



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

TODAY IS DAY 1

****Please note: **All new and changed items are in red******



THANK YOU FOR WEARING YOUR MASK EACH DAY!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW SIGN UP

Sign up begins this afternoon for PARENTS to book a parent/teacher interview. Information will be included in the Newsletter.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS at Charles Best

Looking for a gift for Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary, clubs, coaches, guest speakers, look no further! We have the fundraiser at Charles Best: Fundscrip Gift Cards. Buy cards for where you normally shop or dine (grocery stores, clothing, gas, restaurants, etc.) and our school will profit! You can buy cards online on our school's webpage under Quick Links, all purchases made by **November 25th** will be here at the school to pick up the first week of the December.

Gift cards do not expire, and they are COVID friendly.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/69841/108/False/True>

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

J. Arcila

MATH CONTEST SIGN UP

If you are interested in signing up for the University of Waterloo Math contest for this year, please see Mr. Dy in room 116 at 8am.

Grades 9-11: cost \$5

Grade 12: cost \$13

Please sign up by Oct. 26th

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a car at Charles Best are required to display a parking pass. Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

GRADE 12'S

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – CAP & GOWN

Grade 12's participating in the Commencement Ceremony on June 22, 2022 must pay this fee by Dec. 31, 2021.

Cap and Gown orders will be placed early in the new year due to Covid delays.

Don't miss out-parents can log into School Cash Online to pay for this fee starting today.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ACCOUNTS

GRADE 12'S

Students, please have your parents ensure all fees/accounts are clear by Nov 30 so you can purchase grad related items when they become available.

GRADE 12 GRADUATION PHOTOS OCT 21-29

Information about Grade 12 graduation photos from Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits was emailed to Grade 12 students and their parents on Wednesday, October 7.

Please refer to the email attachment for procedures on booking as well as dates available.

Contact Lifetouch/Prestige with all inquiries.

SPORTS

JR. GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

There will be try-outs happening for Junior Girls basketball on **October 19th** from 8-9:45pm and on **October 20th** from 6:30-8am. These try-outs are open to anyone in grades nine and ten.

Looking forward to seeing you.

If there are any questions, please ask Ms. Weeks.

JR. BOYS BASKETBALL (GR. 9-10)-NEW TIME OCT 15

Open gym: October 15 3:30-5:00pm

Tryouts: October 20 5-6:30 pm, October 22 2-4pm

Contact Daniel Depelteau if any questions: danield@excelbasketball.com

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL (GR. 11-12)

Open Gym: October 15 3:30-5 pm

Tryouts: October 18 8-10 pm, October 22 12-2 pm

Contact Daniel Depelteau if any questions: danield@excelbasketball.com

FIELD LACROSSE

Anyone wanting to play Field Lacrosse this year, please see Mr. Jovanovic in Portable 1 to sign up.

He is available M-F 7:30-3:30 pm.

CLUBS

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

FRENCH NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Take part in the National Essay Contest for the chance to win a scholarship ranging between \$1,000 and \$20,000 in one of the participating post-secondary institutions. Scholarships will be awarded based on the participants' first choice of postsecondary institution, and then based on score.

Open to all legal residents of Canada who at the time of entry are enrolled in a Canadian high school in

Grade 10-12. To participate, you must submit an essay on the following theme: "**In a future where everything is possible, how will the food we eat and the way it is produced have changed?**"

More info on Career Centre team or website.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

The [Lower Mainland Green Team](#) will be removing Himalayan Blackberry from **Hoy Creek trail behind Creekside Village** to help restore this natural area. Invasive species have environmental, economic and social consequences and their threat is increasing due to climate change. Learn about how climate change impacts biodiversity locally, develop hands-on habitat restoration skills, acquire volunteer hours!

No experience required. Instruction, gloves, tools and refreshments provided.

This Sunday, Oct 17th, 9.45 am – 1 pm.

More info and to sign up: www.meetup.com/The-Lower-Mainland-Green-Team/events/280973341/

COQUITLAM EXPRESS HOCKEY– GAME DAY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Coquitlam Express is looking for Grade 11 & 12 students to support their Game Day Business including running the box office. This opportunity is a full season commitment, including playoff season.

For more info visit Career Centre Team or website > Volunteering channel.

