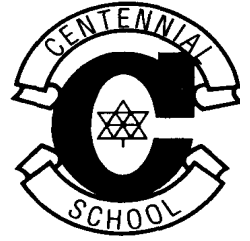


CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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February 8, 2011

Principal's Message

THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT

Part I: Assessment of Learning

The traditional and most common purpose of assessment is what we call Summative Assessment. It is evaluative in nature and is used to determine to what degree students have met curriculum outcomes and sometimes its results are used to rank individual achievement. It is supposed to be an Assessment of Learning. It is an absolute, mandated necessity of the system. However does this assessment practice alone move learning forward?

Many argue that if we focus solely on evaluation, we create a learning culture where the joy and value of learning takes a back seat to the grade, the mark, or the results on a test or essay. It also may reinforce the false notion that learning is finite and time dependent, and that no improvement in understanding of a concept can take place after that unit test, project or report is written. Can this be so?

In more recent years, society has placed a greater expectation on education, and wants our schools not just to evaluate, sort, select, and indicate performance, but to promote critical thinking, self-awareness and self-improvement - the skills necessary for tomorrow's world. In fact, this learning piece is being emphasized to a much greater extent. The education system should not be the 'judge' of students, but should be the 'teacher' of students.

Therefore, the focus for assessment should also be on increasing student motivation and on coaching students how to learn better. There are assessment practices and philosophies that do in fact emphasize these very points.

In subsequent articles I will spend some time explaining these processes and outlining the other two purposes of assessment: Assessment for Learning and Assessment as Learning.

Robert Zambrano, Principal

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PROGRAMMING FOR 2011-12

Programming for the 2011-12 school year is about to begin. On **Tuesday, February 8**, Centennial students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 will attend a special homeroom period where they will receive a copy of next year's course calendar and course planning sheets. All students who plan to return to Centennial next year should be discussing course selections now with parents and counsellors. Graduation and local post-secondary entry requirements are listed in the course calendar – students should ensure that they choose courses which meet these requirements. **There will be very limited opportunities to change courses next year – students are advised to select courses with care. It is important for students to return course selection forms by the due date.**

Grade 9 students will receive a hand-out outlining graduation requirements and related information. All Grade 10 courses will carry graduation credits and students will have to write grad program exams in Math 10, Science 10, and English 10 courses. Grade 9 students need to turn in their course selection sheets to their counsellors by **February 25** for the best chance at getting all of their course requests – Grade 9 students do not need to make an appointment to see their counsellor unless they have specific questions about their course selections.

Grade 10 students should review graduation and post-secondary entrance requirements available in the Centennial calendar. Grade 10 students' programming sheets are due by **February 25**. To ensure that students have selected courses that meet graduation requirements and their post-secondary plans, we are asking all Grade 10 students to make appointments with their counsellors to turn in their course selection sheets.

Grade 11 students also need to make appointments to turn in their course selection sheets. All course selections for Grade 12 courses are due by **March 11**.

PROGRAMMING INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 9, 10 & 11 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011 AT 7:00 PM IN THE THEATRE

On **Tuesday, February 15** counsellors will be hosting a Programming Information Evening for parents of Centennial students who are currently in Grades 9, 10 and 11. We will review graduation requirements, post-secondary options and requirements, financial aid for post-secondary education, as well as highlight some of the special programs available at Centennial.

APPLICATIONS FOR POST-SECONDARY

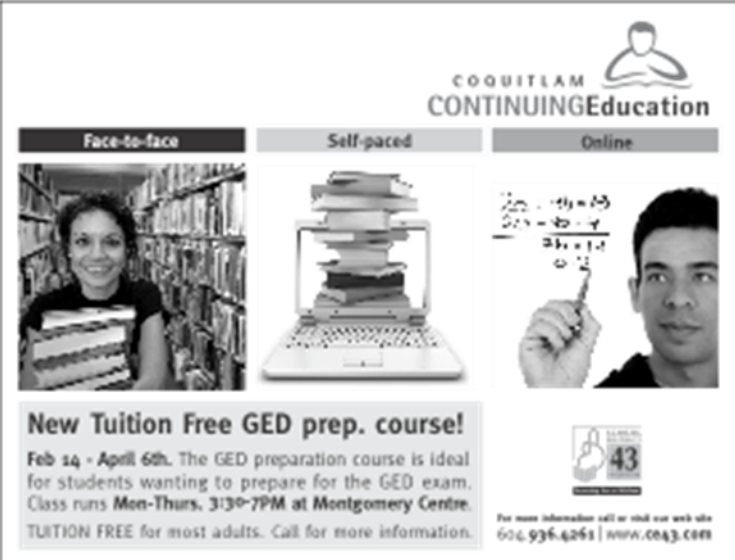
Grade 12 students who are planning to attend a post-secondary educational institution next year and have not yet submitted their applications should do so **as soon as possible**. The deadline for early application to local universities is **February 28**.

