



## THE CENTENNIAL SOURCE

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Please use this newsletter as a snapshot for upcoming events. For up to the minute information, please visit our community site at the website address listed above.

### **Learning Principle #12: Creating Motivated Learners**

One of the greatest roadblocks for student success is their lack of motivation; that is, their ability to engage in learning and complete tasks. Coaches, bosses, leaders and teachers often struggle to motivate individuals within their context. In the class, teachers want students to stay interested, take ownership for learning and self-regulate with regard to the tasks at hand.

There are many theories (and false beliefs) about how to motivate students (and people) to learn. Motivation is that mental state of being which makes us take action, maintain our focus and helps us follow our path. Ultimately we would like for students to be motivated intrinsically. That is, to participate in learning without the expectation of an extra reward. In order to do this, teachers must consider the following 7 processes (the 7 c's) as outlined by E. Lee Rakes, when running their classes.

Teachers must provide challenge, choice and control in the classroom in order for students to gain ownership over their learning. They must demonstrate caring and facilitate connectedness among members of the classroom, so that students can flourish in a safe environment. Finally, teachers who develop or model curiosity, and who can guide students towards competence, also have students who are motivated and successful.

The challenge, of course, is that teachers often inherit students whose life circumstances, personal situations or mental state has decimated one or more of these competencies. The great teachers, however, find a way to engage and motivate, even within these diverse set of circumstances. Their great work does matter and for the most part, our kids in Coquitlam turn out very well!

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday March 25	Last day of classes before Spring Break
Friday April 2	Good Friday
Monday April 5	Easter Monday (no school)
Tuesday April 6	School re-opens (first day of classes after Spring Break)
<b>Thursday April 8</b>	<b>Parent-Teacher Interviews – early dismissal at 1:30 pm</b>
Thursday April 15	Collaborative Day (students dismissed at 1:30 pm)
Friday April 16	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Wednesday May 5	Excellence in Education Banquet
Tuesday May 11	Report Cards issued
Monday May 24	Victoria Day – no school
Tuesday May 25	Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
Thursday June 3	Recognition Assemblies TBA, Awards Ceremony 7:00 pm
Friday June 18	Last day of classes for Semester 2
Sunday June 20	Commencement Ceremony

For a more detailed list of upcoming events and activities, please go to the Centennial School calendar at [www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial)

**Programming for 2010-11**

Students who are returning to Centennial for the next school year have now completed their sign-up for next year's courses and our administration is working on next year's timetable of courses. Any student who is planning to return to Centennial – and has not yet submitted a course planning sheet for next year – should see his/her counsellor *immediately*.

**Financial Aid and Scholarships**

Grade 12 students who are planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the fall are encouraged to attend our second information session regarding scholarships, awards and bursaries. The focus of this session will be on financial aid awards administered by Centennial School. Do note that there are varying sets of criteria, but that a number of our bursaries are based on financial need not just academic achievement. Meetings will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of Periods 3, 4 and 5 in the Career Resource Centre (Room 121).

Check out <http://public.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/Centennial/counselling/default.aspx> for further information on Financial Aid and for updates and deadlines.

Please note, **scholarship and award recipients should inform their counsellor of the details** so that we can publish the information in our Commencement Ceremony booklet and in local newspapers.

**Post-Secondary Planning**

Grade 12 students who have completed applications for admission to local universities should receive their admission letters in early May. All Grade 12 students should have signed the on-line Post-Secondary Institutions Choices form - this form gives permission for marks to be released to post-secondary institutes. Any student who is hoping to attend a post-secondary institute next year and has not signed the form must go on-line *immediately*.

Now is a good time for Grade 10 and 11 students to check out the educational, career and job search resources available in our Career Resource Centre (Room 121) and begin to make some preliminary post-secondary plans. Mrs. Bradshaw, our Career Resource Facilitator, has many resources to help students begin their career planning.

**Attendance Verification**

The key ingredient for student success is regular attendance. At Centennial, attendance is entered into the computer every day. If you wish to verify your son's or daughter's attendance, please do not hesitate to call the counsellor. We can give you a quick update on the day's or week's attendance.

