

EMCS Weekly Message for October 20th, 2016

It is a short week for students here at EMCS with a non-instructional day on Friday. The extra day off may be a great way to work on assignments or study to get prepared for the end of term on November 4th. There is still time to catch up and finish strong before report cards come home on November 16th.

The first of many post-secondary events start next week and yes the grade 10's are included; it is never too early to start researching your options for post-secondary education so prepare some questions for the representatives from the many BC colleges and universities visiting EMCS on Monday afternoon.

Congratulations to the girls who attended the ***We For She*** Conference in Vancouver last week. The conference was attended by more than 1500 women, 34 of whom attend Edward Milne. The conference was inspirational, motivational and fun! We heard from female leaders in business, trades and the Sciences. The keynote speakers included Jill Krop from Global TV; Emily Wing, a young Entrepreneur; Premier Christy Clarke; Karina LeBlance, the Bronze Medal Olympian Goal of the Canadian National Team; and the CEO's of several companies including Microsoft, Dragon's Den and BC Hydro. Well done girls, you were great ambassadors for Sooke and Edward Milne.

Is your child interested in the TASK program for semester two?

TASK is an acronym for *Trades Awareness, Skills and Knowledge*. The program is offered in partnership with Camosun College. Students are introduced to various construction and mechanical trades, gain entry level industry certificates and earn up to 16 school credits, including Trades Math 11, plus 8 Camosun college credits! Work experience is a key component of TASK, a component which may lead to a paid job and/or apprenticeship. It is a cohort program where students spend their entire school semester with their TASK class.

How does your child apply? Please contact Mr. Lyall or Ms. Percival at the school with your questions and for relevant applications and preparation for our TASK interviews Monday November 28th.

Post-Secondary Information for Grade 11 & 12 Students and Parents

Grade 11 & 12 students and parents are encouraged to attend the following events:

EMCS BC Post-Secondary Event Monday, October 24 EMCS in the Commons

Representatives from many BC colleges and universities will be set up with displays in the commons Monday, Oct. 24. Students in Grades 10 to 12 will be called down by grade group to tour the displays and talk to the post-secondary reps.

Students will report to class for attendance as usual. An announcement will be made to call down each grade group.

The schedule is as follows:

12:43 to 1:15 - Grade 12 students tour the displays and meet with reps
1:15 to 1:43 - Grade 11 students tour the displays and meet with reps

1:48 to 2:13 - homeroom – no students meeting with reps

2:15 to 2:40 - Grade 10 students tour the displays and meet with reps.

Camosun College Information and Application Night

Thursday, November 3 at 7:00pm

EMCS Theatre

Camosun College recruiters will give a presentation to parents and students in the theatre. You will learn about programs, admission requirements, the application process, scholarships, athletic opportunities, and more.

Following the presentation in the theatre, the Camosun 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 Camosun application fee.

University of Victoria Information and Application Night

Monday, November 7 at 7:00 pm

EMCS Theatre

UVIC recruiters will give a presentation to parents and students in the theatre. You will learn about programs, admission requirements, the application process, scholarships, athletic opportunities, student housing, and more.

Following the presentation in the theatre, the UVIC 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 UVIC application fee.

University of British Columbia Information Night

Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00pm

EMCS room 2038

UBC representatives will share information about programs, admission requirements, the application process, scholarships, athletic opportunities, student housing, etc.

The **EMCS Cheer Team** is having a Clothing Drive here in the gym on November 6th and they are looking for donations of clean, used clothing and footwear. Donations will be accepted until Saturday, November 5th, 2016. Please see poster attached.

Noon Hour Supervision Assistant

These are school district paid positions, whereby adults are hired to assist schools in supervising students. Qualified candidates must be a holder of a valid Standard First Aid Certificate or willing to get it at their earliest possible convenience. The hourly rate of pay is \$21.54.

If you think you might be interested in applying, please complete a non-teaching application form which you can obtain from the school district website at www.sd62.bc.ca and forward it to Dawn Coughlin at the School Board Office, 3143 Jacklin Road, Victoria, BC, V9B 5R1, dcoughlin@sd62.bc.ca.

Oct. 21st – **Non-Instructional Day**

Oct. 31st – **Halloween Dress-Up**

Nov. 2nd – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm**

Nov. 4th – **Term 1 Ends**

Nov. 6th – **Clothing Drive** (10am – 3pm)

Nov. 7th – **Term 2 Begins**

Nov. 9th – **Resilient and Flourishing Kids @ Belmont** (sponsored by SPEAC)

Nov. 10th – **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Nov. 11th – **Remembrance Day 9** (non-instructional)

Nov. 24th – **Learning Conferences** (3hr early dismissal)/**Hoop-a-thon**

Nov. 25th – **Non-Instructional Day**

Dec. 7th – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm**

Dec. 16th – **Last day of classes before Winter Break**

Jan. 3rd – **School re-opens**