

## **EMCS Weekly Message for November 3rd, 2017**

EMCS continues to be a busy place as students focus on finishing the first term. Next week, school and grad clothing will be available to order and on Friday EMCS will pay tribute to all veterans in our Remembrance Day Assembly. Please see below for important dates and details of parent teacher conferences, as well as post-secondary information nights that grade 11 and 12's won't want to miss. If your student needs a job, an adventure, or volunteer hours there are lots of opportunities below. Students are always encouraged to contact the Career Center at EMCS to keep up to date on all of these opportunities.

### **Summit at the Bay**

Coming up soon at Royal Bay Secondary is an exciting world renowned youth summit. Here is part of the message from the organizers:

**This November 18-19, 500 powerful young minds will gather for two jam-packed days of future-proofing sessions in Victoria. Crawling all over both days will be world-class speakers, inspirational entertainment and the most interesting conversations and ideas youth can dream up, guided by 50 mentors and facilitators. These mentors? They're part of our Human Library: business owners, investors, policy makers, educators and entertainers. Every one of them an expert in how to support youth in developing the skills they're going to need for life after high school.**

Please see the attached poster for further information and a link for details and ticket purchases. The school also has 5 tickets available at significantly reduced prices for those who might like to go but for whom the ticket price represents a hardship.

### **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 will open at 6am on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and will close at 12pm on Wednesday, November 22nd. You may log on and register beforehand if your student is not already in the system. 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>

### **School and Grad Clothing**

EMCS clothing and grad wear will be on sale at lunch starting Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Cash and cheques made payable to School District #62 will be accepted. Purchases will also be available online; however you must complete your online consent prior to making your purchase. <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/>

### **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 to Kimberly in the office with cheques made payable to **SD #62 (EMCS)**. There are additional order forms in the office.

## **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.

## **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 BC Information Night**

- Tuesday, November 14 at 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 at 7:00pm in the EMCS Theatre

## **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.

## **Canadian Armed Forces Open House**

- Sat 18 Nov 2017, 10am-4pm
- Bay St. Armoury, 713 Bay Street, Victoria
- See the attached poster

**All are welcome to attend this hands-on event!**

Try the Canadian Armed Forces **fitness test**, taste **military rations**, try the **Range Simulator**, talk an advisor about **career options** and **paid education**.

\*Minors need parental consent to try the fitness test - bring a parent, or get a consent form by emailing [info.victoria@forces.gc.ca](mailto:info.victoria@forces.gc.ca)

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Term #1 ends; Remembrance Day Assembly

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Day

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Day Stat in Lieu (no classes)

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Term #2 begins

**Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** - Report cards distributed during homeroom

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Learning Conferences (3hr early dismissal)

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Non-instructional Day