Hi All,

We thought spring was on its way, but winter reared its ugly head once more this month. We all hope that warmer days and sunny skies lie ahead.

We are ready to kick start our spring sport season with Track and Field and Softball. Mr. Nelson is getting the bands ready for another fun filled music festival season. Our Drama crew is closing in on their opening night of “Aladdin: The Musical” on May 23rd and 24th!! Our team of students and parents, led by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Mike Butler and Mme. Larade are excited for all to see this amazing Disney tale!

A great big thanks to our grade 7 staff and parent volunteers that have made the trek to Tatamagouche for the Tim Horton’s camp. They had a fun filled, albeit soggy adventure at camp.

We are about to enter into our Career Month in May where we will have trips to the Skills Canada competition, job fairs, Parents as Career Coaches presentation and more! We are hoping to foster an understanding of the types of professions available so that our students gain a better understanding as to what is available to them professionally in an ever changing world.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Henry Bishop to our school. Mr. Bishop brought his African Drumming Group, Imani, which consisted of students from EMS and New Minas Elementary. Dr Bishop shared rich stories of the history of the group, the music and African heritage.

We would like to offer congratulations to Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Greenough, Mr. Bullerwell and Mrs. Harvey as they celebrate 25 wonderful years of teaching.

Finally it was wonderful to see everyone out for our Student Led Conferences. It was wonderful to see students sharing their work. It shows the value of this process and how important it is for them to share all that they do 😊

Looking forward, we have a busy May and June as the year draws to a close. Please keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events.

We always value a quick email or call if you have any questions, keep in touch

Stan MacVicar, Principal
Jennifer Bishop, Vice-Principal
Sign In / Sign Out & Office Check-In
When students must arrive late for classes or leave early in the day, parents/guardians are asked to come into the office to sign your student in or out. We ask that all visitors please check-in with the office before proceeding to any location within the school. This will help us to know who is in our building for everyone’s peace of mind.

Phone Messages
We encourage families to discuss what the routine for the day will be before coming to school. We have a number of students asking to make calls on a daily basis to find out where they are supposed to go after school. This can create havoc for both the student and the office, especially when the parent/guardian cannot be reached. We ask that you call with messages for your child only if it is an emergency.

Drama
This year’s play to be showcased on May 23rd and 24th is called, “Aladdin”. Our cast is continuing to participate in rehearsals on Wednesdays after school from 3:45-5:00pm, unless blocking focuses on specific groupings or scenes. Please have your child check the Drama dates on the EMS website regularly to avoid any disappointments or transportation issues.

The Drama Club is engaging in an Ad Campaign fundraiser to generate funds for Drama costs. The black and white ads will be placed in our Drama Production program for $20 and will include the company’s name, logo and contact/location information. We would appreciate your input if you shared this promotion with any local business or company you may know.

More information and ad applications are to follow after Easter. Please contact Mr. Nelson or Mme Larade at 681-4910 for details or http://www.ems.ednet.ns.ca .

Concours d’Art Oratoire
The Concours d’art oratoire is Canada’s largest annual French-language public speaking competition involving over a 100,000 students across Canada every year, and thousands of dollars’ worth of prizes. The aim of this public speaking contest are to stimulate the interest of students learning French, to improve their oral skills, and to give them experience speaking in public.

This event is organized by Canadian Parents for French (CPF), who has worked together with parents and school staff since 1983 to organize school, district and provincial-level competitions. This year, EMS has three students, Adison Lockhart, Adelaide McGreevy and Carmen Peng advancing to the provincial competition held at Mount St. Vincent University on April 27th, 2019.

Félicitations!

We extend our congratulations to the following students who presented their French speeches at the Regional Concours competition at Berwick School on March 27th, 2019.

Grade 6
Adelaide McGreevy
Adison Lockhart
Sophia Vernie
Arreyah Carvery
Grade 8
Carmen Peng

Regrets: Kirsten Duerber and Ella McComiskey-McFadden (grade 7)

EMS PTSA
Next PTS Meeting will be May 16 at 7PM in the library.

Tennis
The Wolfville Tennis Club (WTC) is offering in June an after school drop in tennis program for ages 8 to 16 at the Wolfville courts, it will run from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Cost $20. WTC is also offering tennis lessons for children aged 8 to 16 this summer at the Wolfville Rotary Courts. Lessons run during July and August. For more information or to register contact Dave Lang at dkeslang@gmail.com or visit our site at wolfvilletennisclub.com.

Art Fair
Congratulations to our artists who displayed their talents during our annual Art Fair. It is always amazing to see such creativity executed by our students at all grade levels. The kind comments and feedback by parents/guardians and family members shared with our artists are always appreciated.
May is Career Pathway Awareness Month at EMS

Our world of work is varied and ever changing...where does a young person begin! During the Month of May at EMS the students and staff at EMS will be taking a look at some of the many options and pathways that lie ahead. The Middle School years are not too early to begin exploring how their many interests and skills match to different career paths.

Throughout the month, students will be participating in a wide variety of activities, exploration of MyBluePrint, daily fun facts & announcements and video clips of a wide variety of career options. There will also be some presentations happening at each grade level.

Friday, April 26th - Five Grade 8 females will be attending the NS Skills Canada Skilled Futures for Women at Acadia for the day.

Wednesday, May 1 - Skills Canada will be coming in to each Grade 8 class to offer the Skilled Trades and Technologies Interactive Presentation.

Friday, May 3rd - Skills Canada will return to offer the Essential Skills Challenge Presentation to each Grade 7 class.

Tuesday, May 7th - we will be offering to Parents/Guardians the "Parents as Career Coaches" workshop from 6:30 - 8:40 PM (see below)

Wednesday, May 29th - Grade 6's will have their own Career Day hosted at the school with all kinds of fun activities. We are looking for volunteers to come in during the afternoon sessions to share a little about their field of work. If you are interested and available please contact the school and let us know. We would love to have you join us and share a little of your pathway experience.

Parents have a chance to get involved in the action too!

Parents as Career Coaches Workshop

EMS is pleased to be offering again this dynamic and informative one evening workshop to learn more about how to help your child find their pathway. Parents want their children to find happiness and success in life. One factor which influences happiness and success is career choice. Parents as Career Coaches emphasizes the importance of helping your children discover what their passions/interests are. It will assist your children to identify occupations which might help them pursue their passions. Parents as Career Coaches also encourages parents and their children to consider the many practical factors that will impact career decisions, including, for example, skills, the labour market, and education and training opportunities.

Parents as Career Coaches provides you with

- Information about what the career journey looks like, to help you deal with the many twists and turns that can occur.
- Details of what employers are looking for in this new world of work to identify the skills and personal qualities students need to develop to be competitive in the workforce.
- Information on where to find details on specific jobs, qualifications, opportunities, training, and financing.
- A parent guide designed to help you work with your children throughout their career journey.
- A student workbook, which provides your daughter or son with information and activities to:
  - Identify interests and skills
  - Research occupations

The Middle School Parent program takes one evening to complete. We are excited to be offering it at EMS! Open to any parents of students in grades 6-8.

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Time: 6:30pm to 8:40 pm
Location: Evangeline Middle School

We hope you can join us. To attend please register on-line at career-coaches/sessions or call EMS office at 902-681-4910

https://www.ednet.ns.ca/cbl/parents-career-coaches/session