



THE “BEST” INFORMER



TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

2022
happy new year

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK REMINDERS

Welcome back everyone!

- Just a reminder that mask wearing is still in effect **at all times** (over the nose).
 - Head straight to class once you arrive at school.
- No drinking or eating in halls unless you are sitting by yourself. (that includes lollipops!)
 - No gathering in groups in the hallways.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often to help prevent the spread of germs.
- Respect the traffic flow on stairways: UP stairs are at the front of the school, DOWN stairs are at the back.

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Dress in your Charles Best Spirit Wear or wear school colours on Friday, January 14
Let's see some school spirit!

BOOK RETURNS

All library books that were signed out in 2021 are now overdue. Please return to the library ASAP.
Teachers will be in communication about returning Semester One textbooks.

STUDENT PARKING

Any student parking a car on school property during the school year is required to display a parking pass.
Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY

Senior Girls host Centennial @ 6:00pm
Senior Boys host Heritage Woods at 7:30pm
Reminder, no spectators permitted at this time.

CLUBS

GRADE 12'S

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Reminder to have your parents check your school cash online account.
Cap and Gown orders are being processed this month.
Fees must be cleared before participating in graduation events.

STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICES

Reminder, Grade 12 students can now make their post-secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [StudentTranscripts Service](#) (STS). How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the PSI and the options selected in STS. For full details, please visit the [Transcripts and Post-Secondary Selection](#) web page. Grade 12 students can make up to 25 free PSI selections in STS. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose.
All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10 each.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR'S COURSE SELECTION

This is a reminder that our SD43 Trades Training Programs will not appear on your course selection sheet. Any student who is interested in taking a Trades Program for the 2022-2023 school year must complete an application through the [District's Career Program website](#).

Any questions about this, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre or talk to your counsellor.

To view a full list of trades training programs [CLICK HERE](#)

YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES: BAKING INTAKE

Grade 11 students who are planning to apply for this program for the July intake:

The upcoming Winter Break could be a great opportunity to start working on the required portfolio! Program will run for 23 weeks from July 11 to December 15 and applications (incl. portfolio) are due April 15. Potential applicants must attend the 2022 information session on **Thursday, January 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** (on zoom). Tuition will be covered by the Ministry but cost for tools and materials will apply. [More info here](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

100 scholarships of up to \$40,000 each are available to help promising BC students achieve their dreams. Criteria are financial adversity, resilience, and the desire to create positive change. Community or home contributions will be considered. Must have a grade average of 75%+. **Apply by January 13.** [More info here](#).

STEAM HORIZON AWARDS

5 \$25,000 scholarships are available to the next generation of scientists and engineers. The award will be given to individuals who demonstrate inspiring achievements in these fields by applying their passion to have an impact on their community and who show strong potential to become ambassadors for STEAM fields for younger generations. [More info here](#). **Deadline is January 14, 2022.**

SOROPTIMIST TRI-CITIES SCHOLARSHIPS

- Bea Kelly Teen Volunteer Awards: Acknowledging young women in Grade 12 who demonstrate that they make a difference in their community and/or school. The winner receives a bursary to help offset some of the costs of her post-secondary education. (Last year it was \$1,000.)
- Spread Her Wings Awards: Meant to support female immigrants or refugees who have arrived in BC in the last 5 years. You must be enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or undergraduate degree program.
 - **Deadline for both awards: January 15, 2022.** [More info here](#)

U. OF GUELPH ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino President's Scholarships recognize top international students who have made significant contributions to their school and their community and demonstrate the potential to become a leader in society. Scholarships are \$8,250/year, plus one \$9,500 stipend for a full-time summer research assistantship position after first year. Applicants will be automatically considered for Guelph's Academic Leadership International Entrance Scholarships, worth \$20,000. **Applications are due January 25, 2022**

SFU UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education. Must be planning to attend SFU. Demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding potential to be a future leader through personal achievements or contributions to their school or community. Application is not open yet but check out the website to start preparing early. **Deadline: TBA (Mid-February).** [More info here](#).

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K-12 teaching. Value: \$5,000. **Deadline: February 15, 2022.** [More info here](#).

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES 2022

The Coquitlam Foundation annually distributes scholarships and bursaries, primarily to graduating high school students who are in need of financial support to continue their education. There are 17 different awards, all with their individual criteria. You can apply for as many as suit your personal situation with one single application. Award values are TBA (depending on the funds available in the Spring), but in the past all awards varied from \$500 to \$2,000. **Deadline is February 15, 2022.** [More info here](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

******WINTER WEATHER******

Winter weather is coming. Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.

*******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.

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

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

*****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.

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.

