

EMCS Weekly Message for January 6, 2017

Welcome back and Happy New Year from all of us at EMCS! The students and staff are now back to work as our first semester is drawing quickly to a close. Monday is a curriculum implementation day during which all teachers will be working on strategies for the implementation of the new curriculum. Classes will not be in session, so this will give a little extra time for students to open the books and finish any outstanding assignments and/or study for finals. January is a busy month and it is important to read below for upcoming events to help keep your student on track. If you have concerns about your student's progress, reach out and communicate with your student's teachers. Open communication between home and school is a great support for student success. Semester 2 begins on January 30th with report cards handed out during homeroom on February 8th.

Semester One Final Exams

As you are no doubt aware, the Ministry of Education is moving away from traditional provincial exams. We are, however, in a transition year so there are still some provincial exams this month. English 12 will be written Tuesday morning, January 24th; Communications 12 will be written Wednesday morning, January 25th; French Immersion Language 12 will be Wednesday afternoon, January 25th; and First Peoples English 12 will be Wednesday afternoon, January 25th. Exact times and locations will be posted on our website.

In addition to the provincial exams, there will be many school exams in the last days of the semester. Students need to be working closely with their teachers to ensure that they know what is coming and that they are prepared. This is the time of year for all students to be reviewing their materials to ensure that they do the best they can on whatever summative assessment is in store for them.

Grad Fashion Show

The first rehearsal for will be this Sunday, January 8th from 3-5pm. Proceeds from the show will go towards paying grad and prom fees for the participants.

School clothing & Grad 2017 Clothing

On sale in the commons at lunch starting next week **Tuesday, January, 9th until Wednesday January 18th**.

Only orders that include full payment by cash or cheque made out to SD #62 will be accepted.

Come pick up an order form and check out the samples. Don't miss out!

Grad Photos will take place the week of January 16th-20th. Visit www.lifetouch.ca/victoria to sign up online. Choose your session and follow the instructions to create an account and choose a time. There is a session fee of \$25, payable by cash or cheque, due at the time of the appointment. Caps and gowns will be provided.

Vancouver Island University Information and Application Night at EMCS

- Tuesday, January 17
- 7:00pm
- EMCS Room 2038
- Who should attend? Any Grade 10-12 students interested in learning more about VIU are encouraged to attend along with parents/guardians.

Vancouver Island University recruiters will give a presentation to parents and students in a classroom upstairs at EMCS. You will learn about programs, admission requirements, the application process, scholarships, athletic opportunities, student housing, and more.

Following the presentation, the VIU staff and EMCS counsellors will be available in the computer lab to assist Grade 12 students with the online application process. Those planning to apply that night should bring a credit card for the VIU application fee.

Final Projects Night is getting ready to take the stage Wednesday, January 18!

See the best from Acting 11/12, Drama 10, Film Production 10-12 and the EMCS Art Department. Tickets are available for \$5 each at the office.

The EMCS Soccer Academy will be starting up in the second semester with some new additions. One is the opportunity for academy students to gain extra credits by registering for a Distance Learning course. This DL course does not cost anything and can be done after school and weekends. It is recommended for academy students who are participating in extracurricular activities such as Soccer or Hockey.

Students should see Ms. Hunter for further information and registration forms.

The soccer academy has also partnered up with the Victoria Highlanders Soccer Club; this high level coaching is a great addition to the soccer program and will help with player development.

Reminder to parents and students the website to register for academies is on the SD62 website. www.sd62.bc.ca

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.

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.

Jan. 9th – **Non-instructional Day**

Jan. 16th-20th – **Grad Photos**

Jan. 17th - **Vancouver Island University Information and Application Night at EMCS**

Jan. 18th – **Final Projects Night in the EMCS Theatre @ 7pm**

Jan. 30th – Semester 2 and Term 3 Begin

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