

Students continue to be focused on all of the great learning opportunities here at EMCS! With Octa 3 winding up next week, please make sure you are in contact with your student's [teacher](#) so that you are aware of their progress in their current course.

Many Grade 12 students are also thinking about life after high school and their post secondary options. This should be a topic they are discussing with their Career Teacher and Counselor. Students can book appointments with Counselors through our fantastic [online booking system](#). There is also a wealth of Post Secondary information available on our [website](#).

Families will receive their course placement information for Octa 4 next week. Please note that we we have carefully placed students in am and pm cohorts to accommodate bus routes, keep class sizes balanced, and in some cases keep curricular grades together. This is a tricky process and we will not be able to accept requests for changes. The first priority of students during the half of the day that they are not at the school, should be their self-directed course work.

### **10,000 Tonight ends Friday!**

This year's fundraising campaign will be online until Friday, December 11. This deadline is for the donation component AND [the silent auction \(click here to see it!\)](#).

**For every \$1 donated/raised, the Sooke Food Bank is able to purchase \$3 worth of food for their clients.**

The silent auction portion can be seen by [clicking here!](#) If you wish to donate click on the 10,000 Tonight DONATE button on our website.



### **Holiday Spirit Week:**

*(Please keep in mind that all of our COVID protocols are still in place during this week)*

**Monday, Dec 14:** Festive Hat Day – wear your favorite Santa Hat, toque, reindeer antlers, etc.

**Tuesday, Dec 15:** Ugly Holiday Sweater/Sock Day – wear your ugliest/tackiest holiday shirt or sweater you can find. Add in ugly holiday socks to really kick it up!

**Wednesday, Dec 16:** Holiday Character Day – dress up as your favorite holiday character

**Thursday, Dec 17:** Festive Outfit Day – wear red, green, white, anything that puts you into the festive mood!

**Friday, Dec 18:** T’was the Night Before – PJ DAY!!! Prepare for Winter Break in your coziest pyjamas

### **Great Learning at EMCS!**

Film students are busy this week capturing images and descriptions of our school to help begin transitioning grade 8 students to EMCS this spring.



### **YEARBOOKS**

We still have 25 copies of the 2019-20 yearbook remaining! We are doing a FLASH SALE, copies are being sold at a reduced price of \$35.00.

**2020-2021 EMCS Yearbooks** can be reserved 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!**

If you don't yet have your Purdy's order, please have your student go to room 2030 to pick it up (masks required). Thank you again for your support of this year's Grad class!



## **GRAD PHOTOS Jan 11-15, 2021**

The grad site is now open for grads at Edward Milne Secondary Grads. To sign up for your Grad portraits, go to: [schedule.prestigeportraits.ca](https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca). Be sure to select Sooke as the city.

Please note that there are some changes due to COVID-19 protocols.

- We do provide white shirts and ties for the gentlemen but we recommend they bring their own white shirt if they have one.
- There are no "Buddy photos" this year and we are limiting only 1 set of casual cloths due to cleaning time in between sittings.
- Grads are welcome to bring in a prop such as musical instrument, sports jersey and stick etc.
- 1 person at a time in photo area, no family members or friends allowed.

If you have a problem signing up, please call 250-744-4100 ext 1 or email at [brgibson@lifetouch.ca](mailto:brgibson@lifetouch.ca) and Bruce will assist you.

**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. [Book an appointment](#) / [Register for an upcoming event](#)

**Opportunities for Everyone!**

[Canadian Coast Guard College Virtual Presentations](#) - December 10, January 12, January 28, or February 9 at 4:30pm (Sooke time). Learn about the Coast Guard's Officer Training Program! Register online by [clicking here](#).

Virtual Parenting Groups - Parents Together and Parenting Without Power Struggles are online parenting groups offered by the Boys & Girls Club of Victoria. Please click on the posters for more information!

**Vancouver Island Parents!**

**DO YOU FEEL UNSURE  
OF HOW TO  
SUPPORT  
YOUR TEEN?**

**JOIN OUR PARENTS TOGETHER PROGRAM**

This program helps parents of teens gain confidence, discover practical tips and resources, and find support from other parents.

**TUESDAYS, 12:00PM - 1:30PM • JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**LOCATION: ONLINE PARENTING GROUP**

**COST: BY DONATION**

**TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Lisa Hoffman 250-217-4929  
E: [parentingprograms@bgvic.org](mailto:parentingprograms@bgvic.org)

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PISE has some wonderful new scholarship and bursary opportunities available for youth developmental athletes. The Chris Considine Bursary (1 X \$1000) is available to high performance youth athletes in running, climbing or cycling and will cover any expenses related to training and competing at a high level. The Liz Ashton Scholarships (3 X \$500) are available to youth athletes and will cover strength and conditioning training services at PISE. The deadline to apply is January 17, 2021. Please apply by clicking this link:

<https://www.pise.ca/scholarship-opportunities/>

### **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](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca)) with any questions you may have!

**Important dates:**

December 21<sup>st</sup> -Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Winter break

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – Back to school! Octa 4 Begins.

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – Report cards published to [MyEd portals](#) by 4pm

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Grad photos (book online at [schedule.prestigeportraits.ca](https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca))

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – EMCS PAC Meeting at 6:30pm via MS Teams ([click here for the meeting link!](#))

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Literacy and Numeracy assessments Window

\*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!](#)