LPI EXAM AT CENTENNIAL—TUESDAY, APRIL 19 @ 3:00 PM

Grade 12 students who are planning to attend SFU, UBC, Douglas, Langara, UVic, or Capilano University in September can register to write the LPI exam at Centennial on April 19 by registering on-line at www.lpi.ubc.ca before midnight of April 10. The \$110.88 fee can be paid by credit card, cheque or money order. For more information, contact Ms. Morissette in the counselling department.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

All students seeking financial aid for post-secondary studies should continue to check the *Counselling* page on the Centennial School website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial/ProgramsServices/Counselling/Pages/default.aspx> for links to financial aid websites and for updated information on scholarships which have been advertised at Centennial. Financial aid information meetings were held in Semester 1. Information meetings for local scholarships and bursaries will be held in **April**.



COQUITLAM CONTINUING Education

Face-to-face Self-paced Online

New Tuition Free GED prep. course!
Feb 14 - April 6th. The GED preparation course is ideal for students wanting to prepare for the GED exam. Class runs **Mon-Thurs, 3:30-7PM** at Montgomery Centre. **TUITION FREE** for most adults. Call for more information.

For more information call or visit our web site
604.936.4261 | www.ce43.com

**GRADUATION 2011
TIMELINE FOR GRAD RELATED ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
GUEST FORMS AVAILABLE	MON, MARCH 28	----	COUNSELLING OFFICE
GRAD PARENT MEETING	FRI, APRIL 8	TBA	THEATRE
GUEST FORMS DUE	FRI, APRIL 8	4:00 PM	COUNSELLING OFFICE
GRADE 12 ASSEMBLY & VALEDICTORIAN ANNOUNCED	THURS, MAY 26	TBA	BLUE GYM
GRADUATION ELIBILITY DEADLINE	FRI, MAY 13	----	MAIN OFFICE
GRAD DANCE TICKET SALES	MON, MAY 30 – FRI, JUNE 3	10:15 AM – 1:30 PM	ALCOVE
AFTER GRAD TICKET SALES	MON, MAY 30 – FRI, JUNE 3	10:15 AM – 1:30 PM	ALCOVE
TABLE RESERVATIONS	THURS, JUNE 2 & FRI, JUNE 3	BLOCKS C & D	ALCOVE
GRADUATION CEREMONY	SUN, JUNE 19	7:00 PM – 9:30 PM	ORPHEUM THEATRE
GRAD DINNER & DANCE	SAT, JUNE 25	6:00 PM – 11:30 PM	VANCOUVER HYATT HOTEL
AFTER GRAD	SUN, JUNE 26	12:00 AM – 4:00 AM	CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, February 8	Semester One Final Report Cards issued
Tuesday, February 15	Grade 9, 10, 11 Parents' Programming Information Evening
Wednesday, February 16	After Grad meeting, 7:00 pm, Centennial Library
Thursday, February 17	Collaborative Day—Students dismissed at 1:30 pm 7:00 pm—Centennial School Hockey Academy Open House
Friday, February 18	District Professional Development Day—School not in session
Friday, March 4	Term Four Ends
Monday March 7	7:00 pm—PAC Meeting
Tuesday, March 8	7:00 pm—Spring Concert
Monday, March 14—Friday, March 18	Formal Grad Portrait Seatings
Thursday, March 17	Term Four Report Cards Distributed



CENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE "PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE" - MAY 12th, 2011

Reserve the date! Centennial School is pleased to invite you to our Open House on the evening of Thursday, May 12th, 2011. This is an opportunity to observe the many talents of our students and teachers, and to discover various new and exciting events occurring in the city of Coquitlam. Some of the activities include:

- Iron Chef Competition
- Fashion Show
- Drama, Band and Choir Performances
- Culinary Arts Program Food Samplings
- Pottery Workshop
- Psychology Experiments
- Basketball Game
- Plans for the new Centennial School



This event is open to all residents of Coquitlam, including current and future parents, as well as Centennial alumni. To receive updates or to obtain further information please contact Dave Phelan at dphelan@sd43.bc.ca.

