



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS

- 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.

SCHOOL PHOTO PACKAGE

Please come to the office to pick up your LifeTouch photos:
Briana A., Josh H., Kiley M., Niki M., Daniella S.

STUDENT ID CARD

Please come to the office to pick up your 2021-2022 Student ID Card:
Alexander C., Elena M.

BLACK SHIRT DAY JANUARY 14

This Friday, Jan 14 is **Black Shirt Day**. The day is to recognize the struggle for civil rights fought by Black and Racialized Canadians. This is a day of education and remembrance and an invitation to necessary conversations about racial justice.

Please think about wearing a black shirt on Friday to observe the day.

For more information: [Black Shirt Day - ARC Vancouver \(antiracismcoalition.org\)](https://www.blackshirtday.ca/)

On Instagram - @arcvancouver_

FRENCH CHALLENGE EXAMS

French Challenge exams running through the Delta School District have been **postponed** until February 26 & 27. Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

PINK SHIRT DAY

Orders for Pink Shirt Day are now open.

Help recognize the anti-bullying movement on February 23, 2021.

All proceeds from the sale of these pink shirts supports the Kidsport Program.

What a perfect way to support two excellent causes.

Payment will be required in full once your order arrives.

Order here <https://forms.office.com/r/NJNFks5CVm>

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY - POSTPONED

Dress in your Charles Best Spirit Wear or wear school colours on **Friday, January 21**

Let's see some school spirit on the last day of Semester 1!

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

GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Grade 9 Boys Basketball team on their hard fought come from behind 2 point victory over Pinetree!

GIRLS RUGBY

Girls Rugby meeting **Thursday, January 20 at 3:20 in the Cafeteria**. Whether you've played before or not, please come check it out, no obligation. This year's team will be run by United Rugby coach Mike Gosselin, who is also a former Best teacher! We'll also have a couple Best girls rugby alumni coaching as well!

Come learn about a fun sport that focuses on fitness, respect and teamwork.

Build confidence. Get in shape. Be your Best. Play **RUGBY!**

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY

Junior Boys @ Vancouver College – 5:30pm

Reminder, no spectators permitted at this time.

CLUBS

GRADE 12'S

GRAD WEAR HAS ARRIVED

Grad Wear has ARRIVED! Students have been notified. Come to the front foyer during **blocks 2 & 4 Wednesday and Thursday** to pick up.

BEST GIRLS GRAD TSHIRTS

Please come to the office to pick up your Best Senior Girls 2022 T Shirt:
Eularose B, Emma L, Willow T

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.

*NEW - SENDING TRANSCRIPTS TO YOUR POST-SECONDARY CHOICES

Reminder for all Grade 12 students who have applied to a post-secondary institution! You must use the [Student Transcript Service \(STS\)](#) to send your transcript to the schools you have applied to. This may be in addition to the school requiring you to upload/ send in a current transcript. By using this free service, it is guaranteed that post-secondary institutions will automatically receive your final transcript after graduation. Please double-check your school's requirement and the to-do list in your student portal carefully so that you understand the process. How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the school. More info [here](#). When using STS please ask yourself if you have included your PEN when applying to post-secondary and if you spelled your name exactly as the Ministry records show. If that's not the case your post-secondary choices may have difficulties connecting your application with your transcript.

If you need help, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre.

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](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

WATERLOO ENGINEERING ADMISSION TIPS & TRICKS

Learn how to apply. **Thursday, January 13, 2022**, 6 pm Pacific Time. [Register here](#).

UBC BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS FOR GRADE 11 & 12 STUDENTS

Wondering what a first-year business course entails? Want to learn more about interview tips, coffee chats, etc? Run by Sauder's Campus Ambassador Program with help of TAs from the COMM202 class.

January 15th, 2022, 11 am - 12:30 pm on Zoom. [Register to attend](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINE

Because this year's application deadline fell on a Saturday (January 15), UBC has extended the date to make sure they are available to answer all your last-minute questions.

You now have **until Monday, January 17 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time** to submit your application

SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE INFO SESSION

Learn about SFU's Faculty of Applied Sciences' four different schools: Computing Science, Engineering Science, Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Sustainable Energy Engineering, and how you can become a leader in the global technological movement. **January 18th**, 4.30 pm. [Register here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

