It has been another super week at EMCS! Many students are reporting their excitement in successfully winding up their second course. Tomorrow we will begin Octa 3 on an adjusted schedule to accommodate learning conferences. All students registered on a bus have now received information from the transport department about route changes. Please make sure that you pay close attention to these messages as new routes do not come into effect until Monday, given the adjusted Thursday schedule and that Friday is a Professional Development Day. It is possible that a student's Octa 3 class changes mean that it is a good day for families to arrange alternative transportation. Staff are looking forward to engaging in a wide range of rich learning opportunities, including developing a deeper understanding of what it means to put 'equity into action'.

Great Learning at EMCS!



Students in the Pacific Willow learning group took part in a virtual presentation about the harm of opiods this week, while our Ab Ed teacher Kristi Schaeffer makes traditional medicine bags with sciences humaines 9!

Last call for Purdy's chocolate orders!

Orders to support this year's Grad class close **TODAY**, November 18th. To place orders online, go to https://fundraising.purdys.com/813172-75772, create an account, and join our campaign. Please ensure that you write the full name of the student that you would like to support in the additional information field so that we can allocate the profits to that student's fees. Click here further information.

Learning Conferences

Secondary Learning Conferences will be held remotely this Thursday, November 19th, from 1:20pm-3:20pm and can be scheduled through https://emcs.schoolappointments.com/admin/. Teachers will send parents a link to a MS Teams or Google Meet meeting – conferences will be online, not in person. If this timing is not convenient, parents can request a phone call or online meeting with a teacher at any point throughout the school year by contacting their student's teacher directly. Class schedules will also be adjusted to allow teachers time for the conferences.

The AM Cohort will run: 8:40 am - 10:40 am

Transition time: 10:40 am - 11:10 am
The PM Cohort will run: 11:10 am- 1:10 pm

Transportation details have been emailed to bus student families. Questions, please feel free to email

our Transportation Department: bussing@sd62.bc.ca

Masks in the common areas and on buses

A friendly reminder that secondary school students are required to wear a non-medical mask in high traffic areas such as buses, in common areas such as hallways and washrooms. Please remind your student that masks must be worn the entire time a student is riding a school bus.

EMCS YEARBOOKS 2019-2020

We still have 30 copies remaining! We are doing a FLASH SALE, copies are being sold at a reduced price of \$35.00.

EMCS YEARBOOKS 2020-2021

Reserve your copy now for \$50! All yearbook purchases can be made here: https://www.schoolcashonline.com/

Interested in helping create the 2020-21 yearbook? See the "Daily Student Announcements" on our website or app for instructions! Everyone is welcome to submit artwork or photos for the yearbook!

Grade 12 Grad Updates!

Transcript Verification Reports (TVRs) for Grade 12 Students

Counsellors mailed home TVRs to all Grade 12 students and parents/guardians. The TVR is a summary of the information on file with the Ministry of Education, including name, address, courses completed, courses in progress, credits, and graduation eligibility. Students and parents/guardians, please check over the TVR carefully and notify the appropriate School Counsellor if you see any errors or have questions.

Interested in the University of Victoria? Book a private meeting with UVic Recruiter Stephanie Parker and/or check out upcoming information sessions, student experience panels, sample lectures, parent nights, and other events offered by UVIC throughout the year. <u>Book an appointment</u> / <u>Register for an upcoming event</u>

UBC Medical Program Info Session for EMCS Grade 9-12 students & parents - Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00pm. Zoom meeting details to follow. Email Mr. Phipps (aphipps@sd62.bc.ca) if you are interested in participating.

Exciting Opportunities for Everyone!

Free Virtual Workshop for Parents - Connecting with Our Kids When Anxiety Leads to Social Isolation

- Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 4pm
- Registration is required.
- See the poster below for more info and the link to register.



Stay in the loop

You can find updates on our website http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/, the Wolverines App, and the District website https://www.sd62.bc.ca/.

We continue to encourage parents and guardians to reach out to the school via phone (250-642-5211) and email (emcs@sd62.bc.ca) with any questions you may have!

Important dates:

November 19th – Early Dismissal, Learning Conferences and Octa 3 Begins!

November 20th – Non Instruct day

November 25th - Report cards will be published in the MyEducation BC Portal by 4pm.

December 8th – PAC Meeting via MS Teams, 6:30pm

*The EMCS Wellness Center is open each Wednesday, 12pm-3:30pm

Looking for information from a previous Weekly Message? Check our Archive by clicking here!