Sports

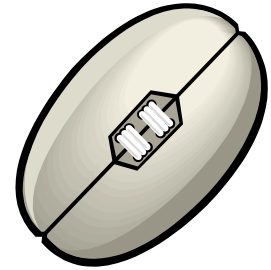
CENTENNIAL RUGBY

Once again, the rugby season begins in March for the Centaurs. The coaches are looking forward to continuing the re-development of Centennial Boys' Rugby. With over 40 Jr. and Sr. Boys attending the preseason meeting, the upcoming season looks promising.

The Jr. Boys will have many grade 10 boys, who played last year, and new grade 9 players who will compete with the best teams in the Fraser Valley. The Sr. Boys will be playing in Fraser Valley Tier II with a few players from the Jr. Boys' team of last season and many players who are new to rugby. They will be leading the re-start of the Sr. Boys' program.

Practices will begin in early Feb. with the continued coaching support of the United Rugby Club (Tri-Cities). Any new players interested in joining should see Mr. Tonks ASAP. No previous experience is required.

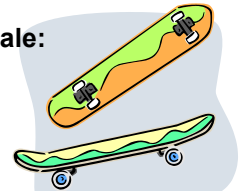
Unfortunately, player interest in Girls Rugby has declined in recent years. There will be an option again this year for any Centennial girls to play with the Charles Best Girls' Rugby team. Interested players should contact Mr. Tonks.



KIDSPORT TRI-CITIES SPRING USED SPORTING GOODS SALE

KidSport Tri-Cities is holding their much anticipated **Annual Spring Used Sporting Goods Sale:**

March 13 from 10am until 2pm
Port Coquitlam Recreation Centre
2150 Wilson Avenue, Port Coquitlam



To make this event a huge success KidSport needs equipment! Families are encouraged to donate and drop off their used sporting goods of any kind from February 26th to March 12th at the following locations:



Poco Rec Centre - any time between 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Cyclone Taylor Sports - 562J Clarke Road
Corner Sports - 2276 Elgin Ave. Poco

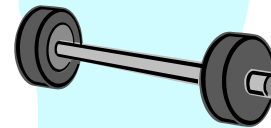
If you have used equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including bikes) and make a great contribution to our community. Please remember to also come by the sale for some amazing deals.

This event will only be a success if we have a good selection of equipment, and we need the community's help to ensure we have that equipment.

Since 2006, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, KidSport Tri-Cities has helped over 1000 youth to participate in organized sport including more than 400 in 2010 alone. Our bi-annual used sporting goods sales are very important for us - putting quality used equipment in the hands of families and raising much needed funds to subsidize sport registration fees for families in need.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Chris Wilson, KidSport Tri-Cities Phone: 604-341-0241
Email: cwilson630@gmail.com www.kidsporttricitie.ca



CHALLENGER PROGRAM



For children and youth who have physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities within the Tri-Cities area (5 to 18 years of age). Our program provides these special kids with an opportunity to enjoy the full benefits of Little League participation at a level structured to their abilities.

For more information: <http://www.challengerbaseball.com/about.html>



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TRANSITION PLANNING: High School to Adult Community Living Supports & Options

ATTENTION: Families who have a high school aged son or daughter who has an intellectual or physical disability.

Are you thinking about how to begin planning for your youth and their transition from high school to adult life?

Are you wondering about services, options and resources which may be available to support your son or daughter and your family?

Do you need information on how and when to begin the process?

You are invited to join resource teachers and representatives from School District #43 and Cathy Anthony from the Simon Fraser Society for Community Living for an information sharing meeting. The meeting will focus on providing information and answering questions you may have about eligibility for adult community living services and supports, day opportunities, post-secondary options, supported employment, microboards, residential options, Persons With a Disability Benefits, and how and when to begin the process.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT:

1) PLACE: **SD 43 – Winslow Centre – Gallery Room**
1100 Winslow, Coquitlam, BC
DATE: **Thursday, February 10th 2011**
TIME: **6:30 – 8:30 pm**
RSVP to: Cathy Anthony 604-525-9494 canthony@sfsccl.org

2) PLACE: **Riverside Secondary School - Library**
2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam, BC
DATE: **Tuesday, February 15th 2011**
TIME: **6:30 – 8:30 pm.**
RSVP to: Cathy Anthony 604-525-9494 canthony@sfsccl.org

*You are welcome to attend either meeting if the date is more suitable for your family. For more information, please contact **Cathy Anthony at the Simon Fraser Society for Community Living's "Family & Individual Support Program"** at 604-525-9494 or canthony@sfsccl.org.*

Budget Presentations

The board of Education invites public
Input into the 2011—2012 budget at

The following board meetings:

Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Feb. 22, Mar. 15

7:30 pm

School Board Office

550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam

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Please contact

Gail at gdowler@sd43.bc.ca

Or

604-939-9302. ext. 261