

EMCS Weekly Message for November 10th, 2016

Today we continued our tradition of recognizing the efforts of our veterans and military personnel with two Remembrance Day Assemblies in the theatre. This year we were honored to have Mr. Alex Buckman, a child holocaust survivor speak to our grade 9 and 12 students and tell us his story. The presentation was followed by a discussion period in which students had the opportunity to ask Mr. Buckman questions. Our students had impeccable manners during both assemblies and made us all proud. Thank you to Tom Lott who spoke at our first assembly on behalf of the Legion and once again to Mr. Buckman for sharing his testimony with not only our school community but with the guests who joined us.

Next week the online sign-up for parent/teacher interviews opens Wednesday at 8am. If you are unsure of how to register for parent/teacher interviews the instructions are below. Don't forget report cards will be handed out on Wednesday during homeroom and for those thinking of attending the University of British Columbia their representative will be visiting EMCS Wednesday evening so bring your questions.

Have a great three day weekend; classes resume first thing Monday morning!

University of British Columbia Information Night

November 16 at 7:00pm in room 2038/2039

UBC representatives will share information about programs, admission requirements, the application process as well as student housing, scholarships etc. Information about both UBC's Vancouver campus and UBC's Okanagan campus will be provided.

Please see attachment for more information to help you support your son/daughter during their Grade 12 year.

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place Thursday, November 24th from 1:30pm to 7pm.

Teachers will be in our "Commons" area, seated at desks with name tags. Format will be appointment only, no drop in.

Below are a few examples of questions you might think about asking the teacher.

1. Does my child behave appropriately and arrive on time for this class?
2. Does my child accept responsibility for his or her work in this class?
3. How can I support my child so that he or she achieves his or her best in this class?

EMCS uses an on-line booking program called School Appointments to book appointments with your child's teacher. It will be open at 8am on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 and close at 6pm on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

<https://emcs.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

Please see attachments for detailed parent instructions for using the on-line booking system. If you have questions, please call the EMCS office at 250-642-5211.

Pay your child's school fees online!

Parents/Guardians have the opportunity to pay for school and district fees online. SD62 uses School Cash Online, a program which provides parents with the convenience of paying school and district fees online.

To sign up to use School Cash Online, please follow these steps:

1. Read the [Instructions](#)
2. Fill out the [Consent Form](#)

You must fill out a separate consent form for each child.

EMCS basketball is planning a 24 hour Hoop-A-Thon this year to raise money for our basketball teams. The event is planned for Thursday November 24th and Friday November 25th from 1:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The Thursday is Parent Teacher Interviews at EMCS and the Friday is a Pro D day.

Participating student-athletes would stay at the school from 1:00 pm Thursday until 1:00 pm Friday, taking turns participating in the game. No students would be playing for 24 straight hours. We will provide dinner Thursday night, breakfast Friday morning and snacks throughout the event. Staff will be on site for the complete 24 hours. Throughout the event we will have the theatre open as well showing movies.

We are issuing a challenge to each of the teams to see which can raise the most money-per-player. The team that accomplishes this will receive an undisclosed reward.

The EMCS Graduation Class of 2017 is fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier! This program gives 25% of the sales back to the individual students and the profits earned will be put towards Graduation and Prom fees.

Students should return the completed order forms and money to Kimberly in the office by Wednesday, November 30, 2016. **Please make cheques payable to SD #62 (EMCS).** There are additional order forms in the counselling suite.

To order online, and pay by credit card; log in to purdysgpp.com and simply type 9797 into the search bar. Click Join the Group. Be sure to write your name, the student's name and EMCS in the additional information field.

Students will be able to pick up orders at the school and deliver after Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

If you have questions, please contact Kimberly at the office, or Janine Brooks at 250-642-5211

The **EMCS Leadership Program** is happy to once again join forces with both Belmont Secondary School and Royal Bay Secondary School this year for our district-wide 10,000 Tonight Food Drive.

Belmont started this drive a number of years ago, and it has become the Western Communities' largest food drive, providing much-needed support to local food banks. With 3 secondary schools now in the district, a challenge was put forth last year to broaden the event even further, with the schools hosting their own drive in order to collect 10,000 non-perishable food items each... in one night. Last year, the three schools collected 13,000!

EMCS will be running our part of the food drive on a different night, but this remains a united event for a great cause. EMCS's 10,000 Tonight Food Drive will be on Thursday, Dec. 1, with Belmont and Royal Bay's food drive on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Both evenings will be from 5-9pm.

All donations can be dropped off from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1 in the EMCS office. Donations dropped off on the night of the event can be brought to the EMCS foyer. All of the food collected through EMCS will be going to support the Sooke Food Bank.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer for the event, please email emcs.tentonight@gmail.com.

Reminder: Youth for Change and the Robotics team are offering free recycling of small used electronics. Whether you have used cell phones, printers, computers, or anything else, they can recycle it. Collection bins can be found in the office.

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

Nov. 16th – **Report Cards** (distributed in homeroom)

Nov. 16th – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm** (date change for this month only)

Nov. 16th - **UBC Evening @ 7:00pm** in room 2038/2039

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

Nov. 25th – **Non-Instructional Day**

Nov. 28th – **Screenagers** (6:30-8:30pm in the EMCS Theatre)

Dec. 1st – **10,000 Tonight Food Drive**

Dec. 7th – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm**

Dec. 15th – **Winter Band Concert** in the theatre by donation

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

Jan. 3rd – **Classes resume**