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS-NEW INFO

Have you acquired a language outside of school? All students are entitled to request an opportunity to challenge courses for credit. Must be able to give strong and compelling evidence of language proficiency.

Deadline to apply: Nov 1, 2021. Exams are Jan 29th & 30th, Delta School District.

Available languages: French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi and Spanish 11/12.

Please hand application forms in directly to Mr. Papillo or talk to Mr. Papillo if you are unsure if the Challenge Exam is right for you.

[Application Package and more info here.](#)

TECHNOLOGY TODAY WORKSHOP FOR GRADE 9 GIRLS**

Explore the exciting worlds of Modern Technology and Quantum Computing and learn how they are helping to solve the world's biggest problems. Run by UBC's Geering Up. **November 6, 10 am – 3 pm.**

Free, register now. Trans*, genderqueer and non-binary folks are welcome.

<https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/programming/general-information/events/all-girls/>

DISCOVER DAYS IN HEALTH SCIENCE

This year's modified virtual half day program comprises exhibits, a keynote lecture, an interactive workshop, and a career panel discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to select their own workshop but space is limited. **Tuesday, November 16, 8.30 am -12.15 pm** [Schedule of events](#)

Please contact Mrs. Kaufmann at the Career Centre [by Mon, Oct 25th](#) if you want to attend as schools are asked to identify Grade 10 - 12 students interested in science to attend the event.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

POST SECONDARY SERIES OF INFO SESSIONS FOR SD43

Attention Grade 11 & 12 students, parents & guardians! The SD43 Post-Secondary & Career Advisors have collaborated to schedule a series of post-secondary info presentations just for our District. Advantage: Smaller audience, more specific information, and a great opportunity to get your questions answered. Check out the listed events and mark your calendar. You can find links to register or to directly join a session closer to the date on the Career Centre team, school website under Career Centre > Post-Secondary, and also posted in the Informer.

[SD43 Post-Secondary Schedule of Events Fall 2021](#)

UVIC SD43 PRESENTATION

This session is somewhat similar to the Discover UVic sessions but will cover more admissions specific information than the open-to-all Discover UVic sessions. **Wednesday, October 20th** at 6.30 pm. [Join on zoom](#)

BCIT IN-PERSON TOURS & INFO SESSIONS

- Mechantronics & Robotics **Mon October 25, 2021** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm [Register here](#)
- Mechanical Engineering (incl. Mechanical Engineering degree program, and the Mechanical Engineering Technology diploma program with three options: Design, Manufacturing and Systems.
 - **Thu October 21, 2021** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm [Register here](#)

GAIRDNER HIGH SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Grade 10-12 students interested in a medical career, and/ or biomedical sciences are invited to register. This virtual half-day event is scheduled for **Monday, October 25** from 8:30-10:30am and will give you the opportunity to interact with Gairdner award-winning scientists and BC Children's Hospital researchers. Hosted in conjunction with the Center for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics (CMMT) and the Canada Gairdner Foundation, the Gairdner Symposium recognizes the world's most creative and accomplished biomedical scientists who are advancing humanity and the world.

Free. <https://trk.cp20.com/click/cehc-2gfbyy-k384c3-gt9ni6s6/>

UBC SD43 PRESENTATION

Mark your calendar for **October 27**, 7 pm

RYERSON SD43 PRESENTATION

Learn more and get your questions answered during this upcoming info session specifically set up for Coquitlam School District students. **Oct 27, 2021** 04:00 PM, Zoom:

<https://ryerson.zoom.us/j/93445266039?pwd=ZWpFRk9vQ2hvL2F5ZzBkWWpsS2c0QT09>

UVIC PARENT NIGHTS

Parent nights are for parents and guardians of high school students, but your students are welcome to join you! In these online events, UVic reps answer your questions about admission requirements, scholarships and upcoming application deadlines, and offer advice on helping your children successfully transition to life in university. *Registration closes two hours before an event.*

October 28, 6 PM | [Register](#) or **November 24**, 6 PM | [Register](#)

PARENTS AS EDUCATION & CAREER COACHES SESSION

The Parent as Education and Career Coaches presentation is an interactive session designed to support parents in guiding their student in making informed decisions about their education and career choices after high school. This session is run by EducationPlanner BC, the application platform used by all (but 2) BC post-secondary institutions. Learn about the options available, financial aid and more to guide your child on their path to post-secondary. **Monday, October 25**, 7-8.30 pm. [Registration required.](#)

STUDYING ART IN THE U.S.

