

EMCS WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR February 09 2018



February is not just time for new classes at EMCS; it is also time for us to start the process of ensuring a smooth transition into next year. This means that counsellors will be visiting Journey Middle School to talk to our incoming grade 9s about their course options. It also means that we will be having our Open House/Course Fair here on Thursday February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30. This open house is not just for our incoming students and parents; it is equally relevant for our current students who are charting their course towards grad. Everyone is welcome!

All of us at EMCS wish our students and families a restful Family Day holiday with classes resuming Tuesday morning.

Report Cards will be handed out Monday, February 19th during homeroom.

Congratulations!

The junior boys' basketball team played one of their best team games of the season on Wednesday night, defeating Parkland in the opening round of the playoffs by a final score of 55-38. Solid defense and potent three- point shooting were keys to the success. The team plays next Wednesday in the next round of the playoffs. A victory in that game will ensure the team plays in the city championships. Wish them luck!

Important this week:

Eddie M's is open! Do you know our amazing cafeteria sells Munch Cards? Never worry about forgetting your lunch again. Purchase one online at <https://sd62.schoolcashonline.com/> or come and purchase one from Kimberly in the office. Please follow the link to the weekly menu; <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/eddie-ms/>

Pre-sales for the 2017 – 2018 EMCS Yearbook are now available through our School Cash Online program. <https://sd62.schoolcashonline.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.

EMCS Society meeting, Thurs. Feb. 15 - Monthly gathering of the EMCSS board and members in the EMCS board room. Interested in helping shape our community school's future? Attend meetings, receive minutes and join the discussion for an annual membership fee of \$2. Contact Reta Vasey at (250) 642-6371 or rvasey@sd62.bc.ca to learn more. <https://www.emcsprograms.ca>

Sooke Talks Wed. Feb. 21, 6:30 pm to 9 pm at EMCS - the first in a series of speaker nights showcasing remarkable people from the Sooke region. MC Tania Ehman will introduce a debut line-up featuring Marjorie Baskerville, Christine Bossi, Don Brown, Phoebe Dunbar, Rick Eby, Emma Hornsby, Parvez Kumar, Finn & Chloe Unger and Tracy Waters. **Tickets \$15 at the Stick, Shoppers, at the EMCS Program Office or online at CanadaHelps.org (search term: EMCS Society).** A fundraiser for the Community Theatre co-presented by the EMCS Society and Sooke Harbour Toastmasters.

Upcoming:

Bus Drivers On-Call – The School District is in need of on-call bus drivers. Please see the attached advertisement.

EXPLORE UVIC - Saturday, Feb, 17th

Visit the campus to learn about UVIC's extraordinary environment, take a campus tour, hear from current students, and speak with staff from student support services. Register at: www.uvic.ca/explore

Strengthening Connection - February 20th 1pm EMCS Library

Strengthening Connections is a group of Aboriginal recruiters and advisors from several BC post-secondary institutions with the mandate to provide Aboriginal peoples in BC with the information they need to successfully pursue a post-secondary education. Although Strengthening Connections members hail from individual institutions throughout BC, we work as a team across institutional lines to assist those we serve in finding the best options for them. See attachment.

<https://strengtheningconnections.wordpress.com/about/>

Free Camosun College Career in Business Tour on Wednesday, February 21st. Learn about Business programs, meet the Profs and engage in a fun hands on activity. Transportation provided. Permission slip required. See Career Centre for details.

EMCS OPEN HOUSE

Our annual EMCS OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30. It is an opportunity for ALL students as well as their parents, to be prepared for the 2018-2019 course selection process which begins later THIS MONTH. Representatives from the University of Victoria and Camosun College will be in attendance to answer questions from current grade 12 students.

Attention families of graduating students: If you have a student who is hoping to attend prom this year, you may want to take a look at The Magic Wand Project. This is a non-profit organization that rents dresses and tuxes to students, charging only the price of cleaning. They are now accepting appointments. www.themagicwandproject.ca

Attachments:

District Online Consent Portal

This is a web-based tool to efficiently collect parents' consent for a variety of activities. The intention is to replace paper-based forms. The system has been live for a few months; if you have not completed your consents either by paper or online, please follow the instructions attached.

Exciting Opportunities Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sooke for Grade 11 & 12 Students – please see attachment.

EMCS Program Office

New classes are starting – please see attachment.

Soldier for a Day - are you interested in a career in the Army Reserve? Please see the Career Centre for details and/or the attachment.

Camosun College is hosting an all day, free career exploratory for all female students interested in Electrical, Automotive, Civil and Computer Science, Sheet Metal, Carpentry, Electronics or Mechanics. Lunch will be included! There are limited seats available so sign up in the Career Center as soon as possible – see attachment.

The Intercultural Association of British Columbia - New immigrant and refugee families who moved to Canada within the last 10 years. Bring a friend or two, and a Valentine's treat if you like! See attachment.

Important Upcoming Dates:

February 12 – Family Day
February 19 – Report cards distributed
February 22 – Open House
February 23 – Non Instructional Day
February 27 – Talent Show
February 28 – Anti Bullying/Pink Shirt Day
March 14th & 15th – Grad Fashion Show
March 17-April 2 – Spring Break/ Easter