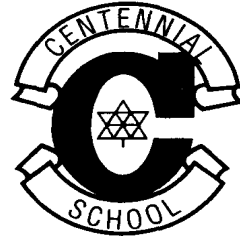


# CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### Principal's Message

#### ASSESSMENT, "I" REPORTS AND STUDENT PROGRESS

Hello Centaurs,

Last year you may recall I spent the bulk of my newsletter messages on the topic of Assessment. You can access those articles from past newsletters on our website under the "About Centennial" tab. In light of the current political context we find ourselves in, I thought it would be timely to share with you some practical operational principles the Ministry requires us to follow.

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for your patience during this atypical time, and your support of your children and our teachers. I assure you, learning is happening, work is being done, and marks are being gathered. By now, you should have heard from all of your child's teachers in one form or another about how your children are doing in each class. If you have not, I recommend that you email your child's teachers about their progress in class. As in any report on child progress, you can expect to hear about your child's percentage, letter grade, work habits and personal and social responsibility. It is well within your right to ask for feedback or information with regard to these topics.

If your child is currently not meeting expectations in the course, you can expect to receive an "I" grade, or an "I" Report for your child from the teacher. Each "I" Report must state the reason for the "I", and outline a plan for the student that, if followed, will move the student to a passing grade for a course. An "I" Report must be issued by the teacher, prior to student course failure, and a "reasonable amount of time" must be given to the student to see the plan realized.

The official report cards you have just, or will soon receive, have marks as of November 15th, 2011 for Grade 12 students, and attendance data and teacher names for all other grades. Once again, if you care to find out how your child is doing in his/her classes, then please email the teachers.

At this point, we are unsure how the rest of the year will play out, and things are evolving as we speak. Thanks once again for your involvement and patience, and if you require any assistance with obtaining marks from teachers, please do not hesitate to contact our Vice Principals or myself at the office.

*Robert Zambrano, Principal*

# Counsellors'

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Centennial School would like to welcome **Ms. Tasha Nathanson** who has a temporary position as our school's Career Resource Facilitator. Ms. Nathanson was formerly an advisor for SFU and will be an important resource for both students and parents who would like more information on career planning and post-secondary options.

## POST-SECONDARY PLANNING FOR GRADE 12'S

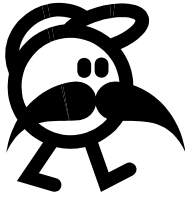
**Now** is the time for grade 12 students to finalize their post-secondary plans and prepare applications. *Students who do not yet have any post-secondary plans should talk to their counsellors about options and spend some time researching institutions and programs.*

- Application Workshops for colleges, the new universities and BCIT were held in mid-October. Applications to **community colleges** (Douglas, VCC), the **new universities** (Emily Carr University, University of the Fraser Valley, Capilano University, etc) and **BCIT** should have already been sent in. ***Students who have not yet completed college or BCIT applications should do so immediately.*** All university-bound students are advised to submit back-up college applications—especially if their marks are near the minimum for direct entrance to university. See your counsellor if you need more information.
- Some certificate, diploma, and limited enrolment programs in college and all BCIT programs will require an interim transcript with the application. Counsellors can print interim transcripts.
- Please check application deadlines and dates to apply for post-secondaries. Some programs have very specific application dates and/or limited application acceptance timelines.
- The Counselling Department sponsored a **Post-Secondary Day** for all Grade 12 students on November 2. Advisors from 12 post-secondary institutions were available at Centennial in the afternoon to provide post-secondary information. UBC provided a community information session on November 7.
- Reps from other **universities including eastern Canada** have also begun their annual visits to the school district. Parents are welcome to attend these presentations. Dates and times are advertised in the *Centennial Today*, which can be accessed on the Centennial School website. Students should check eastern university websites for deadlines and application information. All applications to eastern universities should include a transcript.
- The deadline for early admission consideration for most **BC universities** is **February 28, 2012** but please note that the deadline for early admission application to **UBC** is **January 31, 2012**. The Counselling Department held a university application workshop on November 16. On-line registration is available through each university's website.
- Parents and students are asked to check the Counselling page of the Centennial website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial/ProgramsServices/Counselling/Pages/default.aspx>. Information on post-secondary applications, course planning, information sessions, events, and scholarships have been posted. Students will also find useful links to post-secondary admission requirements, career planning and information, provincial exam samples and results, and scholarships.
- A **Scholarship and Financial Aid Information** session was held on October 13. A Financial Aid booklet is available on the webpage or in the Counselling area for students who missed the session. Students seeking **financial aid (scholarships, bursaries, etc.)** should visit the Counselling page of the Centennial website. Our financial aid information, which includes external awards and bursaries, is posted on this page as well as links to major scholarship sites. New financial aid information is published regularly in our daily bulletin, *Centennial Today*. Now is the time for scholarship students to research potential awards and to begin working on their personal essays.
- A sitting of the PSAT exam was held at Centennial on October 12. Students requiring registration information for the SAT and US scholarship information can go to the College Board site via the link on the Counselling webpage. Students planning to attend college or university in the United States should be registering for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). See Mr. Miller if you require more information about the SAT.



### NEW COURSES ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

Grade 11 and 12 students should be aware that both SFU and UBC have expanded their list of academic courses acceptable for admission, depending on the faculty. Both will now accept Law 12, Economics 12 and Calculus 12; SFU will also accept Comparative Civilizations 12.