Hosted by the California College of the Arts, College for Creative Studies, Maryland Institute College of Art, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczE6BTaLHXh4XYmpWoz5_gdWZ-mjbEFH87oIJG0eKz-rsZA/viewform

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SD43 PRESENTATIONS

Monday, October 18, 2021 at 06:00 PM

<https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/2sd43>

Please register to attend.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

- All About UBC: **Oct 15 at 2 pm**
- UBC Application Workshops: **Oct 21 at 4 pm**
- UBC Financial Aid Session: **Oct 28 at 1 pm**

More info and registration links on Career Centre Team > Indigenous Information (Join with code gvrymg1).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

BISHOPS UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Virtual Open House on **Saturday, October 16th, 2021**. Receive the most up-to-date information on specific programs, student life, admissions and much more at Bishop's, an English university in Quebec. [Register here](#).

We also have an information session specifically for SD43 students scheduled for

Thursday, October 28, at 6 pm. [Register here](#).

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 16 from 9 am to 4 pm. Plan your virtual experience and check out the Virtual Open House event schedule. Registration required:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/open-house/index.html?>

BCIT ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INFO. SESSION

Visit the BCIT campus and learn more about the Electrical Engineering degree program, Electrical and Computer Engineering diploma program with the three options: Automation & Instrumentation, Electrical Power & Industrial Control, and Telecommunications & Networks as well as the Bachelor of Technology in Electronics. Date: **October 18, Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Register to attend:

<https://www.bcit.ca/event/electrical-engineering-information-session-in-person-and-or-online/>

SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE INFO. SESSIONS

- Learn about Applied Sciences: **October 20th, 4.30 pm**. November 3rd, 8 am. November 17th at 4.30 pm
 - Engineering Sciences, Mechatronics Systems Engineering, Sustainable Energy Engineering: **October 27th, 4.30 pm**. November 24th, 4.30 pm
 - Computing Science and Software Systems: **November 10th, 4.30 pm, December 8th, 4.30 pm**
Register to attend. <https://www.sfu.ca/fas/prospective-Students/events.html>

THE ARTPOD APPLICATION AND SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

During this session, each of the ArtPod schools will give an overview of their school's application and Scholarship Opportunities. **October 20**, 6.00 AM Pacific Time. [REGISTER HERE](#).

The ArtPod Portfolio Day. Arts students will be able to have one 15-minute portfolio review session per institution. **October 27**, 4.00 PM Pacific. [REGISTER HERE](#).

SFU INFORMATION SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS

Join fellow Coquitlam School District students in one of the three info sessions SFU is kindly offering for us. Parents & Guardians are welcome too. **Friday, October 22nd, 3-4 pm** (Pro-D Day). [Join on zoom](#). Passcode: 208518. Additional sessions scheduled for Nov 10 & 23.

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

If you are in **Grade 9-12** and are wondering what the STEM field has to offer for you after high school, check out this Speaker Series with monthly events and varying topics. Next event: **Sat, Oct 23, 2021, 1-2 pm**.

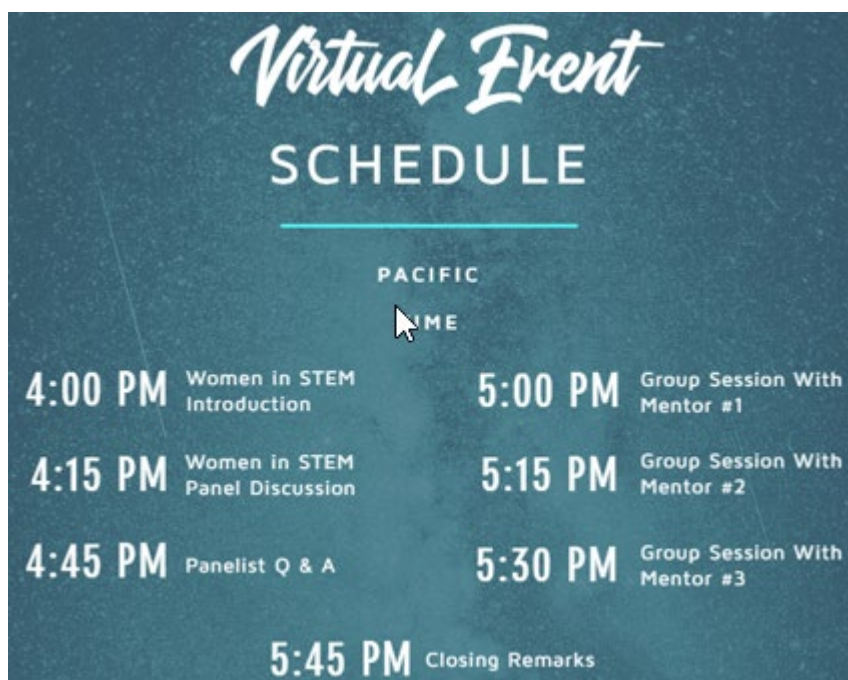
Free, but registration required. <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/409457009>

