

EMCS Weekly Message for September 16th, 2016

We hope to see you all on Thursday, September 22nd for Meet the Teacher from 7 pm-8:15 pm! We will start in the theatre for general introductions and then move into the commons for more casual conversation.

We have had an excellent start to our new school year. The common areas of EMCS are becoming very quiet, which is always a good sign that students are focusing on their classes and working hard. All class changes have been finalized therefore all students should be attending all of their classes. If your student requires math tutoring, volunteer hours or leadership opportunities the details are included below. As always if you are concerned about your student, never hesitate to contact the teacher or the office.

EMCS is looking for Grade 10-12 students interested in volunteering as mentors for elementary school students at Saseenos this year. We are looking for volunteers who are reliable, honest, fun, and mature. Volunteers must have good communication skills and commit to seeing their little buddy at Saseenos once a week (usually Friday after school from 2:00 – 3:00pm). Both male and female mentors are needed. If you would like to apply or want to find out more, see Mr. Phipps in the counselling office as soon as possible.

We are also looking for Grade 9 and 10 Techie students to join our EMCS Tech crew. You will be involved in all the school productions and can earn extra money working for the community theater. Experience is not necessary as you will learn the required skills. The group meets once a week after school on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00. Please approach Mr. McLellan in the library or Mrs. McLellan in the theater if this is something that might interest you.

Math Tutoring

Matthew M., one of our Grade 12 students, offers free math tutoring for all levels up to grade 11 every Tuesday and Thursday after school in the counselling suite. No appointment necessary.

Rotary Youth Leadership Opportunity for Gr. 9/10 students

The Rotary Club of Sooke has offered to sponsor 2-3 EMCS Grade 9/10 students to attend the Vancouver Island Rotary Youth Leadership Award program (RYLA) taking place at Camp Qwanoes October 28-30. RYLA is an intensive leadership training conference and workshop. The program has been carefully

designed to provide basic leadership training and experience for young people from Western Washington and Canada. The program will include lectures and discussion periods with skilled and prominent leaders, as well as recreation, good food, and fellowship.

We are looking for Grade 9/10 students who have demonstrated a desire and some ability as a responsible leader of others. These students don't necessarily have to hold student leadership positions in the school. Candidates should have high character and a constructive attitude, and are in a position to learn and benefit from this experience. Students interested in this opportunity should see Mr. Phipps in the counselling suite as soon as possible.

Harmony Project Sooke is providing class lessons in violin, viola and cello, to students aged 7 to 10, on Mondays and Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:30pm, at Journey Middle School. We need a volunteer-helper for each class. Volunteers do not need any musical training, but should enjoy working with young children. Details can be found in the Career Centre.

ADHD Parent Information Day - September 26th, 2016 8:30am - 2:30pm

This learning event will provide an introduction childhood ADHD, and has been developed especially for parents/caregivers. Participants will be provided with practical information about supporting children with ADHD, working with professionals effectively, and promoting a positive family environment. This event is sponsored by the Ministry of Children and Family Development, School District 61, Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Island Health, and the FORCE Society for Kids' Mental Health.

Registration: to register for this free event, contact Lisa Tate at lisat@forcesociety.com

Sept. 19th – Non-instructional Day

Sept. 22nd – Cops for Cancer Spin-A-Thon

Sept. 22nd – Meet the Teacher night (7-8:15pm)

Sept. 24th – Leadership Bottle Drive - the money raised will go to Cops for Cancer and the Leadership Class for school and community events. (10am-2pm)

Sept. 30th – Orange Shirt Day (A day to recognize the impact of the residential school system)