

# EMCS Weekly Message for December 15th, 2017

Monday kicks off Spirit Week at EMCS and the students will be celebrating each day with a special theme. It will be a great way to end the year! It is also important to be mindful that regular classes are still in session. Finishing up outstanding assignments is the perfect formula to having a restful break and strong start to the New Year.

## Thank you!!

Once again, collaboration equals success! Wednesday night many members of our community families joined together with the students and staff of EMCS to bring **10,000 TONIGHT** to an overwhelming success. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all of the volunteers and the contributors who helped us collect 13,543 non-perishable items and over \$1700 cash for the Sooke Food Bank. Special thanks to our Leadership Class in doing such an outstanding job in organizing this event. Knowing the food bank shelves are full just before Christmas is a great feeling for us all.

## Munch Cards for Eddie M's

Munch cards are available to purchase either in person or online! Eddie M's is our amazing cafeteria that serves hot meals and snacks during break and lunch. Please visit <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> for a great stocking stuffer idea for your student. Please note, in order to make the online purchase, an online consent must be completed if you haven't already done so.

## 2018 Grad Photos

EMCS Grad photos will take place here at the school from January 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. This is very different from the school photography students have experienced in the past. Students will be photographed in multiple poses, on multiple backgrounds, with attention to personality. You can enhance your portraits with your own props and style. Bring items like scarves, hats, accessories, sports gear, musical instruments, something that shows who you are. Caps and gowns are provided. Dress shirts and ties are available if needed. Please follow the instructions below to book your portrait.

- 1) Go to [www.lifetouch.ca/victoria](http://www.lifetouch.ca/victoria)
- 2) Click on your school link
- 3) Create a user account
- 4) Choose a time slot
- 5) Please arrive 10 minutes prior to scheduled appointment to allow time for sign in
- 6) Session fee of \$25 is due at time of appointment. (Cash or cheque only)

## Reporting an Absence

Reporting a student absence is as easy as sending an email to [emcs@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:emcs@sd62.bc.ca), by calling 250-642-5211 and leaving a message, or by replying to the auto dialer you receive. Please state your student's name and the duration of the absence and it will be recorded as excused.

## EMCS Theatre, Film and Art present...

Final Projects Night - Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7pm. Come and enjoy the best scenes, projects and films from our talented fine arts students. Tickets are \$5 and will be available for purchase next week at the EMCS 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*)

## **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.

## **2018 Chess2Inspire Junior Chess Championship**

Open to all B.C. Juniors (born after: Jan 1, 1999)

Entry and Subsidy for the 2018 Canadian Junior Chess Championship in Toronto

Richmond Lansdowne Centre - Jan 26-28, 2018

Early Bird Ends on Jan 7th, 2018. Registration closes on Jan 25th 5pm.

Cancellation: 48 hours before event starts.

When: Friday Evening Jan 26- Sunday Jan 28, 2018

Where: Unit 842 & 844 Lansdown Centre, 5300 Number 3 Rd, Richmond BC

Sections:

Championship (CFC 1301 & above): January 26, 27 & 28 (Friday Evening, Saturday & Sunday) 3-day event

Reserve (CFC 800 – 1300): January 26, 27 & 28 (Friday Evening, Saturday & Sunday) 3-day event

Booster (CMA 1000 & below, or Unrated [No Chess Rating]): January 27 (Saturday) 1-day event

Tournament Director: Stephen Wright (FIDE International Arbiter)

Registration and Details - <http://chess2inspire.org/chess2inspire-junior-championship-2018>

Event Flyer: [http://chess2inspire.org/files/2018%20Chess2Inspire%20Junior%20Championship%20Flyer\\_0.pdf](http://chess2inspire.org/files/2018%20Chess2Inspire%20Junior%20Championship%20Flyer_0.pdf)

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Santa's Breakfast and last day before the Break

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** – School Re-Opens

**Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Final Projects Night

**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Term 2 Ends

**Jan. 25-26<sup>th</sup>** – Provincial Exams