

EMCS Weekly Message for December 2nd, 2016

What a community we have! Last night many of our families joined together with the students and staff of EMCS to bring **10,000 TONIGHT** to an overwhelming success. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all of the volunteers and the contributors from the generous community of Sooke who helped us collect over 11,000 non-perishable items and \$1500 cash for the Sooke Food Bank!! This is truly an amazing feat by such a great community and should be a source of pride for all of us. Thank you!

Bus Passes

Bus passes have arrived and can be picked up in the office. Please note that effective Monday, December 5th Transportation requires that bus passes must be shown to the driver to prove registration. We have been announcing all week but we still have quite a few passes that have not been picked up and now the deadline is imminent! Please encourage your son or daughter to get this done.

Parents/guardians of Grade 12 students:

Here is some information that may be useful as you support your son/daughter during their Grade 12 year.

Post-Secondary Applications

Students are able to apply NOW for most colleges, universities and tech schools. A step-by-step guide for applying for post-secondary is available on the EMCS website.

(Look under the Students tab.... Graduation.... Apply for Post-Secondary)

Many programs at Camosun fill on a first come, first served basis so it is best to apply early.

Scholarships & Bursaries

Many Grade 12 students are registered in the Scholarship 12 course. This course will guide students through the process of preparing and applying for scholarships and bursaries. As well, there is a step-by step guide for how to apply for scholarships and bursaries on the EMCS website.

(Look under the *Students* tab.... *Graduation.... Scholarships Bursaries & Student Loans*)

Grade 12 Checklist

To help Grade 12 students stay organized and on track, we've produced a month-by-month checklist of things to do during Grade 12. The checklist is available on the EMCS website.

(Look under the *Students* tab.... *Graduation.... Information & Announcements*)

EMCS Grad List

Only students on the EMCS Grad List will be eligible to participate in the EMCS Grad Ceremonies and purchase prom tickets. The Grad List will be posted at the beginning of May, with the final cut-off being May 26. **If a student is still not**

on track to grad after May 26th, they will not be eligible to participate in our grad ceremony. Please see the EMCS website for full details.

(Look under the *Students* tab.... *Graduation.... Information & Announcements*)

Important information regarding distance learning courses (online, paper package courses)

One of the requirements for getting on the EMCS Grad List is that any distance learning (e.g. WestShore, SIDES) courses that are required for meeting BC grad requirements must be completed by the beginning of May. Also, please be aware that many universities require that distance learning courses be completed (and final mark issued) well before the end of the school year. This deadline varies among post-secondary schools.

School Counsellors

Grade 12 can be a stressful and busy time. School Counsellors provide academic & career counselling as well as personal counselling. We are happy to help with issues like: Stress management, Anxiety, Depression, Relationship issues, Substance use, Scholarships & bursary applications, Career exploration, Post-secondary application process - etc.

More information on school counselling services can be found on the EMCS website.

(Look under the *Students* tab.... *Counselling Centre*)

Dec. 7th – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm**

Dec. 14th – **Grad Skate (12:30-2:30)**

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

Dec. 16th – **Santa's Breakfast & Locker Clean out**

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

Jan. 3rd – **Classes resume**