

EMCS Weekly Message for February 10th, 2017

With a crazy week of weather behind us, report cards were finally distributed during homeroom today. We appreciate your patience as the reports were due out on Wednesday of this week. Please don't hesitate to contact your student's teachers if you have any questions about the report. Thankfully warmer temperatures are on the horizon as well as a much deserved long weekend. All of us at EMCS wish our students and families a restful Family Day holiday with classes resuming Tuesday morning.

Open House

EMCS is hosting our annual Open House event on Thursday, February 23rd. This should be a fun and informative evening where our teaching staff showcase the tremendous variety of programs that our school has to offer. Open House is for all of our families and we hope that you can join us. We start at 6:30 for a brief presentation in the theatre and then move into the rest of the school until 8:30.

Staff vs Student Hockey Game!

We will all be at the arena next Friday morning, February 17th for our annual spirit building school hockey game. Please feel free to pop in to see us in action. Puck drops around 10:30.

The Student Video Game Work Experience Program provides students with the opportunity to learn what it is like to work in a video game company. The program will run from April - May 2017.

Each work experience week placement will run Mon - Thur.

Hours will be 9:30 am - 3 pm

Open to grade 11 and 12 students only. Register at: <http://www.vicvideogames.com/>

Seedy Saturday, needs volunteers on Friday February 24th and Saturday February 25th. Tasks include setting up tables, helping vendors bring in their products, assisting with workshops, raffle ticket sales, parking attendants and take down. See the Career Center for details.

The 25th Annual Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

A model parliament for youth ages 14-18 from March 10-12, 2017, hosted at the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Applications can be picked up in the Career Centre.

All students who have been to Ottawa with **Encounters with Canada**, who are between the ages of 16 and 18, are invited to enter a contest to win an eight day, all-expenses paid trip to Belgium. Contestants are asked to create a response to what the poem "In Flanders Fields" means to them. It could be a card, poem, recital, play, video, photo audio recording, choreography, visual artwork or essay. Details can be found in the Career Centre.

For all you videographers out there, there is a video contest being hosted by Worksafe BC on the topic of Work Safety. First prize winners will walk away with \$1000.00 for themselves and \$1500.00 for your school. Details in the Career Centre or take a look at the poster outside Ms. McLellan's room.

Job opportunities are available in Port Renfrew with **Wild Renfrew**. Restaurant, hotel and pub positions are posted in the Career Center.

Fort Rodd Hill is looking for volunteers to help with the restoration of the Garry Oak Forests. This volunteer position is sponsored by the Species at Risk Communications Officer with Parks Canada. This position would involve two Saturdays a month year-round. The volunteer times are from 10am-3pm. Please contact the Career Centre if you are interested in this position.

Any students interested in becoming a heavy duty mechanic, please contact the Career Centre. The course would start September 2017, and would be taught at Camosun College Interurban Campus.

For any **Grade 12 students** who have completed their grad requirements, and would like to enter the Health Care Assistant program at Camosun College in April. We have been informed there are seats available for this program. Please contact the Career Centre.

For those students interested in **Arts and Technology**, there is a **Digital Boot Camp** offered through the **Centre for Arts and Technology** in Kelowna March 20 to 23rd. Students will take part in a designated Bootcamp mission that will allow students to test-drive the digital arts program of their choice. The options range from animation, audio engineering & production, digital filmmaking, graphic design, network security specialist, interior design, event and promotions management, and veterinary hospital assistant. Contact the Career Centre if you are interested.

Feb. 13th – **Family Day**

Feb. 14th-16th – **EMCS Talent Show auditions**

Feb. 15th – **Hockey Banquet @ 6pm**

Feb. 17th – **Students vs Staff Hockey Game**

Feb. 23rd – **EMCS Open House @ 6:30pm**

Feb. 24th – **Non-instructional day**

Mar. 15th – **Grad Fashion Show @ 7pm**

Mar. 20th – 31st – **Spring Break**

April 13th – **Non-instructional Day**

April 14th – **Good Friday**

April 17th – **Easter Monday**