### MOVEMBER

Centennial School is very proud to announce that 16 of their male staff members are participating in the MOVEMBER fundraiser. During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men’s faces, in Canada and around the world. With their “Mo’s”, these men raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer. The 16 teachers participating in Movember have been hard at work growing and grooming their moustaches, and along with the many laughs, we hope to raise some funds for this worthwhile charity. The 16 teachers have been put into teams of two teachers, and donation jars will be set up in the front office. The pair of teachers who raise the most money, will keep their moustaches until we break for Christmas. Our hope is that the staff and students have a great time with this fundraiser.

Here are the teams:



Mr. Moro & Mr. Hill  
Mr. Cloutier & Mr. Tonks  
Mr. Johnson & Mr. Cook  
Mr. Vukic & Mr. Canuel

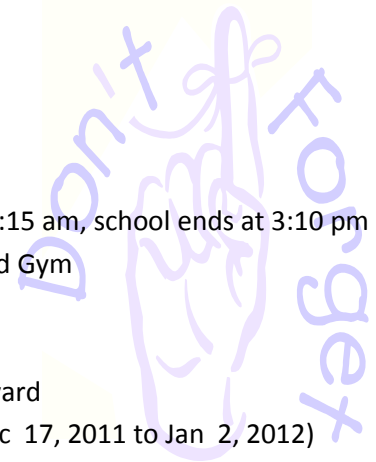
Mr. Sabo & Mr. Sollero  
Mr. Zambrano & Mr. Conley  
Mr. Comeau & Mr. Miller  
Mr. Huber & Mr. Peterson



Any of Centennial’s Community is more than welcome to make donations here at the school or through the Movember website <http://ca.movember.com/?home> To make donations through the website, simply choose the **Donate** tab, on the Home Page, and then choose donate **To A Team**. Centennial’s team is **‘Centennial Centaurs’**.

### IMPORTANT DATES

November 21-22	Term 2 Report Cards distributed to classes
November 22-29	Grad Photos
November 25	Tutorial Friday Schedule
December 2	Alternate Friday Schedule—Students start at 9:15 am, school ends at 3:10 pm
December 7	Christmas Music Concert, 7 pm, Centennial Red Gym
December 9	Tutorial Friday Schedule
December 12	District Carol Night, 7 pm
December 15	Centennial Jazz Night, 7 pm, Centennial Courtyard
December 16	Last Day of classes before Christmas Break (Dec 17, 2011 to Jan 2, 2012)
January 3	School Reopens



### SCHOOL DROP OFF / PICK UP AREA

Please note, the upper level staff parking lot is not a thoroughfare for student drop off / pick up. The congestion in the lot as well as the issue around temporarily occupied, but staff designated parking spots, can best be avoided by dropping off your son or daughter at a different location. We thank you in advance for respecting this request.

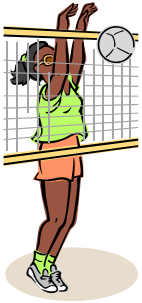
## SPC CARD FUNDRAISER

Only a few left; get them while they are still available!! Come down to the office and ask for Ms. Close.

The AfterGrad Committee has been hard at work selling SPC Cards (student cards that provide discounts at all kinds of stores like Aldo, Athlete's World, Burger King, Mexx, Nike Factory Store, Urban Planet and many, many more) for \$9. Students who purchase receive a 20% off coupon to Old Navy and a \$10 off coupon for Suzy Shier or Bench. Three dollars of every card goes towards the AfterGrad (a safe "after party" for students attending the Grad Dinner Dance).



***Support AfterGrad and purchase an SPC Card before they're all gone!***



### GR. 9 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

This year's large squad of 13 girls was very successful, developing their volleyball skills and finishing their season strong. The girls played well in three tournaments and also finished the regular season in 4th place with a 4-3 record. Though they were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs, their game went to extra points in the fifth set for the closest playoff finish of any grade 9 team yet. This bodes well for next year's Junior Girls' Volleyball team.

**Well done girls!**

## CENTENNIAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### *Christmas JAZZ Cabaret*

***Come and join us for an evening of Christmas Cheer.***

Enjoy a lovely turkey dinner with all of the trimmings cooked by Centennial's own Culinary Arts program. Afterwards, dance the evening away with Centennial's Jazz ensembles.

**Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Centennial Courtyard**

**6:30 to 10:30pm**

**\$40.00 per plate**

**or**

**Purchase a table for 8 for \$280.00 (\$35.00 per plate)**

Get your ticket order form online at the school website early to select your preferred table [www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/centennial).

There is limited seating available, so to avoid disappointment, bring your order form with payment to the school office at your earliest convenience.

***Please make cheques payable to Centennial School or pay by credit card at the school office.***



## Centennial Secondary Fights Cancer Night

With the Coquitlam Express

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm

Coquitlam Express vs.

Nanaimo Clippers



## Centennial Secondary School Fights Cancer

### Game Tickets \$8

\$4 from the sale of each ticket will be  
donated to the BC Cancer Society

### Tri-City Share Food Drive

Bring a non-perishable item and help  
families during the holiday season in  
the Tri-City Area.

Centennial Secondary Students are banding  
together through the leadership of the Centennial  
Hockey Academy and the Centennial Leadership  
Committee to help promote the fight against  
Cancer!

Centennial Secondary and the Coquitlam Express  
would like to invite you to participate in the  
Centennial Secondary Fights Cancer Night on Weds,  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> when the Coquitlam Express face-off  
against the Nanaimo Clippers.



Don't miss out on your opportunity to help support  
this great cause and watch some great hockey! For  
ticket information please contact:

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