



# Port Moody Times

Monday  
September 23, 2019  
Day 1

PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY:  
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## NEW NEWS

**FOUND – PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO CLAIM:** A debit card was found on *Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>*.

**STUDENT ID CARDS:** Many students have not picked up their Student ID cards. Please come to the office during lunch or after school.

**OFF BLOCK STICKERS:** Any students who would like an off block sticker please come to the office during your off block with your student ID card and student schedule.

**ATTENTION GRADE 12'S AND 11'S:** The Senior Sail is coming up! Join your fellow Grade 11 and 12 classmates at the Harbour Cruise Dinner and Dance, *Friday, October 4, 2019*. Ticket price includes a 3 hour harbour cruise around beautiful Vancouver with a pasta dinner, dessert, bottomless soft drinks followed by dancing.

Parents and guardians are asked to make arrangements to have their child dropped off and picked up at the Harbour Cruise docks, 501 Denman Street, Vancouver. Please arrive between 6:45 and 7:05 pm, the boat loads at 7:15 pm, all students will go through Harbour Cruises Security Screening. The boat departs at 8:00 pm and returns at 11:00 pm. Students are required to bring picture ID (PMSS student ID or Driver's License to gain entry) along with their receipt of payment.

There is a coat-check on board at no cost – however there is very little room. Only bring what is absolutely necessary, no big bags/purses.

Reserve your space on the boat now! Tickets are limited to 335! *Sales run from September 11 – 25 for Grade 12 students, September 17 – 25 for Grade 11 students* starting at 10 am. Tentative guest approval forms are available at the office and may only be approved IF there are extra tickets available.

Thank you for respecting our PMSS school expectations and Code of Conduct as well as demonstrating social responsible behaviour during the duration of the cruise and while travelling to and from the dock.

If you have any questions please contact Vice Principal Sharon Starr, [sstarr@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sstarr@sd43.bc.ca).

**TERRY FOX RUN:** Port Moody Secondary will be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run for cancer research on *Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>*. We are proud to continue the legacy of one of our country's greatest heroes. For the next two weeks we are collecting donations in block 2 to support cancer research. Each student is encouraged to donate at least a toonie to help us reach our school goal! Your generosity can make a huge difference and we hope you will join us and support this wonderful cause. A pizza lunch will be awarded to the block 2 class that raises the most money!

Donations can also be made to our Terry Fox School Run fundraising page at:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/PortMoodySecondary> Thank you! The future of cancer research has never looked brighter!  
#terryfoxliveshere @theterryfoxfoundation #terryfoxschoolruns

**GRADE 9 STUDENTS:** Edublogs set-up sessions for your first Digital Learning Assignment will take place during Flex in room 321.

Flex dates are as follows:

Date	Homerooms
Sept 24	1 & 13
Sept 25	2 & 12
Sept 26	3 & 11
Oct 1	4 & 10
Oct 2	5 & 9
Oct 3	6 & 8
Oct 4	7 and anyone who missed their scheduled Flex date

After this 2 week period of scheduled flex time, you can come by any Tuesday or Thursday Flex period to see us. Any questions, please come by to chat with Mrs. Nagra, Ms. Mehai or Mr. Valente. See you in Flex!

**ROCKY POINT FIELD TRIP:** Any students who signed up for the Rocky Point Field Trip, meet in the MPR at 3:10 on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**EUROPE 2021:** Did you know Michelangelo's David is 5.17 meters (or 17 feet) tall? Check it out and more in Florence on the Europe trip in 2021. Information meeting **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** at lunch in room 207.

**SWIM TEAM:** There will be a brief swim team meeting at the beginning of lunch **today** in Room 311. Swimmers need to confirm which events they are swimming at our first meet and jerseys will be handed out.

**JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER:** We have a mandatory meeting in room 320 **today** regarding startup to our season... if you can't make it see Mr. Valente or Mr. Marrello.

**SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:** Senior Girls practice right after school **today** and **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, also on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00am. Game on **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**PMSS TUTORING CLUB:** Oh no, it is the start of school again! PMSS Tutoring club provides a quiet and productive environment and tutors to help you with any questions you have on a variety of subjects. Sign up on Club Day on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** in the MPR.

**REACH FOR THE TOP CLUB:** Got a knack for trivia? Seeking to broaden your general knowledge? Want to test your smarts against other teams in Metro Van? Then Reach for the Top is the club for you! Learn new things on a variety of topics such as History, Entertainment, Science and more! Come sign up at the Club Day booth on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** or see Mr. Birch in the Library for more details.

**UBC ENGINEERING – PMSS INFO SESSION** - UBC Engineering will visit next **Wednesday, September 25** in the Drama room at lunchtime. Learn about the exciting career options in Engineering, and the 14 programs available at UBC - including *Biomedical Engineering*. Admissions & how to apply will be included; students interested in math and science are strongly encouraged to attend.

