

EMCS Weekly Message for May 11th, 2017

With much to celebrate as the school year draws to a close, we have athletic award ceremony tickets on sale in the office and Grad ceremony tickets are available through the UVic Ticket Center (see attached). Yearbooks are on sale at lunch for \$40 in the commons and final deadlines grow near for the grad list and bus registration. Information and details are below.

The **Athletics Awards Ceremony** is Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm. All students who participated on a school team and their families are welcome to come join us in celebrating another successful year of sports at EMCS. Tickets are \$5.00 each and go on sale Monday May 15th in the office. We look forward to seeing you May 24th

Yearbooks are available to purchase, they can be paid for with cash or with a cheque made out to "School District 62". Please see a yearbook member in the commons at lunch to purchase or drop by the office outside of class hours.

Grad Tickets

Grad tickets went on sale May 8th. **Please see attachment for detailed instructions.** The UVic Ticket Center has a list of all of our grads who are currently on the grad list. They will only complete sales to families of students on the list. Please remember that the 3 tickets that are included with the grad fees must also be booked through the ticket center.

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.

Grad List

The EMCS Grad List is being updated daily, 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 1st, students who were NOT on the Grad List received a form in their homeroom class that indicated 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 were also mailed home.

Scholarship and Bursary Updates

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

Bus Registration

We are pleased to announce that online bus registration for the 2017/18 school year has opened and will remain open until Friday, June 2, 2017. Similar to last year's registration process, we will only be accepting online registrations through the School Cash Online account process – if you haven't already done so, you will be required to set up an account in order to register for bussing services for the 2017/18 school year. Please use this link to access or set up a [School Cash Online account] <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/>].

Bus registration will be open until June 2nd at which time routes will be established and communicated to registered riders. Riders registering after this date will be assigned routes only if space is available.

Students will not be provided bussing unless they have registered for this service.

At their April 25th meeting, the Board of Education confirmed the following:

- **There will be no transportation fees charged for the 2017/18 school year**
- The District will provide a total of 29 routes, which is up one from the 2016/17 school year
- The 29 routes will provide service to approximately 3,300 riders or roughly one third of our student population based on the 2016/17 service levels.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at bussing@sd62.bc.ca.

The registration form will be on the District's website under the [Transportation tab] <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/about/transportation/> by Thursday morning, May 4.

Free Math and Science Tutoring – Matthew and Jon offer 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.

UVIC REGISTRATION 101 SESSION

Date: Wednesday May 17

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Room: 1155

Students attending UVIC starting in September will attend a Registration 101 session on **Wednesday, May 17 in A block in Mr. Baldwin's room**. UVIC staff will provide students with all the information needed for building their university schedules. It is important that all students starting UVIC in September attend. UVIC will be contacting students by email with a reminder. **This year we have 31 students going to UVIC.**

Students should let their A block teachers know in advance that they will be missing A block on May 17 to attend this important meeting.

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 30th.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the **Bike Program** - July 10-14, 2017, Oak Bay High School, Victoria BC: The School Age Program of Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health is partnering with iCan Shine to host an **iCan Bike** camp to teach children with cognitive and/or physical challenges how to ride a conventional two wheeled bike. For more information and to watch a video from a former camp go to www.icanshine.org, select "About Us", "In the News", then CHEK News (5th on the list). Sign up in the Career Centre.

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

A look ahead...

May 12th – **Non-instructional day**

May 19th – **Bus Driver Appreciation Day**

May 22nd – **Victoria Day**

May 24th – **Athletics Award Evening (7-9pm)**

May 26th – **Final Deadline for Grad List**

June 2nd – **Grad Practice @ UVic – bus leaves EMCS at 9 a.m. sharp.**

June 2nd – **Bus registration closes**

June 3rd – **Grad 1pm at UVic**

June 7th – **PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm**

June 7th, 8th and 9th – **Final Projects Night**

June 15th – **French Immersion Grad (5:30pm)**

June 15th - **Major Awards Night (7pm)**

June 24th – **Prom at the Empress (7-11pm)**

June 29th – **Last day of school & report card pick up**