**Centennial Class of 2010 Important Dates**

**Graduation Commencement Ceremony**

Sunday, June 20, 2010 at the Orpheum Theatre

**☆Grad Dinner and Dance**

Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver Hotel

followed by **AfterGrad** on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at Club Aviva

See "Graduation Information" under the Parents section of the school website for graduation event updates.

[www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial/Parents/GraduationInformation/pages/default.aspx](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial/Parents/GraduationInformation/pages/default.aspx)

**Over 370 Grade 12 Students Share Their Proudest Moments**

The week of March 14 saw over 280 Grade 12's share their proudest high school moments with a teacher of their choice. The reflection on high school years was part of the required Grad Transitions program that is mandatory for graduation in British Columbia. The Exit Presentations, hosted by each Grade 12, was the culminating event for Grad Transitions. Seventy Grade 12 trail blazers were the first to host theirs in January. As of today, about 370 Grade 12's have now finished their GT journey.

**After Grad Fundraiser**

The After Grad committee is holding a fundraiser at the John B Pub on Tuesday, May 25th. \$15 gets you a beverage and a burger (beef, chicken or veggie). If you'd like tickets, you can pick them up at the next After Grad meeting being held at Centennial School on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or contact Carmen Colbridge at [carmcolbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:carmcolbridge@yahoo.com)

**PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday April 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. To book an interview, please call the Centennial office at 604-936-7205 from Thursday March 25 to Thursday April 1 between the hours of 8:30 am and 2:00 pm.

**CENTENNIAL SPORTS**

**Centennial Athletics**

The basketball season has just concluded here at Centennial. It was a very successful season, as all six of our teams managed to make it through the Coquitlam playoffs into the Fraser Valley’s. We are the only school in Coquitlam that is able to make that claim, but unfortunately all six teams lost in the Fraser Valley’s and did not qualify for the provincials this year. There was some good groundwork laid for next year, though, as the grade nine boys easily won the Coquitlam league title this year. The junior boys finished second in league. Our junior girls finished second in the league and our grade nine girls finished third. The future looks bright for both the boys’ and girls’ programs. Rugby has started with Centennial fielding a junior boys’ team and we are hoping for good things from them. Our girls’ soccer program is in full swing with Coach Moro again hoping for a good year. Track and field will also be starting soon. Keep up the good work, Centaurs!

**Rugby**

With rugby being played once again around the province, it is regrettable that Centennial was not able to field a senior boys’ (Gr. 11/12) or a sr. girls’ team due to a lack of interest among the student body. However, there has been a resurgence of interest among the Jr. Boys (Gr. 9/10) with 26 players participating! The Jr. Boys have struggled a little at first, with most players having very little rugby experience. However, they have become very competitive against the more experienced teams in the Fraser Valley North league, despite having very few Gr. 10 players on the team. We look forward to earning a playoff spot in May and building for the future. The Sr. Girls have been able to combine with the team from Charles Best in order to maintain some development for next year. Their team is showing great potential against some traditionally strong programs from other SD 43 and Fraser Valley teams. The players and coaches of Jr. Boys and Sr. Girls thank all of the parents and other fans who continue to show their support.

**CENTENNIAL DECALS FOR SALE! \$5 each ! Show your Centaur Pride!**

- 2 types: - Centennial plain**
- Centaur Football**

**\* these can peel off easily – great for windshields or windows**

**CENTENNIAL ART DEPARTMENT**

**Visual Arts News**

The Emerging Talent show ended on March 13<sup>th</sup> and was a grand success. Nine students from Centennial showcased their work at Evergreen Cultural Center for two months. The next display of Centennial student artwork will take place at the Coquitlam Center show in late May. Graduating students who are definitely going into post-secondary studies in visual arts are encouraged to submit work to their art teacher to be considered as scholarship representatives for Centennial Secondary at the Mall show. One student from Centennial will be awarded \$500 towards post-secondary studies. Also, one boy and one girl from the district as a whole will be chosen as top artists for the show, and will receive scholarship funding as well. Interested graduates should see Mrs. Charles within the next month.

**CENTENNIAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

The Centennial Musical production of “The Pajama Game” was a huge success. Thank you to the cast, orchestra and crew for their hard work and perseverance. Thank you to the many parents who put in countless hours on costumes and sets. And, special thanks go to Nicole Stevens for her incredible work on the show.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**District Choral Night**, a district tradition. Come to Heritage Woods School on Monday April 19th @ 7pm and listen to secondary choirs from around the district.

**The Solo and Small Ensemble Night** is an annual event at Centennial. It allows our music students to showcase their individual talents in the comfort of the Centennial Theatre. The evening includes students performing instrumental and vocal compositions, both solo and in small groups.  
Centennial Theatre, Monday May 3rd, 7pm

### **District Concert Band Day**

Yet another tradition in Coquitlam. This event will be held on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Evergreen Theatre at Lafarge Lake.

### **Big Band Dance**

The Centennial Music Department will once again host the District's Jazz Night on Friday June 4th in the Centennial Courtyard. The event will feature Jazz ensembles from Coquitlam's secondary schools. It's a great evening to come and put on your dancing shoes, enjoy the concession and have a great time. Music parents interested in helping can contact either Mr. Laithwaite or Mrs. Baker.

### **Programming for 2010/11**

All Music students (8-11), who would like to take both Concert Band and Jazz Band, and/or Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz next year, please list both on your Course Programming sheets for 2010/11. Please see Mr. Laithwaite or Mrs. Baker if you would like more information.

### **Musical Theatre 2010/11**

Band students wanting to play in the pit orchestra for the 2011 Musical production need to include Musical Theatre in their course planning for 2010/11. See Mrs. Baker, if you are interested.

<b>ADDITIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>
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### **EUROTOUR 2011 - ENGLAND, FRANCE, SPAIN**

With Mrs. Ciardullo and Mrs. Thomas

Explore the busy streets of Piccadilly Circus and see the crown jewels at the Tower of London. Journey afterwards to Paris, France, to enjoy the elegant Eiffel Tower, the imposing Arc de Triumph and the lively Latin Quarter. Then say HOLA to Spain as you peruse the Prado in Madrid and ramble down Las Ramblas in Barcelona.

This is an educational tour of a lifetime that you won't want to miss.

Parent and student informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in room 57. SEE YOU THERE!

### **NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN CENTENNIAL'S 2010 SUNRUN TEAM**

Do not need to be in shape to join. You can walk, jog, run or skip.

See Ms. Jensen for details. Office: room 230

### **CPVPA 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "In Motion" for Cancer Research**

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. at Terry Fox Secondary School**

The Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association is hosting its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "In Motion" run for Cancer Research. You are invited to join staff, students, and community members from our Tri-Cities schools and neighbourhoods to **walk, run, cycle, rollerblade, or jog** for 2K, 5K, or 10K routes on Sunday, April 25th at 9:00 am. School teams and individuals can participate – there is no registration fee and all participants are asked to make a donation of \$10 or more to the Canadian Cancer Society. Over 8 years, this event has raised over \$58,000 for Cancer Research. For more information please contact Andrew Graham at [agraham@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:agraham@sd43.bc.ca). To pledge online or for more information go to [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) (coming soon).

### **Friday April 16th Pro D Day: Toonie "Try It" Water Sports 12 – 18 yrs**

Curious about water sports? Let our coaches answer your questions about water polo, synchro, competitive swimming and diving. There will be live demonstrations and opportunities to try out every sport! Don't forget to check out the Lifesaving station for information on becoming a certified lifeguard.

*Held at City Centre Aquatic Complex, Guildford and Pintree in Coquitlam.*

Friday, Apr 16th, 2010, from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.00

### **Let Kids Play Foundation**

Once again this year, the Let Kids Play Foundation is looking to spread the word about our organization. Our objective is to increase the health, enhance the education and develop the skills of low-income and underprivileged youth by providing funds to enable them to participate in organized sporting activities. Our website is online at [www.letkidsplay.ca](http://www.letkidsplay.ca) – it has more information about the charity and other relevant information, such as documentation we have prepared outlining the positive impact of sports on youth.

<b>Parents, when you are dropping off students, please refrain from turning in to the staff parking lot. It causes traffic jams, congestion and increases the risk for fender benders. Instead, park on the street when dropping off students. Thank you for your consideration.</b>
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