

## EMCS Weekly Message for September 23rd, 2016

**Thank you to everyone who joined us last night for Meet the Teacher night;** it was fantastic to see the turn-out of new and returning faces. Building a relationship with your student's teacher is a great way to help ensure success. As was said last night, we do our best work for students when school and family work together, so please stay connected! Remember, if your son or daughter needs extra help, there are lots of opportunities here to make that happen.

### **EMCS 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

We are having a celebration on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached poster for details.

### **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.

### **A once in a lifetime opportunity!**

Europe Spring Break 2017 is now travelling to Dublin, London and Wales! Visit iconic places such as St. Patrick's Cathedral, The Tower of London, and Windsor Castle. Come stroll along Grafton Street in Dublin and through Trafalgar Square in London. There are a few places left on the tour, but the registration deadline is approaching. If you are interested please contact Ms. Garat.

**PACE Christmas Show Rehearsals** begin this Sunday at the Isabelle Reader Theatre at Spencer School. New students are welcome. Grade 4-6 from 1-2 p.m. Grade 7-12 from 2-5 p.m.

**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 Monday, September 26th, 2016, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm**

This session is an introduction to aspects of ADHD parents need to know to understand and manage their child's behaviour, liaise with professionals effectively and promote a positive family environment.

**Location:** Queen Alexander Auditorium, 2400 Arbutus Road, Victoria, **See attached outline of the day.**

**This event is free and to register please email [LisaT@forcesociety.com](mailto:LisaT@forcesociety.com)**

**The Sooke Parents' Education Advisory Council (SPEAC)** (SD62's District PAC) is proudly sponsoring the following events for parents and caregivers:

Oct. 12 – Sex & Drugs

Nov. 9 – Resilient and Flourishing Kids

\*\*\*Cost is FREE including child minding, which is available via RSVP. Please see the attached flyers for details and RSVP information.

Students interested in a career in the military are invited to attend the **Soldier for a Day** event on November 5th 2016. Introductions to weapons, vehicles, training equipment, military rations, and field tactics will be followed by information on education and employment opportunities with the Canadian Armed Forces. (Must be at least 15 yrs. old.) Details in the Career Centre.

**EMCS Curling Club**

The EMCS Curling Club is starting up again on Thursday Oct 6. An information sheet containing all the details is available by sending an email to Mr. Moldowan [mmoldowan@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:mmoldowan@sd62.bc.ca). All students are welcome including those who have never curled before.

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

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

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30**

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – **Thanksgiving**

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – **Sex & Drugs** (sponsored by SPEAC )

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – **EMCS Anniversary Celebration**

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – **Photo retakes**

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – **Non-Instructional Day**

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – **Halloween Dress-Up**