

EMCS WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR April 13 2018



Report cards will be distributed during homeroom Monday with a reminder that next Thursday is an early dismissal day for parent/teacher interviews and Friday is a non-instructional day. If you need to, and have not already booked an appointment with your child's teacher(s) for a learning conference please see the details below.

Upcoming

EMCS uses an on-line booking program called School Appointments to book appointments with your child's teacher during Learning Conferences.

The program is open and you are able to book appointments up until noon on Wednesday, April 18th.

Please see below for detailed parent instructions for using the on-line booking system.

If you require assistance, please call the EMCS office at 250-642-5211.

Click on the below link to register and schedule an appointment with your child's teacher.

<https://emcs.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

[Condensed Parent Instructions](#)

[Parent Instructions \(Detailed\)](#)

EMCS is looking to start an Intercultural Club this semester for both International and Canadian students. This club will help International students become more involved in the school, allow all students to learn about each other's' cultures, and host fun social events. The first meeting is going to be **next Tuesday, April 17th** at lunch in room 2033. If you think you might be interested, come and find out more details! Please see Ms. Williams with any questions.

For anyone interested in some leadership opportunities you are in luck! There are two awesome upcoming leadership conferences that would look great on your resume and any scholarship applications. The Summit at the Bay is from April 21-22nd <http://rethinkthinking.ca/summit-at-the-bay-2018>

It's for anyone who would like to volunteer for the Second Annual 10,000 Tonight Spring out of Hunger Food Drive on Wednesday, April 25th from 5-9pm.

They can either volunteer to drive students around to pick up donations in the community or stay at the school to count and sort the food items. I've had some parents ask me how to sign up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ba4a62ba3f49-100001>

UVIC Registration 101 - Wednesday, May 16 during the 2nd D block in Room 2029

All students who intend to study at UVIC should attend to learn how to plan your schedule, figure out what courses to take, and register in classes. **Please sign up in advance on the sheet on Mr. Phipps' office door.**

The We Leadership Conference is from May 16-18th and is free! These conferences are a great way to build your leadership skills and hang out with youth who want to make a difference in their school and community. For more information or to register for either of these conferences, please see Ms. White as soon as possible! All are welcome to go!

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy changes

Effective this September 1st, there will be some changes to our Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy that will impact our Active Plan holders. Permanent Total Disability coverage will be reduced from \$360,000 to \$100,000 and Dismemberment or Total & Permanent Loss of Use from \$200,000 to \$100,000. These changes allow us to continue to offer the benefits families use most, such as dental treatment and eyewear, with no increase in premiums. Kids Plus insurance information is posted on the EMCS website under the parent tab.

Congratulations!

The boy's rugby team played at Reynolds and split their games with a win and a loss. The win had a dramatic finish with a Herculean effort by Robbie Lowerison to evade the entire Royal Bay defense to win the game as time expired. Silan Kibora was also recognized as man of the match!

Attachments:

Pacific Design Academy – Graphic Design Program and Application for their summer class – please see attachment

EMCS Program Office

New classes are starting – please see attachment

Are you looking for an evening of music and comedy that the whole family can enjoy? Then don't miss the SD 62 PACE Musical Theatre production **THE GREATEST SHOW!**, April 20-28 at the Isabelle Reader Theatre – see attachment

AP Studio Art Graduation Exhibit – April 21 - 27, 2018 - see attachment

Teen Stress Buster Workshop

Saturday, April 21st - see attachment

'Taking Action' Leadership Conference

Saturday, May 5th - This is a great opportunity for youth to engage with community leaders, and learn more about the issues facing their communities. MP Alistair MacGregor will be the event's keynote speaker, while other presenters include guests from organizations such as Our Place, Education is Power, and Island Sexual Health - see attachment.

Grad Ceremony Tickets

Available May 8th at 9:30am - see attachment for details

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

Tuesday, May 15th – see attachment

Important Info for Grads

Grade 12 Checklist

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

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

Grad Ceremony

The Grad Ceremony section of the website has been updated please see the link below for the Grad List requirements and the ticket booking info from UVIC, etc.

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/graduation-ceremony/>

Scholarship & Bursaries

District Scholarships – application deadline is April 18

District Scholarship (\$1250) application forms are available in the scholarship cabinet in the counselling centre. These scholarships recognized achievement in any one of the following areas:

- Indigenous Language and Culture
- Fine Arts e.g. visual arts, drama, music
- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies e.g. technology ed, home economics, communications technology
- Physical Activity e.g. athletics, dance, gymnastics...
- International Languages
- Community Service
- Technical and Trades Training e.g. carpentry, cook training, ...

Our district has been allocated **115** of these scholarships! Achievements both in/out of school in the above areas are recognized. Many EMCS students should apply.

Applications due in April

- District Scholarships (**April 18** to Mr. Phipps) this is a "local award" with an early deadline.
- Monk Office Graduation Scholarship (**April 18** to Mr. Phipps) this is a "local award" with an early deadline.
- Coast Capital Savings Standing Tall Awards (**April 18** to Mr. Phipps) this is a "local award" with an early deadline.
- Harry DeSwagger Big Brothers / Big Sisters Scholarship
- Lower Island Soccer Association Scholarship
- Sooke Soccer Club Scholarship
- BC Hockey Scholarship
- Public Guardian and Trustee Educational Assistance Fund

- CUPE Local 459 Bursary
- Education Facility Managers Association of BC Bursary
- Jim Hebden Chemistry Bursary
- Ken Dryden Scholarship
- Michael Potter / Rotary Club of Victoria Harbourside Bursary
- Victoria Diocesan Catholic Women's League Bursary
- Juan de Fuca Soccer Association Dirk Darley Scholarship

Applications due in May

- **School** Awards Applications (**May 7, 8:45am** to Mr. Phipps)
- Most **Local** Awards applications (**May 7, 8:45am** to Mr. Phipps)
- Sooke Minor Fastball Finn Kennedy Bursary
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- UFCW & OFG Joint Diversity Scholarship
- The Federation of Community Social Services of BC Youth Education Bursary
- Janice Lee Blue Wave Bursary
- Sooke Principals' and Vice Principals' Association Scholarship
- CST Scholarships and Bursaries
- Judy Bourne Memorial Scholarships
- Orchid Bursary

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 16 – Reports distributed in Homeroom
 April 19 – Learning Conferences and Early Dismissal
 April 20 – Non-Instructional Day
 April 25 – Spring out of Hunger
 May 1 – Grad List Posted
 May 4 – Non-Instructional Day
 May 8 – Booking opens for Grad Ceremony Tickets (must be on the Grad List)
 May 9 – PAC Meeting
 May 25 – Deadline for Grad List
 June 2 – Graduation Ceremony
 June 6-8 – Musical Show
 June 13 – PAC Meeting
 June 14 – Major Awards Ceremony
 June 15 – Prom
 June 28 – Last Day of School