

EMCS Weekly Message for November 17th, 2017

The second term has begun and the next six weeks until the Christmas break are going to be busy! On Monday, report cards will be distributed during home room, and if you haven't done so already, please follow the instructions below to set up a conference with your student's teacher for Thursday. Initiating and maintaining communication between home and school is a great way to create a path for success.

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place Thursday, November 23rd from 1:30pm to 7:30pm

EMCS uses an on-line booking program called School Appointments to book conferences with your child's teacher. It opened at 6am on Thursday, November 16th and will close at 12pm on Wednesday, November 22nd. The link for the system has been included below, as well as the condensed parent instructions. If you have questions, please visit the school website for more detailed instructions or call the office at 250-642-5211.

<https://emcs.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2015/09/Condensed-Parent-Instructions.pdf>

The EMCS Graduation Class of 2018 is fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier!

This program gives 25% of the sales back to the individual students and the profits earned will be put towards Graduation and Prom fees. Students should return the completed order forms and money by November 24th to Kimberly in the office. **Please make cheques payable to SD #62 (EMCS).** There are additional order forms in the office.

To order online, and pay by credit card; log in to purdysgpp.com and simply type 9797 into the search bar. Click Join the Group. Be sure to write your name, the student's name and EMCS in the additional information field.

If you have questions, please contact Kimberly at the office, or Amber O'Quinn at 250-642-5211

EMCS 10,000 Tonight (2017)

The Edward Milne Community School Leadership Program is happy to once again join forces with both Belmont Secondary School and Royal Bay Secondary School this year for our district-wide 10,000 Tonight Food Drive, running on Wednesday, December 13th from 5-9pm.

Belmont started this drive a number of years ago, and it has quickly become the Western Communities' largest food drive, providing much-needed support to local food banks. With 3 secondary schools now in the district, a challenge was put forth two years ago to broaden the event even further, with the schools hosting their own drives in order to collect 10,000 non-perishable food items each... in one night. Last year, EMCS alone collected 11,000!

The entire EMCS community is excited about this massive, community-based event, and we are reaching out to the public to ensure the success of this year's 10,000 Tonight. This year, we have a particular need for volunteers, along with donations of nonperishable items. Additionally, we will also be accepting donations of clean, new or gently used socks, gloves, toques, and other items of clothing.

All early donations can be dropped off from Nov. 27 to Dec. 13 in the EMCS front office. Donations dropped off on the night of the event can be brought to the EMCS foyer. As well, there are many donation boxes for non-perishables throughout the community. Cash donation tins can be found at both Village and Western Foods. All food and other donations collected through EMCS will be going to support the Sooke Food Bank, which supports roughly 12,000 people from East Sooke to Port Renfrew.

If you are not able to get to a donation box, EMCS Leaderships will also be canvassing many Sooke neighborhoods on the night of the event, in hopes of making our goal of 10,000 a reality!

If you need more information, or if you would like to volunteer for the event, please use the email below. We look forward to hearing from you! emcs.tentonight@gmail.com

Grade 12 Checklist

The Grade 12 Checklist has been updated and is available on the EMCS website. (*Students* tab.... *Graduation* sub-tab... *Information & Announcements*)

The November and December sections of the checklist are attached.

Camosun College Information & Application Night - Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00pm in the EMCS Theatre

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 British Columbia

Our UBC Info Session on Nov. 14 was well attended. Thanks to those parents and students who came to the presentation.

Important dates for students planning to apply to UBC Vancouver or UBC Okanagan:

- December 1: Deadline to apply for admission for September 2018 if you wish to be considered for a major entrance scholarship. All Canadian students who apply by this date will be automatically considered.
- December 1: Deadline to apply for the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award. A separate application for this award is required.
- January 15: Deadline to apply for admission for September 2018.
- May 1: Deadline to submit your housing application.

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.

Camosun College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Information Session

- Wednesday, November 29 at Lunch
- Office Seminar Room
- Current Grade 12 students are now able to apply for entry in to the Nursing program at Camosun!
- The Admissions Advisor from Camosun's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will share information about the program including:
 - how to apply
 - admission requirements and important deadlines
 - recent changes to the program
 - changes to the waitlist process
- **Students interested in attending this info session please sign up on the sheet on Mr. Phipps' office door.**

Important Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 20th - Report cards distributed during homeroom

Nov. 23rd – Learning Conferences (3hr early dismissal)

Nov. 24th – Non-instructional Day

Dec. 13th – 10,000 Tonight from 5pm-9pm

Dec. 13th – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Dec. 22nd – Santa's Breakfast and last day before the Break

Jan. 8th – School Re-Opens