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Our school goal is to develop a culture of connectedness and belonging within the school, among school staff, students, and our parent community, in order to enhance opportunities for collaborative partnerships.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 22

We Day Vancouver

November 23

First Formal Report Card
distributed to students

November 27 (November 27-

December 1)

MetFest 7-9:30PM Small Gym

December 3

Grade 9 Immunization

December 7

Team/Club Photos

December 7

“Dress Your Best” Friday

December 10

Grade 9 Immunization – catch up

December 12

Christmas Music Concert 7PM

December 17-21

Spirit Week

December 21

Talent Show 1PM

December 21

Schools close for Winter Break
(last day in session)

December 22-January 6

Winter Break

January 7

Schools Re-open after Winter
Break

AMENDMENT TO THE 2019/20 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school district would like to inform students, parents and SD43 staff that the 2019/20 school calendar has changed the date of the October Professional Development Day. The date of October 18, 2019 has been moved to October 25, 2019 to align with Provincial Specialist Association conferences. For more information on SD43 Calendars, please visit the school district website at www.SD43.bc.ca

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall. However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed occurs **before 6:30AM** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements. **Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30AM via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC 690 radio.** While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family. Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/> Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

BEST ECO CLUB – BRITA RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Eco Club is collecting used Brita filters! Your filters will be sent to TerraCycle, where they will be recycled into new plastic products such as playground equipment and outdoor furniture. By donating, you will help protect our

environment and you'll help the Eco Club fundraise for a local fresh water initiative. Drop off your Brita water filters at the school office.

PROVINCIAL EXAMS & NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

Provincial Exams will be held the week of January 21, 2019. The Numeracy Assessment will run over 2 days; January 22 and 23. All grade 10 students currently in Math 10 classes will be writing this assessment along with grade 11 and 12 students who have yet to complete it. The Numeracy Assessment is a grad requirement and a list of January writers can be found on the window outside of the office. English 12 will be written on Thursday, January 24 and Communication 12 and French Immersion 12 will be written on Friday, January 25, 2019. We wish all of our January exam writers the best of luck!

January 22	Numeracy Assessment – 9AM & 1PM
January 23	Numeracy Assessment – 9AM & 1PM
January 24	English 12 – 9AM
January 25	Communications 12 – 9AM
January 25	FRAL 12 (French Immersion) – 1PM

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS

Christmas shopping? Consider purchasing gift cards located on our webpage

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/26503/108/False/True> and our school will profit! **All purchases made**

by November 23 will be ready for pick up at the school office the first week of December. Cards are available for groceries, gas, restaurants, clothing, toys, electronics, movies, spas, sports, travel and more!

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, November 8, our school was honoured to have local veterans speak about their experiences in the military and their service to Canada. Among the veterans were Bob Sutherland, who has been awarded the Sovereignty Medal for all of his volunteer work dedicated to helping other veterans with their lives after service. Other veterans who attended our assembly were Doc Cumber, Russ Hellard, Norm Bonin, Peter Howard, and James Leslie. Together, we remembered the thousands of men and women who lost their lives in war and various Peacekeeping missions.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT – THE BEST PLAYERS ONE ACT FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 1

This year the Best Players Fall One Act Festival, *Unmasked*, will feature from Acting 12, “This is a Test” by Stephen Gregg, “Scapino” by Frank Dunlop, adapted from the Moliere classic comedy, and “Baby” by Conrad E. Davidson. The extra-curricular offering will be “Me Among Them”, a play of our own creation delving into the causes and effects and rise of anxiety among young people. Our festival opens Tuesday, November 27 and runs to Saturday, December 1. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$8 for adults. Box office opens at 6:45PM, doors at 7PM. Save these dates because every night will be filled with a selection of different plays. Meaningful educational experiences are realized when art, carpentry, music and drama teachers and students work together. We are proud of the students here and the way they take ownership of their experiences, year after year. Our theatre/music program continues to capture the hearts and minds of all the players who elect to pursue excellence in these elective programs. We hope that we can capture you, the audience, in much the same way. Save one of the dates listed above and see you in the theatre.

POETRY IN VOICE COMING IN FEBRUARY

It's never too early to start preparing for Best's Poetry in Voice contest, taking place February 20 in the library. Decide whether you want to compete in the English or the Bilingual category, then choose two poems from www.poetryinvoic.com, memorize them, and prepare your recitations. Registration for the competition will take place in February. More info to follow. See Mrs. Silzer in the library if you have questions.

FALL ATHLETICS

Cross Country: runners wrapped up the season competing at Provincials in Nanaimo early in November, sending a total of three teams (Senior Girls, Senior Boys, and Junior Girls) along with Zach (grade 9) representing Junior Boys. Lucy (grade 9) topped the Best field, finishing 25th overall in Junior Girls. The team also had strong results in the District Championships with the grade 10 and grade 12 girls placing 1st, and the grade 12 boys placing 3rd. Congratulations to all and many thanks from the coaches to the athletes for their enthusiasm in what turned out to be a fantastic season.

Field Hockey - Girls: thank you very much for your support for our field hockey players this season! We had a fun three day tournament at the Provincial Championships in Surrey last week, winning 2 out of 6 games and placing 13th out of 16 teams. We went into the tournament ranked 13th so we met expectations. All in all it was a great season. Overall, the team won 10 games, tied 3 and lost 11. We finished 2nd in the district, 5th in the Fraser Valley and 13th in the Province.

Soccer – Junior Boys: the boys played an exciting season of soccer. Their attractive, possession-based game style was second to none. They played as a team, showed great determination and worked hard throughout the entire season. Finally, they represented our school with class. Your coaches could not have been prouder of you all!

Soccer – Senior Boys: the team qualified for the Provincial Championship by defeating Sardis Secondary and Tamanawis in the third and fourth round of the Fraser Valley Championships. In the second round, the boys had lost a very close game to Abbotsford in penalty kicks after they battled to a 1-1 draw. Abbotsford went on to win the championship, which brought the team some peace of mind. The Provincial Championship starts this Thursday and concludes Saturday at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. Good luck to the team!

Swim Team: after winning the junior and overall trophies at districts, our team finished second overall and qualified 14 swimmers at the Fraser Valleys for provincials, and 11 of them made it to finals on Saturday, November 17. During finals, there were plenty of personal bests, and five swimmers ended up with medals. Mr. Baker and Mr. Kudaba send congratulations to all who were part of our terrific team this year – outstanding results!



Volleyball – Junior Boys: congratulations to the junior boys volleyball team on finishing third at the District championships.

Volleyball – Junior Girls: the team had a very successful year. The girls competed hard and made excellent progress. In District playoffs the girls finished in the top four, narrowly missing out on a spot to the Fraser Valley Championships. A big thank you to their coaches Allison Shaw and Spencer Jones for their commitment and dedication coaching the team.

WINTER ATHLETICS

SPORT

Basketball – Senior Boys
Basketball – Junior Boys
Basketball – Grade 9 Boys
Basketball – Senior Girls
Basketball – Junior Girls
Hockey
Lacrosse – Senior Boys
Lacrosse – Junior Boys
Wrestling

COACH(ES)

Daniel Depelteau
Daniel Depelteau, Dan Lewis
Matt Sokol
Daniel Depelteau
Sophie Viswanathan, Dave MacDonald
Matt Last, Christine Jenkins
Raphael Fernandez, Karl Jovanovich
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Joe Coops, Phil Jaeggle