

## EMCS Weekly Message for April 28th, 2017

Once again our community comes through strong! A huge thank you to the students, staff and all of the volunteers who worked hard into the night organizing all of the donations for the **Spring Out of Hunger Food Drive**; the shelves of the Sooke Food Bank are once again filled with nearly 8000 non-perishable food items and we could not have done it without you!

Opportunities and events are coming fast and furious at EMCS, with only 41 days left of classes it is important that students stay tight to their timelines by listening closely to the announcements or checking the school website. The staff is available to help if you are unsure or have any questions for your student to meet their deadlines to end the year successful.

### **Grad List**

On **Monday, May 1** the EMCS Grad List will be posted. Only students on the Grad List will be able to:

- participate in the Grad Ceremony
- book 3 free tickets for the ceremony (sales begin May 8)
- purchase additional tickets for the ceremony ( May 8)
- purchase prom tickets (ticket sales date TBA)

### **Grad List requirements include:**

- on track to graduate in June with enough credits
- passing all required courses
- completing any required distance learning courses
- turning in all Grad Transitions packages
- turning in a Grad Comment to the office
- returning any overdue library books and/or missing textbooks
- paying the Grad Fee and any other fees at the office

The Grad List will be updated daily with a final deadline of **May 26**. **Students not on the Grad List by May 26 will not participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Please note that grad ceremony tickets are assigned seating, so getting on the list quickly means you'll be able to book the best seats for friends and family.

During homeroom on Monday, May 1, students who are NOT on the Grad List will receive a form in their homeroom class that indicates what steps must be taken to get on the list. Please remind your child not to lose that form. Students not on the list will need to get their form signed by various staff members as they meet Grad List requirements and then turn the completed form in to their counsellor. The counsellor will then add the student's name to the Grad List.

Copies of the Grad List forms will also be mailed home.

## **Ceremony Tickets Available May 8**

Starting May 8, once your child is on the Grad List, you may book your 3 free tickets for the ceremony (and purchase up to 3 additional tickets) by phoning the UVIC ticket office at: **250-721-8480**.

For families requiring more than 6 tickets, in mid to late May an announcement will be made that tickets are no longer reserved and you will be able to purchase as many additional tickets as you need, based on availability. Because of the need to maintain the reservation of tickets for our families until that time, and because tickets are assigned seating, it is most likely that the tickets you purchase after the reservations will be for seats not adjacent to those you originally purchased.

**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)

## **Scholarship and Bursary Updates**

**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**

The **Sooke Fine Arts Association Scholarship** has changed. See the EMCS Awards Database online for details. The application deadline is **May 15**. The new application forms are available in the EXTERNAL awards drawer of the cabinet in the counselling suite. Also, interested students should see Ms. Garat ASAP.

### **Some scholarships and bursaries with application deadlines in May:**

- Beacon Community Services Scholarship
- Betty Spalton Scholarship
- CST Learning Matters Bursaries
- CST Scholarships
- Janice Lee Blue Wave Bursary
- Metchosin Foundation Scholarships
- Shirley Women's Institute Bursary
- Sooke Minor Fastball Bertha Hanna Bursary
- Sooke Minor Fastball Finn Kennedy Bursary
- Federation of Community Social Services of BC - Youth in Care Bursary
- UFCW & OFG Joint Diversity Scholarship
- Visual College of Art & Design of Vancouver scholarship
- Evening Optimist Club of Victoria Bursary
- Sooke Principals' and Vice Principals' Association Bursary
- Sooke Principals' and Vice Principals' Association Scholarships
- Reid Kyfiuk Memorial Scholarship

- Clean Energy Scholarship
- Sooke Fine Arts Society Visual Arts Award
- Rotary Club of Victoria-Harbourside Post-Secondary Scholarships

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

### **Cops for Cancer Hosted Here!**

This year, EMCS is honored to be hosting the **2017 Cops for Cancer Rider Announcement**. This event is always hosted in the city, but the organizing society wanted to celebrate all that Sooke does for the Tour de Rock campaign. The event will be next Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in our very own gymnasium, and the Journey Grade 8s will also be in attendance. Other community dignitaries will join us, as well as the members of the riding team, media, speakers, etc. This is no small event and will take place from 11:30 until 12:15.

**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.

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>.

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

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**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Grad Practice @ UVic 9am**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Grad 1pm at UVic**