EMCS Weekly Message for November 23rd, 2017

Thank you to those who signed up for the parent/teacher conferences taking place today. We look forward to having you all in the building. It is a non-instructional day tomorrow which makes it a great opportunity for students to catch up on homework and anything else you might find out tonight that they are missing. There are only four weeks of classes until the break so be mindful of the dates and checklists below to help your student stay on track.

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.

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:

- <u>December 1</u>: 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.
- <u>December 1</u>: 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.
- <u>May 1</u>: Deadline to submit your housing application.

UVic Pizza Lunch and Connect

Thursday, December 7th 12:20-12:50 Library Seminar room Meet Shane Hartman, UVic's Aboriginal Liaison & your Aboriginal Teacher, Kristi, who will answer questions and offer advice on continuing your education!

EMCS Band Winter Concert

Our talented musicians are preparing the EMCS Band Winter Concert, featuring the Concert Band and Student Soloists on December 7th at 7 PM in the EMCS Theatre. Admission is by donation.

EMCS 10,000 Tonight (2017)

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.

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.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Nov. 23rd Learning Conferences (3hr early dismissal)
- **Nov. 24th** Non-instructional Day
- Dec. 7th EMCS Winter Band Concert (7pm in the EMCS Theatre)
- **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