CURIOUS ABOUT A CAREER IN SCIENCE, TECH., ENGINEERING OR MATH?

Virtual STEM event for networking and scholarship opportunities for women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) through **grades 11 & 12** across Canada.

The virtual even is an opportunity to chat live with career influencers, win bursaries towards their education, and encourage female students to join a STEM career.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021



POST SECONDARY EVENTS

RCMP CAREER PRESENTATION

Join the BC Recruiting team for a career presentation with guest speakers from an elite team of highly specialized police officers. Potential applicants can come and speak to members of Emergency Response Team to learn about their role and experiences. **October 27th, 6 pm**, Surrey RCMP Headquarters.

More info here: <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/even/en/e/6937>

SFU APPLIED SCIENCES: PYTHON FOR DATA SCIENCE PROGRAM

Series of four virtual workshops for **Grade 9-12 students**. Students will learn how to explore, manipulate, visualize, and analyze a publicly available dataset using Python. Some programming experience is required. Saturdays between **Oct 30-Nov 20, 1-2.30 pm**. Free! More info on Career Centre team or website. Register

here: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/409880576>

DISCOVER TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Get an overview of what TWU has to offer and connect with current TWU students and admissions staff.

Discover TWU runs monthly from October through June.

REGISTER: [November 15](#) (4.30 pm)| [December 9](#) (4.30 pm)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

U of T NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Students who excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities can apply. 25 scholarships available, amounts vary. **Deadline is October 21st, 9 pm**. <https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/>

LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

International Students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and creativity, leadership and community service – talk to your counsellor about being nominated for this all-expenses-covered scholarship to U of T. Submit your brag sheet for nomination **by November 1**. More info:

<https://future.utoronto.ca/pearson/about/>

TD COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

20 TD Scholarships for Community Leadership are available to graduating students who have demonstrated leadership in improving their community. Each scholarship has a value of up to \$70,000. Criteria: Grade average 75%+, demonstrated consistent and outstanding dedication to solving a community problem or making their community a better place. **Apply by Mon., Nov 15th** before 9 pm. More info

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*******SCENT FREE SCHOOL*******

All schools and buildings within SD43 are “**scent free**” places of work and learning. Numerous students and staff have serious medical complications with various natural and chemical scents/fragrances. As such, please make every effort to avoid using or wearing scented products within this space in order to establish an environment that is as “scent safe” as possible.

*****ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS***NO LOITERING IN BUS SHELTER*****

Students are reminded that the bus shelters are for people who are actually waiting to get on a bus. Please do not use them as social gathering places.

*******STUDENT DROP OFFS*******

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

*****SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION IN THE DRIVEWAY/DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL*****

Students are reminded to slow down and use the designated crosswalks when crossing through the school driveway area. Be very vigilant as drivers are often distracted as they are moving in and out of waiting spots. Also, our student drivers are reminded that the expectation is “dead slow” in our school driveways and parking lots.

*****VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS*****

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances.

For the safety of all of our students and staff, it is important that these devices are not on school property. Students are not permitted to have these devices in their lockers, backpacks, or on their person at any time while on school property. If a student is found in possession of a vaporizer or e-cigarette, it will be confiscated. Parents will be contacted and required to meet with the administration and their son/daughter. Reoccurring incidents will result in disciplinary action.