

OVERVIEW OF ARTICULATION DATES

All parents of grade 8 students are invited to attend an information session about the transition to high school, in the Summit MPR on Monday, January 9th at 7 p.m.

Your assigned secondary school can be determined by checking the *school locator* at www.sd43.bc.ca and is based on the address we have on file at the office. We are unable to change the address on file without proper documentation confirming proof of your residence i.e. Hydro bill and purchase or rental agreement (at least two proofs required).

	Heritage	Gleneagle	Pinetree
Parent information meetings at the secondary schools	Tues. Jan 17th 7:00 p.m.	Tues. Jan 10th 6:30 pm (honours info at the end)	Wed. Jan 11th 7:00 p.m.
Honours Applications	Due to core teacher Jan 20th	Due to core teacher Jan 20th	Due online to Pinetree by Jan 20th
Gr. 8 student tours of secondary school	Thursday Jan 26th in the morning. Students must attend the tour at their <u>catchment (or sibling) school only.</u> Transportation provided from (& back to) Summit after morning attendance for Gleneagle and Heritage. Pinetree students will meet at Pinetree's community centre parking lot by 8:50 am for attendance and will walk back to Summit after tour.		
Honours Courses— Testing Session	Thursday Jan 26th in the afternoon, after the tour, for interested students. Students may write tests at their <u>catchment or sibling school only</u> —transportation home after testing is the student's responsibility. <i>**Note that Pinetree's Math/Science test will be Fri. Jan 27th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Humanities is on Thursday after the tour.</i>		
Secondary schools visit Gr. 8 students at Summit with course selection packages	Thursday February 9th —students will attend the session with counsellors from their <u>catchment or sibling school only</u> ; all sessions will take place at Summit during class time.		
Course selection form deadline	Thursday February 16th – form <u>must be completed for the catchment or sibling school only</u> and is handed in to the Gr. 8 core teacher by Feb 16 th at the latest.		

International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Port Moody Secondary School

Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at www.pmsblues.net and www.ibo.org.

--IB Parent Info Evening at 7 p.m. on **Wed. Jan 4th OR Thurs. Jan 5th** --choose one. Application packages may be obtained then, or from the Port Moody Secondary office during office hours. We do not have applications here at Summit.

--IB Application Deadline is **4 p.m. on Thursday January 26th**. Packages must be handed in to the Port Moody Secondary office directly.

--Port Moody Secondary Parent Information Night is **Thursday, February 2nd** from 7-8 pm. This is not specific to IB, but a general information session about the whole school, for any parents of students transitioning to Port Moody.

--IB Applicant Testing Session is 8:30 am to 2:00 pm on **Sat Feb 4th** at PMSS. They will require photo identification from students. Students should bring a lunch or snack.

Cross Catchment Process 2012 – 2013

Parents have the right to choose the school their children attend, subject to availability of space. If you want to choose a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school you must submit a “Cross Catchment Form” as outlined below. **Please note that due to lack of space, the District will not be in a position to honour requests for cross catchment to some secondary schools. Check www.sd43.bc.ca for a complete list.**

Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment (February 10th 9:00 am to February 22nd 4:00 pm)

· The District is requiring use of the electronic version of the application form accessed through the District website (www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning February 10th.

Process details

- o Requests are processed based on **availability of space in schools** and on a **first come-first served basis**.
- o The system automatically marks the time it receive the request.
- o Principals will be able to access information about requests as they are received.
- o The process will close off promptly at 4:00 pm on February 22nd for those in Grades 1-12.
- o The District response to requests will be communicated to parents in writing after March 5th.

Note: If a student is accepted to a cross catchment school, their course selection form and any honours testing results will be transferred to that new school.

SIBLING CLAUSE

Students are eligible to attend a cross catchment school if they have a sibling already there and that sibling will still be there next year. These students should obtain a Summit Sibling Declaration form from our Summit school counsellor. This must be completed in full and returned to Victoria Butterfield by Monday January 16th. **This is only applicable to students in the following situation:**

- grade 8 student has a brother or sister attending a non-catchment school, who is currently in grades 9-11.
- and that sibling will still be attending that school next year (i.e. not moving, not graduating this June etc.)
- and the grade 8 student wishes to attend that school as well.

When we receive this declaration form, we will permit the grade 8 student to write the honours test, attend the tour, and complete the course selection form for the sibling’s school. At this point, the grade 8 student is not yet officially on the list for that school.

The family must still formally apply to the district to have their child attend the sibling’s school. This is done by submitting the cross catchment form between Feb 10th—22nd (www.sd43.bc.ca). You are not actually applying for cross boundary, but using the same form to advise the board of the sibling connection. The school board then checks the names, addresses etc. in their system. When they determine that the sibling conditions are fully met, the grade 8 student is then formally put onto the list for the sibling’s school. If the conditions are not met, the grade 8 student is required to then complete a course selection form for their catchment school.