



CITADEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Special Place for a Special Age

Mission Statement

Working together, our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing and responsive environment that meets the unique developmental needs of early adolescents.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of our staff, I extend warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2012!

The weeks and months have passed so quickly since we returned to school on September 6th! We have greatly appreciated your support on a daily basis, whether assisting your son or daughter with homework/organization, driving them to school for early morning choir and band rehearsal, providing transportation to and from sports events and field trips, contributing to our hamper campaign, etc. Thank you, too, for sending your sons and daughters off to school each day ready and eager to learn!

We are looking forward to continuing our work together when we return to school in the New Year!

Regards,



G. Speight

Principal
gspeight@sd43.bc.ca

PAC MEETING

Please feel welcome to join us for our PAC Meeting on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm in our school library. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings!

Important Dates

Monday, Dec. 19-	Winter Vacation
Monday, Jan. 2	No School
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Schools Reopen
Monday, Jan. 9	PAC Meeting - All Welcome 7pm Library
Wed. Jan. 11	Open House - Traffic Concerns 4-6pm Library
Friday, Jan. 13	Club Day
Wed., Jan. 18	Spelling Bee 1pm
Thursday, Jan. 26	8:45-12:15 Grade 8 students tour of Riverside Secondary
Thursday, Jan. 26	1pm Math 9 Honours Exam 2pm Science 9 Honours Exam
Friday, Jan. 27	District Pro D Day - No School

SCHOOL NEWS

REPORT CARDS

Ministry report cards will be distributed to students this week. Along with the report card template, you will also receive a letter from our Superintendent, Mr. Tom Grant, which outlines the rationale for sending home the information.

LET'S TALK ABOUT TRANSPORTATION CITADEL MIDDLE TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2012
CITADEL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
4:00 TO 6:00PM

The City of Port Coquitlam has been in discussions with the Principal and Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) of Citadel Middle and is planning an Open House to explore and develop options to improve



pedestrian safety around the school on Citadel Drive.

This Open House is your opportunity to provide input and get information. Drop by to:

- Learn about the City's *Safe Routes to School Program* and recent improvements in the area
- Talk to City staff from the Engineering & Operations Department and Citadel Middle School staff
- Review and discuss options to improve pedestrian safety
- Tell us your ideas

STAFFING UPDATE

Since our last newsletter was published in November, we have had some staff changes.

Mr. Romano, our Vice Principal, is currently on leave, as he is supporting his father who is ill. We extend our best wishes to Tony and his family.

Ms. Sheri Evans is a Teacher On Call who is helping us out with Mr. Romano's teaching responsibilities during his absence. Since joining us at the beginning of December, Ms. Evans has very quickly become accustomed to the busy daily routine at our middle school, and has developed effective working relationships with our students and staff.

Also joining us at the beginning of December is Ms. Jennifer Shaw. Ms. Shaw has joined our Grade 7 MACC class. Ms. McInnes, who has worked in our gifted program since the outset, has taken a leave for the remainder of this school year. Ms. McInnes was recently married and will be joining her new husband in Philadelphia. Ms. Shaw's enthusiasm and energy have been much appreciated as she has stepped in to our Grade 7 position. Already she has made important connections with students, parents and our staff.

We welcome both Ms. Evans and Ms. Shaw to our staff!

CLUB DAY

Our first club day will be on January 13, 2012. We still have a number of students who have not handed in their club day forms. Please check to see if your son or daughter has handed in their forms. This is a regular school day; students are expected to attend school. In the past our students have

really enjoyed this event and always look forward to the next one.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Information Meeting for Grade 8 Students and Their Parents

Wednesday, January 4th or Thursday, January 5th
7:00 to 8:30pm at Port Moody Secondary School
Students interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend one of these meetings to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask teachers and students questions about the IB Program. **All registration information will be available at these meetings.** Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at pmsblues.net and www.ibo.org

Southside Family of School Parent Education presents

"Nurturing the Roots of Natural Self-Esteem in Children"

Learn about three different types of self-esteem and strategies on how to nurture children's intrinsic self-worth based on the Neufeld paradigm!

Featuring:

Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Ph.D.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:45 - 8:30pm at Citadel Middle School

Cost: \$3/adult or \$5/couple

Free Childminding available with advance registration.

To register: Visit your child's school website for this event flyer and fill out the form and return it with payment to the school office by Jan. 11, 2012. Or register by e-mail ssfspe@gmail.com including your name, number attending, and the name and ages of any children that require childminding in your email and bring payment to presentation.

