

EMCS WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR February 16 2018



Our annual EMCS OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for next Thursday, February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30. It is an opportunity for ALL students, as well as their parents to be prepared for the 2018-2019 course selection process which begins later this month. Mr. Phipps will be available in the computer lab to help answer questions and representatives from the University of Victoria and Camosun College will be in attendance as well. Everyone is welcome!

Report Cards will be handed out Monday, February 19th during homeroom.

Important this week:

EXPLORE UVIC - Saturday, Feb, 17th

Visit the campus to learn about UVIC's extraordinary environment, take a campus tour, hear from current students, and speak with staff from student support services. Register at: www.uvic.ca/explore

Course Selection Presentations for 2018-2019

Mr. Phipps will be meeting with students in the theatre to go over course selection for the next school year. Students will report to class for attendance as usual and then come to the theatre when called down over the PA. Course Selection forms will be accepted back starting February 26th and the deadline to have them in is February 28th.

Strengthening Connections - February 20th 1pm EMCS Library

Strengthening Connections is a group of Aboriginal recruiters and advisors from several BC post-secondary institutions with the mandate to provide Aboriginal peoples in BC with the information they need to successfully pursue a post-secondary education. Although Strengthening Connections members hail from individual institutions throughout BC, we work as a team across institutional lines to assist those we serve in finding the best options for them. See attachment.

<https://strengtheningconnections.wordpress.com/about/>

Free Camosun College Career in Business Tour on Wednesday, February 21st. Learn about Business programs, meet the Profs and engage in a fun hands-on activity. Transportation provided. Permission slip required. See Career Centre for details.

Grade 12 Checklist

The Grade 12 Checklist has been updated and is available on the EMCS website.

<http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2016/10/EMCS-Grade-12-Checklist-updated-Oct-2017.pdf>

It is imperative that all grade 12 students read this carefully and complete graduation requirements. We are here to help if students and parent have questions.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The EMCS Financial Aid Handbook has been updated and is available on the EMCS website. <http://emcs.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/grade-12-information/scholarship-bursaries-student-loans/>
This booklet is a must-read for Grade 12 students planning to apply for scholarships and bursaries this year.

Upcoming:

Attention Grads - If you are attending prom this year, you may want to take a look at The Magic Wand Project. This is a non-profit organization that rents dresses and tuxes to students, charging only the price of cleaning. They are now accepting appointments. www.themagicwandproject.ca

Attachments:

Pre-sales for the 2017 – 2018 EMCS Yearbook are now available through our School Cash Online program. <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/> Please, remember that you won't see the item available until you have completed the consent for your student. Yearbooks are \$45 each and will be available for pick up at the end of June. Instructions are attached.

District Online Consent Portal

This is a web-based tool to efficiently collect parents' consent for a variety of activities. The intention is to replace paper-based forms. The system has been live for a few months; if you have not completed your consents either by paper or online, please follow the instructions attached.

Exciting Opportunities Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sooke for Grade 11 & 12 Students

Please let Mr. Phipps know by email (aphipps@sd62.bc.ca) as soon as possible if you are interested in any of the adventures included in the attachment. If multiple names are brought forward, Rotary Club representatives will conduct interviews to decide who they sponsor. All costs (registration, transportation, meals, accommodation) are covered by Rotary Club of Sooke. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Sooke for offering this amazing opportunity to our students.

EMCS Program Office

New classes are starting – please see attachment.

Pro-D Jump Rope Workshop on February 23rd from 9:30-4 at Royal Bay Secondary – see attachment.

Camosun College is hosting an all day, free career exploratory for all female students interested in Electrical, Automotive, Civil and Computer Science, Sheet Metal, Carpentry, Electronics or Mechanics. Lunch will be included! There are limited seats available so sign up in the Career Center as soon as possible – see attachment.

Social Media Awareness + Parenting the Digital World on May 16th @ 7pm in the Belmont Theatre – see attachment.

Important Upcoming Dates:

February 19 – Report cards distributed
February 22 – Open House
February 23 – Non Instructional Day
February 27 – Talent Show
February 28 – Course Selection Forms are due
February 28 – Anti Bullying/Pink Shirt Day
March 1 – Hockey Banquet
March 14th & 15th – Grad Fashion Show
March 17-April 2 – Spring Break/ Easter
April 3 – School re-opens