

## EMCS Weekly Message for March 10th, 2017

Monday starts our last week before we are out for Spring Break and it is going to be a busy one. The meetings for next year course selections start on Monday and go through Wednesday, while our 2017 grads see the end come to their practices with the Grad Fashion Show on Wednesday night. This is an important week to attend all of your classes and stay up on assignments so you can sit back and relax a much deserved break.

### **Congratulations EMCS at the Skills Canada Competition!**

EMCS took first place in four categories last Friday at Skills Canada BC. Jamie Blakeborough took gold in Carpentry, Justin Logan took gold in welding, Matt Holmes took gold in Public Speaking and Joseph Kwandibens took gold in Drafting. EMCS walked away with the most awards of any school!! Congratulations to all – you’ve done us proud!

### **Grad Fashion Show**

Edward Milne Community School grads are gearing up for another Grad Fashion Show. There are almost fifty students, on stage or behind the scenes, working evenings and weekends to prepare a night to remember. The show is set for a 7pm start on Wednesday, March 15th inside Edward Milne Community Theatre. Tickets (\$10 each) are on sale at the main office of EMCS as well as Shoppers Drug Mart. We expect the show to be sold out and cannot promise tickets will be available at the door, so get yours soon. This fundraising event helps students pay for Prom and Graduation expenses.

**What will Sooke be like in 50 years??** Students interested in producing a visual representation of their vision of our future community are invited to check in with Mr. Meiklejohn, in Student Support Services or Ms. Percival, in the Career Centre to form a working group for this project. Funding has been provided by the Royal Bank in their partnership with the Sooke Regional Museum so there will be some financial compensation. If you’re creative and community minded – this is the project for you.

**Coast Capital Savings** is currently accepting applications for the Youth Get It Intern program. The successful applicant will work as a teller at a Coast Capital Branch. In order to apply, students must be entering in Grade 11 or 12 in September 2017. Applicants must be able to work full-time during the summer months, and every Saturday during the school year. Applicants must also be able to attend monthly after school meetings. Those students who are interested in this opportunity are to apply on line. The application deadline is **Friday, March 31, 2017 at 4:00pm**. Please contact the Career Centre for more information.

### **The Department of National Defense Secondary School Apprenticeship Jobs**

This is a summer position starting on July 4 to September 1, 2017. Students need to have a C+ in their courses, and a keen interest in the trades. Please contact the Career Centre to pick up an application. All applications must be in to the Career Centre by April 3, 2017.

The DND is looking for people to fill the following apprenticeships jobs:

- Metal trades
- Hull trades
- Pipefitters
- Electricians
- Machinists
- Millwright trades

These positions go quickly so act quickly before they are gone.

**Free Math and Science Tutoring** - Matthew, one of our Grade 12 students, offers free tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday after school in the counselling suite. No appointment necessary. Help is available for all math and science courses up to and including Grade 12.

**Free Social Studies and Psychology Tutoring** - Jon provides free tutoring for Socials 9/10 and Psychology 11 on Tuesday and Thursday after school in the Lower Commons or Counselling Suite.

For our Prom on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> please remember that the **Magic Wand** offers dresses, accessories and tuxedos for students who are not able to purchase their own. Simply call Elizabeth at 250-658-0246 or email at [esurerus@telus.net](mailto:esurerus@telus.net) to set up an appointment. The Magic Wand is an annual supporter of the Edward Milne Grad Fashion Show!

**Sooke Basketball Club** – Spring Basketball is here! Please see attachment.

Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – **Social Media Awareness + Parenting the Digital World** (Royal Bay Secondary @ 7pm)

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – **Grad Fashion Show @ 7pm**

Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> – **Spring Break**

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

April 13<sup>th</sup> – **Non-instructional Day**

April 14<sup>th</sup> – **Good Friday**

April 17<sup>th</sup> – **Easter Monday**

April 26<sup>th</sup> – **Milnes Landing Food Drive 5-9pm**

## SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY UPDATE

Parents/Guardians of Gr. 12 students:

We've made some updates to the scholarship and bursary page on the EMCS website. **The application deadline for SCHOOL awards and most LOCAL awards is Monday, May 1 at 8:45am.** Over the next several weeks there will be ongoing updates to the awards database found on the EMCS website. Please encourage students to check the website often and listen to announcements. Some of the latest updates are below.

Updated application forms for the following LOCAL awards are now available in the scholarship filing cabinet in the counselling suite. **Application deadline: Monday, May 1 at 8:45am.**

- **Sooke Harbourside Lions Club – The Lion Audrey Wilson Memorial Bursary** (increased to \$1000 this year)
- **Sooke Harbourside Lions Club – The Pat Moreau Memorial Bursary** (increased to \$1000 this year)

There are three LOCAL awards with an application deadline of **April 18 at 3:30pm.** **Note this is earlier than the deadline for the rest of the LOCAL awards.** The application forms are available in scholarship filing cabinet in the counselling suite.

- **Monk Office Scholarship** – for students entering post-secondary studies in Environmental Studies
- **District / Authority Awards** – These \$1250 scholarships recognize achievement in any one of the following areas: Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, International Languages, Indigenous Languages & Culture, Community Service, Technical & Trades Training. Please note that achievement both in and out of school can be considered.
- **Coast Capital Standing Tall Award** – This \$2500 award recognizes students who have overcome adversity and are committed to moving forward with post-secondary studies.

Updated application forms for the following EXTERNAL awards are now available in the scholarship filing cabinet:

- **Colwood Volunteer Firefighters Association Darryl Corrigan Memorial Scholarship** – open to any student who has resided within the City of Colwood for at least 5 years at the time of graduation. **Application deadline: April 1.**
- **Sooke Teachers' Association Bursaries** (\$1000 each). **Application deadline: April 7.**
- **CUPE Local 459 Bursary** - **Application deadline: April 28.**
- **Beacon Community Services Scholarships (\$1500).** **Application deadline: May 1.** See the EMCS Awards Database for details. An application form is not part of the application. However, copies of an information sheet provided by Beacon Community Services are available in the EXTERNAL awards drawer of the scholarship filing cabinet.

Some EXTERNAL awards with application deadlines in March:

- **Sooke Minor Hockey Scholarship**
- **Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association Scholarship**
- **Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship**
- **BC Soccer Scholarship**
- **Quest for Excellence Bursary**
- **Michael Potter / Rotary Club of Victoria Harbourside Bursary**

A step-by-step guide for applying for scholarships and bursaries can be found on the EMCS website at: <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/scholarship-bursaries-student-loans/>

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's school counsellor if you have any questions about scholarships and bursaries.

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