

EMCS Weekly Message for September 22nd, 2017

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Meet the Teacher last night; it was fantastic to see all of the new and returning faces. Building a relationship with your student's teacher is an important step to help your student stay on track and ensure success. If you have concerns about your student, please never hesitate to contact the staff or the office; we are always here to help.

Cops for Cancer Fundraising Drive!

The EMCS Leadership class is running full steam to meet their goal of \$10,000 by October 4th when we host the Cops for Cancer riders here at EMCS. Please support this amazing fundraiser for childhood cancer and drop off bottles at the school this Sunday anytime between 10am and 2:30pm. In school fundraising will also be happening all next week, and there is leadership and volunteer opportunities along with some important information for grade 11 and 12's below.

Volunteers Needed for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Teen Mentorship Program

We are looking for responsible Grade 10-12 students to volunteer as Teen Mentors 1 hour per week at Saseenos Elementary School. Volunteers will be matched with an elementary school student who would benefit from the positive influence of a big buddy. You'll spend time with your little buddy doing things like board games, reading, crafts, sports, etc. Most of our mentors go to Saseenos on Friday from 1:50 to 2:50. That way you don't need to miss any school time.

Please see Mr. Phipps in the counselling suite if you have questions or would like to apply.

Have you heard of the 2017 Youth Food Conference? The conference is taking place in Victoria on October 20th-22nd 2017. Youth ages 14-24 are welcome to register for this **FREE event** all about good food and local food systems! If you or any students have questions, they can email us at youthcoordinator@crfair.ca or check out our Instagram and FB @youthfoodnetwork. **Registration cut-off is October 1st!**

Leadership Training Opportunity for Gr. 9 or 10 Students
Rotary Youth Leadership Weekend
Camp Qwanoes - Crofton, BC.
October 28-30, 2016

The Sooke Rotary Club has generously offered to sponsor one Grade 9 or 10 EMCS student to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Weekend (RYLA) in October.

RYLA is an intensive leadership training conference and workshop. The program has been carefully designed to provide basic leadership training and experience for young people from Western Washington and Canada. The program will include lectures and discussion periods with skilled and prominent leaders, as well as recreation, good food, and fellowship.

We are looking for students who have demonstrated a desire and some ability to be a responsible leader. Students don't necessarily need to have previous leadership experience to apply, but should have a positive attitude and sincere interest in developing their leadership skills.

For more information, or to apply, please see Mr. Phipps in the EMCS Counselling Suite as soon as possible.

EMCS Grade 12 Check list

See the EMCS website for a month-by-month checklist of important tasks that will help keep Grade 12 students organized during their final year of high school.

The checklist for September & October is attached.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The EMCS Financial Aid Handbook has been updated and is available on the EMCS website. (Students tab.... Graduation sub-tab.... Scholarships, Bursaries & Student Loans)

This booklet is a must-read for Grade 12 students planning to apply for scholarships and bursaries this year.

Post-Secondary Information & Application Nights at EMCS

Grade 11 & 12 students and their parents/guardians are invited to the following post-secondary presentations at EMCS!

Find out about:

- programs
- admission requirements
- student housing
- athletic opportunities
- scholarships
- and much more!!

Following the presentations, EMCS Counsellors and post-secondary representatives will be available in the computer lab to assist any Grade 12 students wishing to complete the online application that evening. Students planning to apply that evening should bring a credit card for the online application fee.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

- Tuesday, October 17
- 7:00 pm, room 2039 at EMCS

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

- Tuesday, October 24
- 7:00 pm, room 2039 at EMCS

UNIVERSITY OF BC INFORMATION NIGHT

- Tuesday, November 14
- 7:00pm in the EMCS Theatre
- Information will be shared regarding both UBC campuses: UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan.
- Due to the more involved application process for UBC, students will not be able to apply online at this event.

CAMOSUN COLLEGE

- Tuesday, November 21
- 7:00pm in the EMCS Theatre

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 24th – Cops for Cancer Bottle Drive (Sunday from 10am-2:30pm)

Sept. 29th – Orange Shirt Day (A day to recognize the impact of the residential school system)

Oct. 4th – Cops for Cancer Major Event

Oct. 9th – Thanksgiving

Oct. 11th – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Oct. 20th – Non-instructional Day

Oct 30th – Photo retakes