

## EMCS Weekly Message for April 21st, 2017

Term 4 is underway and the staff at EMCS is busy helping students have a strong finish to the school year. At the same time, office staff and counsellors are all working hard to build next year. Course selection forms for the 17/18 school year have been filled out by most students, and counselors are currently following up with those who have not. This is also a great time for our grads to be looking seriously at all of the scholarship opportunities; updates and deadlines can be found on our website. The first iteration of the Grad List will be posted in the Commons on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions or concerns please visit our school website or contact your student's teacher or the office; we are always available to help.

**Summer School 2017** registration forms are now available. Students wishing to register for summer school courses should see their school counsellor.

**All parents of Aboriginal graduates** please see the attached information for an optional Aboriginal recognition ceremony May 27<sup>th</sup>, at Camosun College. This is a district event honoring Aboriginal graduates from district 62. Deadline to RSVP is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Kathy Sudlow [ksudlow@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:ksudlow@sd62.bc.ca) or Amy Harris [aharris@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:aharris@sd62.bc.ca) for any questions.

### **Spring Out of Hunger Food Drive Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-9pm**

EMCS will once again attempt to collect 10,000 food items for the Sooke Food Bank. The need is high between now and Thanksgiving and we hope to stock the shelves! Please bring non-perishable food items and toiletries to the school anytime between now and 9pm on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Students can bring donations to their A block class, also donations can be dropped off at the office. If you would like to volunteer on the evening of April 26<sup>th</sup>, please contact Todd Powell [tpowell@sd62.b.ca](mailto:tpowell@sd62.b.ca) or Laura Verhoeven [lverhoeven@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:lverhoeven@sd62.bc.ca) Thank you for your support!!

**The Sooke Rotary Auction** welcomes student volunteers for their annual event coming up on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Rotary supports many valuable projects in Sooke including generous bursaries for graduating students. They could use your help to make it all happen. See Career Centre for details. Thanks to all those students who have already volunteered!

The **Sooke Fine Arts Show** is looking for student art works for their bistro section of the show. This section of the show is open to Sooke District 62 students only and has been greatly expanded to include 200 works of both 2D and 3D pieces. Awards are given every year and include cash awards. EMCS has won first place honors every year and we would like to keep this trend going. You do not need to be registered in an art class to submit pieces for consideration. Bring submissions to Ms. Garat and fill out a short form before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**The Sooke Harbourside Lions Duck Race** is being held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. All funds raised will support Juvenile Diabetes Research. Lions support many valuable projects in Sooke including generous bursaries for graduating students. Volunteers are welcome for this fun filled, family event. See Career Centre for details.

**Magic Wand** for grads makes dreams come true! Any graduating student may use the Magic Wand to borrow rather than buy – for a small fee. The 100 dresses are carefully selected and are either new or like-new. There are over 45 different styles of tuxes. All accessories included. (See poster attached)

### **Grad List**

The Grad List will be posted **May 1**. Grads make sure you are on the list by:

- ensuring you are passing all your required courses
- turning in all your Grad Transitions packages
- turning in your Grad Comment to the office
- returning any overdue library books and/or missing textbooks
- paying your Grad Fee and any other fees at the office

**Only students on the Grad List will be able to participate in the Grad Ceremony**, book tickets for the ceremony, and purchase prom tickets. Tickets for the ceremony are assigned seating so getting on the list quickly means you'll be able to reserve the best seats for your friends and family.

**The final deadline for getting on the Grad List is May 26.**

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### **Scholarships and Bursaries**

- The updated **SCHOOL** Awards application form is now available on the EMCS website.
- The Metchosin Foundation is offering 4 new external scholarships for students living in Metchosin. See the EMCS Awards Database on the website for details.

**The deadline for most LOCAL and SCHOOL Awards is Monday, May 1 @8:45am.**

### **UVIC Union Club Scholarship (\$5000)**

This scholarship is for student planning to attend UVIC and have at least a B average and with a history of community service and/or volunteer work.

See the EMCS Awards Database for more information.

Application deadline: April 30

### **Reid Kyfiuk Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) – Application deadline May 15**

#### **Criteria:**

- B average or better
- School/community involvement (clubs, teams, theatre, activities, ...)
- Active member of a faith group

See the EMCS awards database for more info. Application forms available in the counselling suite.

For more information on scholarships and bursaries, see the EMCS website... *Graduation* under the *Students* tab

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – Spring Out Of Hunger (previously 10,000 Tonight) 5-9pm**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – National Day of Mourning**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – Scholarship Applications due at 8:45am/Grad List Posted**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> – Non-instructional day**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Victoria Day**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – Athletics Award Evening 7-9pm**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> – Final Deadline for Grad List**