**SWISS EDUCATION GROUP INFO TABLE** *Lunch, Tuesday Sept. 24* - If your post-secondary options might include a Business degree, drop by the SEG information display in the MPR on Tuesday & learn about Switzerland's largest alliance of hospitality & event management schools. Details on the post-secondary App channel & on the Career Centre online.

**2019 PSAT TEST: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16** – If you're thinking of college in the U.S. you will need either a SAT or ACT score for admission consideration. PMSS offers the Practice SAT to Port Moody students, an inexpensive way to prepare for the SAT. Registration fee is \$30, payable by cash or by cheque made out to Port Moody Secondary School. Test will start at 3:10 pm and takes approximately 3.5 hours. Registration begins *September 24*; bring your \$30 fee to Mr. Gibney in the Counselling Centre to register for the PSAT. 35 seats are available, first come, first registered – registration with full fee payment closes **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**.

## **ONGOING NEWS**

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION:** Please see our school website under Programs & Services, Aboriginal Education, with respect to Aboriginal Self Identification. Ensuring students and families self identify as having ancestry allows us to better address the diverse needs of all our Aboriginal students. Coquitlam School District 43 is committed to the academic success, cultural connection and socio-emotional development of all Aboriginal Learners. We have one of the highest Aboriginal graduation rates in the Province and are very proud of the work of all our educators and the Aboriginal Education Department. We wish to continue this excellent work and improve even more. As such, self-identification is important.

**STUDENT PARKING PASS:** If you will be parking in the lower parking lot please come to the office at lunch to pick up a Parking Registration form.

**COMPASS CARDS:** A few Compass Cards have been found and turned in to the office. Please come to the office if you have misplaced your card. Would students please write your name on the back of your card for easy identification in case your card is misplaced.

**PMSS TIMES:** Announcements will be read over the PA at the start of Block 2 on Mondays (or Tuesdays if there's no school in session on Mondays) and Thursdays. Teachers will read announcements to their classes at the start of Block 2 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You will find copies of the PMSS Times outside the office and it will also be posted in the Cafeteria under the clock.

## **CAREER CENTRE NEWS**

***Post-Secondary Information, Admissions Updates, New Post-Secondary Programs, Scholarships, Volunteering, Employment, Career Programs & Training, Leadership and Enrichment Programs***

**DIGITAL ARTS OPPORTUNITY:** University of the Fraser Valley is hosting a Digital Arts Meeting, which is a free event for young Artists and Designers interested in Digital Arts. DADA aims to inspire and connect you with professionals in film, TV, gaming, and maker spaces and beyond! See the website: <http://events.ufv.ca/events/dada-02-digital-arts-meeting/> for a list of presenters. The meeting will be held at The University of the Fraser Valley: 33844 King Rd., Abbotsford on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> between 6 to 9pm (with a reception starting at 5pm) at in Room B101.

**VANCOUVER LAW SCHOOL FAIR 2019:** Is a joint project organized by the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and University of British Columbia. It is open to all ages, including high school students and their parents. Present at the event will be representatives from over 30 North American schools. Interested students are able to find more information and register at [www.vanlawfair.com](http://www.vanlawfair.com)<<http://www.vanlawfair.com/>>.

**Vancouver Law School Fair 2019**

**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2019

**Location:** Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver

**Time:** 1PM - 6PM

**Register at** [www.vanlawfair.com](http://www.vanlawfair.com)<<http://www.vanlawfair.com/>>.

**LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS -UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO** - Offered to **International Students ONLY**, the [Lester B. Pearson International Student Scholarship](#) is a FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP for 4 years at the U of T. You must be nominated to apply; details on the App/Career Centre/FINANCIAL AID + SCHOLARSHIPS Channel. Deadline to submit Nomination application to Ms Campbell or Ms Truax: **November 4/19**

**2019 MOREHEAD CAIN SCHOLARSHIP** – The Morehead-Cain is a four-year merit scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The scholarship provides full tuition for all 4 years, all student fees, housing & meals, books & laptop, and a 4-year Summer Enrichment program. Students apply by school nomination: 3 permitted. More details on the App: **Scholarships Channel NEWS**, and the school website: **Career Centre/Financial Aid & Scholarships**. **Deadline to apply for sponsorship: MONDAY SEPT. 30, 3pm.**

**THE LORAN AWARDS PROGRAM** offers up to 36 awards valued at up to **\$100,000 for 4 years**, including a \$10,000 yearly stipend and access to funding, mentorship and annual forums. Students may apply directly for the award **or** as one of PMSS's **3 sponsored candidates**. Details on the App: **Career Centre: Scholarships NEWS channel**, & the school website: **Career Centre: Financial Aid & Scholarships**. Deadline to apply for school sponsorship: Oct. 3/3 pm.

## **PARENTS**

For information regarding PAC, please see <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/Pages>

**FIRST PAC MEETING: Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library**

New parents welcome.