

## EMCS WEEKLY MESSAGE FOR March 2 2018



Spring Break is not far off with a reminder that as the pace quickens and the timelines tighten it is imperative for students to stay on top of their assignments. Attendance and punctuality are directly related to academic success and students who attend all of their classes do better on assignments and tests. Please have your student contact their teacher if they need a reminder of the expectations for the next two weeks; it will be a great feeling to be caught up and enjoy the break without having unfinished assignments.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our Talent Show participants. The packed audience was thoroughly entertained with amazing talent and a huge thank you to all involved in organizing this annual event.

Congratulations to Leigha Auld who will participate in the BC Wrestling Championships in Port Alberni this weekend!

### Important this week:

**The Career Center is hosting a Job and Career Fair on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>.** There will be 21 different employers and unique post-secondary schools in the Commons covering a wide variety of industries. Explore careers with the Coast Guard, in banking, Marine trades, recreation, construction, computer programming, tourism, nutrition, entrepreneurship and graphic arts plus many more. Bring a resume and your questions to take advantage of this opportunity.

**NAV CANADA's Explore Aviation Summer Camp** is happening this summer for 20 girls entering Grade 10 in Cornwall, Ontario. Their mission: one week of learning, fun and friendship with a focus on aviation. This all-expenses-paid camp uses hands-on learning to give them the chance to explore exciting aviation-related careers. Please note that timelines are tight as applications close March 9, 2018. More information is available at: <http://navcanada.ca/EN/careers/Pages/Explore-Aviation-Summer-Camp.aspx>

**Grad Fashion Show & Silent Auction** presented by the EMCS Grad Class of 2018

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

7pm

EMCS Theatre

Tickets will be available for sale in the main office (cash or cheque only), online through our School Cash Online program and at Shopper's Drug Mart. <https://sd62.schoolcashionline.com/>

### **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](mailto:aphipps@sd62.bc.ca)) as soon as possible if you are interested in any of the adventures described below. 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.

#### Adventures in Technology

*When: late April 2018 (dates to be determined)*

*Where: Saskatoon, SK*

Adventures in Technology is a four and one-half day exploration of advanced technology, research, development and applications. During their visit, students will be able to open the doors to an exciting array of some of Canada's finest corporations and research facilities, including the University of Saskatchewan, Innovation Place Research Park & the Canadian Light Source Synchrotron to name just a few. Of course, the students will also be treated to the best in Saskatchewan hospitality and have the opportunity to make new friends from across the western provinces.

#### Adventures in Health Care

*When: May 7 - 10, 2018 (travel May 6 & 11)*

*Where: Prince George, BC*

This event provides a unique opportunity for a selected group of young Canadians to come together to gain a better understanding of what healthcare means to them today and in their future. Through hands on activities in medical training facilities, as well as college and university laboratories, students will come away with a better understanding of health care careers. There is an online training course that students must complete before attending this event.

### **Grade 12 Checklist**

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

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

### **Scholarship & Bursary Information Updated**

The EMCS scholarships/bursaries database was updated February 25. The database contains over 100 scholarships and bursaries.

Updated application forms for the following scholarships / bursaries are now available in the scholarship cabinet in the counselling centre:

- Sooke Teachers Association Bursaries
- Victoria Catholic Women's League Bursary
- Sooke Minor Hockey Association Scholarships (forms also available on the SMHA website)
- Harry DeSwagger Big Brothers Big Sisters Bursary (for Teen Mentors)
- Sooke Fine Arts Society – Visual Arts Award
- Sooke Soccer Club Scholarship

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](http://www.themagicwandproject.ca)

### Attachments:

**Skills Canada Competitions & Hiring Fair at Camosun Interurban Campus** – March 7th. Please see the attachments for more details.

**HELP SUPPORT VICTORIA SCHOOLS!** Come to the Langford Costco for our School Fundraiser Weekend! Please see attachment.

**Looking for summer employment? Worklink will be hosting a Sooke Region Job Fair.** Tuesday March 27th, 2018 - 10am - 12:30pm at the Prestige Oceanfront Resort in Sooke. Find your next summer or full-time job by meeting some of the Sooke region's best employers! Please see attachment.

### 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.

### EMCS Program Office

New classes are starting – please see attachment.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

March 14 – Grad Fashion Show  
March 17-April 2 – Spring Break/ Easter  
April 3 – School re-opens  
April 11 – PAC Meeting  
April 16 – Reports distributed in Homeroom  
April 19 – Learning Conferences and Early Dismissal  
April 20 – Non Instructional Day  
April 25 – Spring out of Hunger  
May 1 – Grad List Posted  
May 4 – Non Instructional Day  
May 9 – PAC Meeting  
May 25 – Deadline for Grad List

June 2 – Graduation Ceremony  
June 6-8 – Musical Show  
June 13 – PAC Meeting  
June 14 – Major Awards Ceremony  
June 15 – Prom  
June 28 – Last Day of School