EMCS Weekly Message for January 27, 2017

Classes resume Monday morning and the second semester and third term begin. There will be a brief homeroom for all students on Monday morning to pick up outstanding and/or revised schedules. The last day for requesting course changes is Wednesday, February 1. Request for Timetable Change forms are available in the office and must be turned in, complete with parent signature. Changes will be considered only in certain situations as indicated on the form. Students requesting changes should attend all classes on their current schedule until hearing back from their counsellor. Student timetables are subject to change depending on class sizes and other factors.

**Free Glaciology and Marine Programs for Girls Seek Applications -** Inspiring Girls Expeditions is accepting applications through January 31, 2017 for free summer science and wilderness expeditions in Alaska and Washington for girls ages 16 to 17. Three teams of up to nine teenage girls and three instructors will spend 12 days exploring and learning about mountain glaciers or fjords with tidewater glaciers. They’ll conduct scientific field studies with professional glaciologists, oceanographers, artists and mountaineers. The three Inspiring Girls trips of 2017 will include Girls on Ice Alaska, Girls on Ice Cascades and Girls in Icy Fjords. They are operated through IARC (International Arctic Research Centre) and the UAF College of Natural Science & Mathematics. For more information visit: <https://web.iarc.uaf.edu/2016/12/21/free-glaciology-and-marine-programs-for-girls-seek-applications/>

**Exciting Opportunities Offered By the Sooke Rotary Club**

The Sooke Rotary Club has generously offered to sponsor students to attend the following trips (one student per trip). All costs are covered, including transportation, meals and accommodation. Students interested in one of these trips should see Mr. Phipps in the counselling suite as soon as possible.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Award, March 16 – 19, Tacoma, Washington**

The **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** (**RYLA**) is a truly exciting opportunity for **Grade 11** students to participate in a four day, leadership camp with like-minded individuals where you will form lasting friendships, hear from professional speakers, develop as a leader, grow as a person and have fun - at no cost to you!**RYLA is** a life changing event that takes placeat a large, retreat acreage in Washington State offering a fully equipped facility with dorms, theatre, presentation rooms, and spectacular meals.

**Adventures in Technology**, **April 23-27, 2017 Saskatoon**

Adventures in Technology - is a comprehensive, four and a half day event that allows 30 Western Canadian **Grade 11 and 12** students to explore advanced technology, research, development and applications. The experience enhances each participant's awareness and understanding of technology, the many ways it affects our lives and the opportunities it holds for tomorrow.

Students visit an exciting array of some of Canada's finest corporations and research facilities such as the University of Saskatchewan, Areva Resources Ltd, Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, and the Canadian Light Source. These organizations offer tours, informative lectures, and provide hands-on opportunities.

**Adventures in Forestry and Environmental Studies**, **May 10-14, Prince George**

Experience and explore the many facets of the forest and environmental industries. Open to students in **Grades 10, 11 and 12**, participants spend 3 days touring Prince George sawmills, pulp mills, tree nurseries, reforestation sites, post-secondary institutions and other related points of interest. The Adventures in Forestry and Environmental program introduces 25 to 40 high school students to the wide variety of careers the forest and environmental industries have to offer. Participants are able to work side by side with and ask questions of: mill staff, tree planters, nursery staff and forest fire personnel. Also, students learn about related programs at the University of Northern British Columbia and the College of New Caledonia.

**Parents of Grade Nine and Ten University-Bound Students**

On February 15th, Sharon Jesson one of our EMCS School Counsellors will accompany 30 grade nine and ten students, by bus, to a FREE day-long symposium at the University of Victoria.   Last year’s group loved it, and this is the final year that it will be available.  If your son or daughter is interested please call EMCS and speak directly to Sharon or have them sign up on the list posted on the Counselling bulletin board ASAP.

Participants will:

* Develop skills in leadership and group learning
* Learn about the latest in technology from top researchers in their fields
* Meet students from across British Columbia and share your ideas
* See what it's like to be a UVic student!

Follow this link for further information: <http://www.uvic.ca/freshminds/index.php>

Sharon Jesson, EMCS School Counsellor, 250-642-5211 Ext 1185

**EMCS boys and girls rugby teams** are selling tickets to the Canada - Argentina men rugby game Saturday February 4th.

Ticket costs are: One for $20, two for $35, three for $50 and four for $60.

**For any students interested in working in the film industry** there will be a Job Fair held in Victoria on Saturday January 28th. Several production companies are looking for local workers, anything from hairdressing to food vending to behind the scenes tech crews. Check out this link: <http://www.timescolonist.com/business/film-industry-in-greater-victoria-on-hunt-for-workers-1.7740340>

**The Boys and Girls Club** is offering an after school program, called Keystone Youth Leadership, for students interested in increasing their job readiness, developing life skills and volunteering in their community. A representative will be at EMCS on Feb. 8th at lunchtime to answer any questions you may have. Details can be found in the Career Centre.

**The Student Video Game Work Experience Program** provides students with the opportunity to learn what it is like to work in a video game company. The program will run from April - May 2017.
Each work experience week placement will run Mon - Thur.
Hours will be 9:30 am - 3 pm

**Open to grade 11 and 12 students only. Register at:** <http://www.vicvideogames.com/>

Jan. 30th – **Semester 2 and Term 3 Begin**

Feb.1st – **Online registration for Academies begins at 6am**

Feb. 1st – **Last chance to submit schedule changes**

Feb. 1st - **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm**

Feb. 8th – **Report cards distributed in homeroom**

Feb. 13th – **Family Day**

Feb. 15th – **Hockey Banquet @ 6pm**

Feb. 17th – **Students vs Staff Hockey Game**

Feb. 23rd – **EMCS Open House @ 6:30pm**

Feb. 24th **– Non-instructional day**