

EMCS WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 12, 2018



We hope that everyone had a healthy and relaxing holiday and is ready to finish off semester one with enthusiasm! A warm welcome to our new principal Laura Fulton, it will be a busy next few weeks as she acquaints herself with the staff, students and community of EMCS. Feel free to come and introduce yourself at the next PAC meeting.

Important this week:

2018 Grad Photos

EMCS Grad photos will take place here at the school from January 15th – 19th. This is very different from the school photography students have experienced in the past. Students will be photographed in multiple poses, on multiple backgrounds, with attention to personality. You can enhance your portraits with your own props and style. Bring items like scarves, hats, accessories, sports gear, musical instruments, something that shows who you are. Caps and gowns are provided. Dress shirts and ties are available if needed. Please follow the instructions below to book your portrait.

- 1) Go to www.lifetouch.ca/victoria
- 2) Click on your school link
- 3) Create a user account
- 4) Choose a time slot
- 5) Please arrive 10 minutes prior to scheduled appointment to allow time for sign in
- 6) Session fee of \$25 is due at time of appointment. (Cash or cheque only)

Winter Wellness Week

The Ab Ed department and Spirit Team has organized an amazing week ahead that will incorporate and build a connection with our student population by sharing some of the culture of our Indigenous peoples. This event will include role models, smoking fish, tea making, Indigenous games, Sla-Hal tourney, food and music.

EMCS Film, Theatre and Art present... **Final Projects Night**

Thursday, January 18th at 7pm (see attachment)

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available for sale in the office and this year we are excited to also offer tickets online! Please click this link to purchase yours: <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/>

Mathematics & Computing Contest at EMCS

Coaching and support are available – please see attachment for information

Pre-sales for the 2017 – 2018 EMCS Yearbook are now available through our School Cash Online program. <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/> Please, remember that you won't see the item available until you have completed the consent for your student. Yearbooks are \$45 each and will be available for pick up at the end of June. Instructions are attached.

Grade 12 Checklist

The Grade 12 Checklist has been updated and is available on the EMCS website.

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2016/10/EMCS-Grade-12-Checklist-updated-Oct-2017.pdf>

It is imperative that all grade 12 students read this carefully and complete graduation requirements. We are here to help if students and parent have questions.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The EMCS Financial Aid Handbook has been updated and is available on the EMCS website.

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/scholarship-bursaries-student-loans/>

This booklet is a must-read for Grade 12 students planning to apply for scholarships and bursaries this year.

Attachments:

'intheknow' Education Networking Sessions

Collaborate Problem Solving (please see attachment)

Mindful Education (please see attachment)

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Presented by Royal Bay's Black Wing Theatre Company (please see attachment)

11th Annual Vancouver Island Parent Conference – please see attachment

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 15th – Non Instructional Day (New Curriculum Pro-D)

Jan. 17th – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

January 16th – 19th - Winter Wellness Week

January 15th – 19th – Grad Photos

Jan. 18th – Final Projects Night (tickets are available now online!)

Jan. 19th – Hold & Secure Drill

Jan. 24th – Term 2 Ends

Jan. 25-26th – Provincial Exams

February 22nd – Open House

February 27th – Talent Show