremonies
- have their name added to the Graduation Ceremony Program
- be able to purchase Prom tickets

The initial Grad List will be posted at the beginning of May and will be updated daily as students meet requirements. **The final Grad List deadline is MAY 26.** Students not on this final list will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Scholarships and Bursaries

- The updated **SCHOOL** Awards application form is now available on the EMCS website.
- The Metchosin Foundation is offering 4 new external scholarships for students living in Metchosin. See the EMCS Awards Database on the website for details.

The deadline for most LOCAL and SCHOOL Awards is Monday, May 1 @8:45am.

For more information on scholarships and bursaries, see the EMCS website... *Graduation* under the *Students* tab.

Apr. 12th – **Report Cards distributed during homeroom**

Apr. 12th – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30**

April 13th – **Non-instructional Day**

April 14th – **Good Friday**

April 17th – Easter Monday

April 21st – Grad Transitions Due

April 26th – Spring Out Of Hunger (previously 10,000 Tonight) 5-9pm

April 28th – National Day of Mourning

May 1st – Scholarship Applications due at 8:45am/Grad List Posted

May 3rd – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm