

PORT MOODY SECONDARY



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Message from Administration

May 2011



The school year is coming to a close with 5 weeks remaining prior to the exam schedule. Our last day of full classes is on Friday, June 20th. Our school and provincial exams begin on June 21-24 and 27-29. Students with incomplete assignments this past term will be invited in by their teachers to complete any work necessary.

The grade 10 (Math, Science and English) and 11 (Social Studies) provincial exams are worth 20% of the overall final mark. These grade 10 and 11 provincial exams are mandatory and they are required in order to graduate. Students taking English 12 or the Communication 12 Exam must take the mandatory provincial exam. All grade 12 provincial exams are worth 40% of the overall final mark. Students taking grade 12 provincial courses have the option of taking the provincial exam or opting out. This will depend on the students mark and the requirement for a blended school-provincial score for a post secondary institute. Students should check the website of the colleges, trade institutes or universities they are considering regarding the registration requirement to have a school-provincial mark or just a school mark.

Students who are graduating on the BC Dogwood Diploma and applying for provincial scholarships will need to write the English 12 provincial exam and three other grade 12 provincially examinable courses to be considered for a provincial scholarship. Grade 12 IB Diploma students will not write the provincial exams other than the English 12 provincial. The IB course mark and IB exam marks will be used for the provincial scholarship.

All students will know their school course mark by June 18th prior to entering the grade 10, 11 and 12 provincial exams. **Report Cards will be handed out on Wednesday, June 29th in the Phoenix class at 11 am. We are asking that all students attend on the 29th to personally pick-up their report card.**

The month of April and May has been very busy with the Grade 12 Grad Transition Exit Interviews, Dare to Care: Grade 9-11 Drug and Alcohol Awareness presentation, Parent-Teacher Interviews, PAC meetings, track meets, tennis games, Fraser Valley Rugby games, Fraser Valley Badminton tournaments, league golf games, rescheduled Boys' Soccer Provincials, Marketing class sales competition, Oxfam 30 Hour Famine and IB Exams. Coming up in the next few weeks is the Athletic Banquet on May 18th, World Vision Café evening on May 24th, Badminton Provincials in Kamloops on May 25th-27th Girls' Provincial Rugby Competition on May 26th-29th, the Spring Fling Carnival on May 27th, and Odyssey Of the Mind World Competition in Maryland May 27th-30th. In June we hope you will be able to join us for the Awards Evening on June 1st, PAC Meeting on June 7th, the Yearend Band Concert with all ensembles on June 7th, Rock School Concert on June 9th and the Yearend Dance Recital on June 10th. On June 20th, students who preordered yearbooks will receive their books.

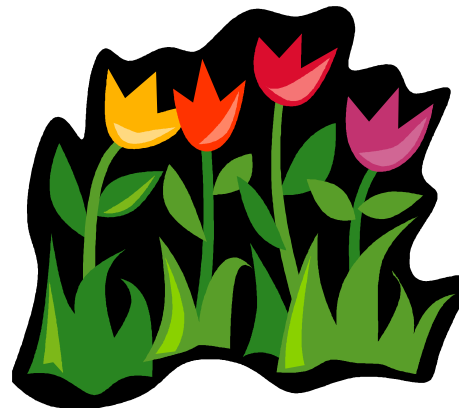
Amongst all of the daily school life, home commitments, student activities and sports we hope students are beginning to think about preparing for their final school projects and exams, as well as, any provincial exams they have registered for this year. Organizing notebooks, reviewing the textbook, preparing study cards, working in pairs or study groups are all suggestions for exam preparation. Eating well and keeping regular sleeping schedules will help ward off stress. Take lots of breaks during your study session and keep water at hand to stay hydrated. Best wishes to all of our students as you prepare for exams.

The next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, June 7th at 7pm in the library. This is a very important meeting as this is an opportunity for parents to become more involved in the school through our parent group. **June's meeting will focus on the PAC elections,** finalizing financial business as well as other PAC business and commitments.

As principal, I can only encourage parents to become a strong advocacy group who works with staff and students to meet Port Moody's Vision-Common Purpose and assist in many important decisions made throughout the school year. It is a great way to meet new parents and staff. Please consider attending June's meeting and becoming part of the parent group. We appreciate your support. The staff and students would like to thank the executive members and parent advisory council for their extensive work on school and district initiatives. This is our last meeting of the year and we would be pleased to have you join us.

The 2011 AfterGrad Parent Committee has been working exceptionally hard to raise money for the AfterGrad Event this whole year. This is a small group who are organizing a big event for your child. **They need your help and participation! The committee is looking for grade 12 parent volunteers to help with setting up and decorating the PMSS gym on Saturday, June 4th to supervising Sunday, June 5th from midnight to 4:30 am.** This is a great opportunity to help make the grade 12 grad event a safe and memorable one. **In addition, parents of our current grade 11 students also volunteer to assist with the evening.** This provides an opportunity for our future grade 12 parents to see how the AfterGrad Event is organized and managed. So this is a call out to all grade 11 and 12 parents for assistance. Without your support for your son or daughter, this event would not happen. Please contact Mrs. Nadine Rowett, AfterGrad Chair or Mr. Jesse Bradbury, vice principal (ibradbury@sd43.bc.ca) through the school.

Yours truly,
Ms. Karen Jensen, Principal

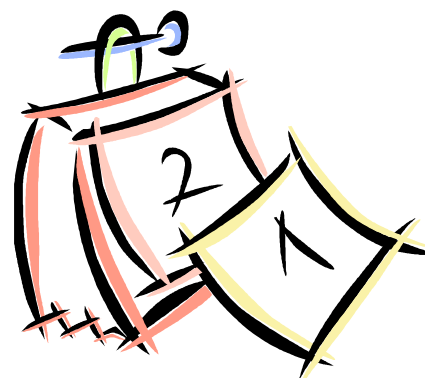


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IMPORTANT DATES

Phoenix Bell Schedule	May 9
Phoenix Class 9:45-10:10am	May 9
Oxfam 24 Hour Famine—overnight sleepover	May 13
Athletic Banquet in MPR & Gym, 5-7pm	May 18
Rock School Presentation, Theatre, 7pm	May 19
Pro-D Day No Classes	May 20
Victoria Day Holiday—school closed	May 23
Guitar Concert, 7pm Theatre	May 25
Rocky Point Park District Concert Band Day—all day	May 28
Blues Bell Schedule	May 30
School Planning Council Mtg. 6pm	May 31
Music Spirit Square Concert at Spirit Square, 7pm	May 31
Awards Night 7-9pm in the main gym	June 1
District Jazz Band Concert 7pm	June 3
Spring Fling Carnival—student council hosts (adjusted bell schedule, see inside newsletter)	June 4
Grade 12 Dinner & Dance, 6pm—midnight, Renaissance Hotel, Vancouver	June 4 (Sat)
PMSS AfterGrad, midnight – 4:30am, gym	June 5 (Sun)
Blues Bell Schedule	June 6
PAC Meeting, 7pm in Library	June 7
Ladner Band Festival, 4:40pm Community Band	June 11
Grads Pick up their Graduation Gowns—Lunch, Blks 4 & 5	June 17
Grade 12 Commencement—Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver 11:00am Grads arrive by 10am	June 18 (Sat)
Phoenix Bell Schedule *Phoenix class after blk 5—Yearbooks, locker cleanout, locks	June 20
Last Day of Classes	June 20 (Mon)
Yearbooks distributed	June 20
Provincial Exam Session grades 9-12	June 21-29
Report Card Pick-up in Phoenix class 11-11:30am	June 29
Administrative Day—no classes or exams—teachers available for parent consultation	June 30



What's Happening at PMSS

Our school's directions, planning and decisions are all guided by the school vision-common purpose. Thanks to our parents as partners, students and staff in 2008 whom provided valuable input and insight of our strengths, student needs and future opportunities. Due to this collaborative effort, the learning community designed a new five year vision-common purpose for Port Moody Secondary. The vision-common purpose "lens" is all about helping all member of the Learning Community to strive towards a sense of "BALANCE" as we pursue our theme directions. Below are the four themes and the focus groups for each theme. In this newsletter, we shall present our school information and directions under these four themes.

Vision – Common Purpose 2008-2013

Personal Wellness –Focus Area:

Developing Physical Wellness
 Developing Emotional Wellness
 Developing Healthy Eating
 Building Self-Concept

Inclusive Programs of Excellence – Focus Area:

Enhancing Programs of Choice
 Improving Student Body Perception (MOE/IB/Multiculturalism, etc.)
 Developing Career Education (employability skills, career opportunities, etc.)
 Building Leadership Capacity (for students, staff and parents)
 Enriching Extra-Curricular Opportunities
 Building Success for all Learners (students, staff and parents)

Structures of Learning –Focus Area:

Building a School Timetable
 Developing Technology Capacity
 Building School Enhancements
 Creating Systems for Safety and Prevention (attendance/lates)
 Developing School Sprit

Socially Responsible Behaviour – Focus Area:

Developing Social Responsibility
 Developing Environmental Stewardship



Personal Wellness

Exam Preparation –Reduce the stress!

We all know that when we plan for an event we are better prepared and organized to take on the activity, project or exam. The June school and provincial exams are no different. Act smarter by being prepared. Here are some suggestions to get ready ahead of time.

- Manage your time well by using your agenda or a large calendar to plan time for homework, project work, reviewing notes and study for tests. Put this in a place where you and your parents can review your planning each day. By keeping up with your homework you will have complete notes and make the corrections in class or at home the same day. You will be better prepared to start studying.
- Have a study buddy or study group. Plan several dates for meetings with your study group. Meet weekly over the next month.
- Plan on more time to study then you believe you will need as it always takes longer than we think.
- Organize your notebooks, notes, assignments and tests ahead of time so you know what you must study.
- Make study cards, "big topic study notes" or poster schematic of the big ideas and small concepts or details. Some other ideas to prepare are to make up sayings, use acronyms, rewrite your notes, use association, have someone review the questions, create study cards, use colours on your notes to highlight important work and talk out loud by reviewing words or vocabulary.
- Ask the teacher for a study plan of all of the "Big Ideas, Concepts or Topics" that must be reviewed so you are prepared for the exam.
- Ask the teacher what type of questions will be on the exam: essay questions, short answer, fact questions such as fill in the blank or multiple choice. Know what you would need to include when answering an essay question or short answer.
- Be in class for all of the lessons prior to the exam so you benefit from the reviews, sample exams or exam preparation activities.
- Use test-taking strategies to help you begin the test. Breaks, food and rest must be part of your planning in order to thoughtfully manage your learning and test preparation. Cramming and late nights actually does not help students retain the extensive number of big ideas, facts and topics you will need. Study in a place that has little distraction. You need time to focus on your learning and review...review and review. Repetition is what helps these big ideas and topics to stick.
- Rest, eat and exercise are also part of the plan. Cramming is only there for short term memory and when presented with a question on a test, your ability to sort big ideas and demonstrate your learning with thoughtful answers may just disappear. Repetition of the material is the only way to lock the information into your mind. These connections of information will allow you to demonstrate your learning in a more detailed and clear manner. Preparation is about perfecting the learning so you can explain it upside down and backwards. Know the material inside and out.

Port Moody Senior Boys Soccer Team

The senior boys soccer team coached by Anthony Marrello and Tino Pietramala coached our senior boys soccer team to a 6th place finish in the Province! The tournament, normally in fall but delayed due to weather, was played in the pouring rain at Burnaby Lakes fields. The Blues battled hard and game within a goal post of knocking out the number one seeded team. Top players this year include Matthew Fujii, Andrei Pietramala and Goalie Sebastien Faber all of whom are returning for next season...a promising group for continued success. Leaving us but not without an impressive career as a legacy are standouts Roham Bahn and Jesse Morris. These players have contributed four years to the Blues program. Coach Marrello was very happy with the teams efforts stating that as a group they were better than the individual stars that packed the competition's rosters, "we're a tough team to play against". And it showed as the Blues lost only one game for sixth place while drawing two and winning two. Nice work Blues!

Congratulations to Coach Anthony Marrello and his soccer team:

Sebastian Faber	Eugene Borysenko
Blake Bjorndal	Asmat Habibi
Aleksander Ljumovik	Jesse Morris
Ali Fakhri	Matt Fujii
Phil Friesen	Matt Wahlroth
Nathan Thompson	Andre Pietramala
Nima Samiei	Jake Hartman
Rohan Bhan	Trent Murphy

Port Moody Rugby

Rugby is still going strong at PMSS! With our three teams, the Senior Boys, Junior Boys and Girls Rugby, the Rugby Program still carries on the tradition of "Blues Pride". With the many coaches from the community and school, our success has been consistent and puts PMSS as a team that many schools recognize for their rugby support. Our Junior Boys program have been finding success, being undefeated through our division and will be entering the Upper Fraser Valleys with home field advantage. While our Senior Boys have a couple of games with a convincing win against Sardis 76-0. Our girls' team has been showing great commitment to the program with many who are quite new and loving every minute of it. Right now all teams are heading for the Fraser Valleys with our sights on the upcoming provincials. Congratulations to all three teams on their enthusiasm, effort and passion for the sport. We are proud of all of you!

P.M.S.S. Badminton Team

Congratulations to the members of our P.M.S.S. Badminton Team: Melinda Ng, Devon Louie, Allan Ng, Bryan Ng, Michael Moo, Nathan Wong, Sharon Yang, Jenny Lee, Cathy Lee, Nicole Yuen, Loren Lau and Edwin Tam. Our team placed second overall in the District. A special congratulations to Melinda Ng who came in 1st in the Districts, 2nd in the Upper Frasers and 3rd in the Frasers, and Allan Ng who came 1st in the Districts and 2nd in the Upper Fraser Valley.

"Special T" Track and Field Meet

This year three students ran in the district track meet on May 5th with at Town Centre. Over 40 students participated and our three students placed well in both the long jump and 60 meter. Student's were awarded ribbons for their participation. Congratulations to Kevin Martinez (60 meters), David Mann (Long Jump & 60 meters) and Kyle Parker (Long Jump & 60 meters)

Inclusive Programs of Excellence

District Public Speaking Contest "Spoken Word"

Last Friday was another fabulous morning of students in grades 9-12 sharing their thinking on a number of significant issues to them in a variety of genres. The range of topics and power of delivery was moving for the judges and audience. We are thankful to the teachers for taking the time to integrate student voice into their classroom and for supporting these 32 students in presenting themselves to an audience from around the district. Port Moody students did a fabulous job organizing the venue under the leadership of Glenda Kukulowicz. The students should be incredibly proud of their accomplishments. It is truly an honour to organize this event on their behalf. Finally, a huge "Thank You" to the judges—Mike Mitzel, Sylvia Russell, Marna Shipley, Don Gordon, Wendy Hawkin and Mark Clay and to our guest judges—Melissa Hyndes (Board of Education Chair) and Judy Shirra (Trustee). The Fall 2011 Spoken Word Festival is Friday, November 26 in the Terry Fox Theatre. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Below is a list of medal winners.

Grade 9:

Dena Tabyanion—Fear—Silver
Kasra Jamshidi—Through My Father's—Gold
Jason Tjeng—Ego Epidemic—Bronze

Grade 10:

Amy Liang—The Sparrow's Song—Bronze
Jacob Gebrewold—A Night With Buzz—Bronze
Lindsey Palmer—Opposite—Bronze
Ralph Auila—My Definition of Love—Gold
Sophia Park—4 feet 11—Silver
Teodora Muresan—Bad Choices—Silver

Grade 12:

Ryan Tidd—O Poor Icarus—Bronze

Home Economic Department –"Garbage Fashion Show"

Fourteen of our PMSS student took part in the recycled "Garbage Fashion Show" at Heritage Woods on April 20th. Our creative designers and their models had interesting and innovative ideas for reusing everyday household items that usually wind up in the trash.

Maryam Majdzadeh and Amy Liang opened the show with spring coloured drinking straws that became a dress with a multilayered skirt. Brightly coloured cellophane accented the dress at the waist and at the back with a large bow. Materials and colours were repeated in a matching purse. **Lily Yue, Sally In and Nicole Shum** recycled an aluminum bag, tissue and yard for a sophisticated, eye catching dress. **Angela Kim and Rena Kim** reused wire and parchment paper to create a balloon skirt for their dress. The bodice of the dress featured magazines covering garbage bags. **Samantha Yano, Alycia Guile and Beth Cruickshank** produced and outfit that featured garbage bags, a Macy's bag, and old necklace and an unused lanyard. **Lingyan Gu and Li Guo's** work was based on newspaper and garbage bags. The vest on their design featured a big red bow on the back. **Joy Shim and Sharon Yang** presented an elegant dress and necklace made from recycled current boards and CDs.

In all, thirty groups of designers and models from five secondary schools presented their work. It was a pleasure to watch the results of the creativity, enthusiasm, and energy of all of the students involved. A big thanks goes to Mrs. Val Grover for her expertise and support with our students while they created these creative projects. Well done!

PMSS Dinner and Dance –Saturday, June 4th

Our graduates and their approved guests will be attending the Port Moody Secondary Dinner and Dance on Saturday, June 4th from 6pm to 11:30 pm. The Grad Ball will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Vancouver. Students and parents are reminded that the school Code of Conduct is in effect at this is a school event. No students should be under the influence of alcohol or drugs due to and earlier celebration. Staff, the Port Moody Police Liaison officers and hotel security will be supervising the event. Coat check is available for students inside the ballroom. Parents are welcome to take pictures of their graduate and friends at the hotel entrance and atrium. The grads will have access to the upstairs ballroom at 6 pm. Students will go through security prior to entering the ballroom. The upstairs ballroom area is self contained with a lounge, coat check (no cost), restrooms, beverage fountain, and photo area. Mr. Rogula our photography teacher will be taking individual, couple and group pictures. There is not a smoking area as per school and district directive and students will not be able to leave the Dinner and Dance for a smoke.

The last dance is at 11:30 pm and students will head out to our After Grad event at the school in the gymnasiums. The doors are open to students from 11:30 pm to 4:30 am Sunday morning. There is a wonderful carnival experience for students with lots of games, face painting, prizes, food and other events. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Parents of grade 11 and 12 students are welcome to join us during the evening as we are looking for volunteers. Please contact Mr. Jesse Bradbury at school if you to volunteer. Your participation is greatly needed and appreciated. The After Grad is run by our grade 12 parents in order to provide a safe place for students to celebrate their graduation.

PMSS Graduation Commencement –Saturday, June 18th

The 2011 Graduation Commencement Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 18th at 11am at the Orpheum Theatre**. The graduation class represented will be 365 grade 12 students. Students will be asked to be at the Orpheum by 10 am with their Graduation Gown in order to the organized for marshalling into the auditorium.

With all of the presentations and Graduation recognitions, the Commencement Ceremony is usually 2 to 2 1/2 hours. We want all students from the beginning of the alphabet to the end to have the same gracious and attentive acknowledgement by the audience as they walk across the stage. This will mean that all families and guests are asked to be seated and not leave the auditorium during this time. Seating for families with small children may wish to use the upper balcony area as there is more room for movement. Also families with wheelchair requirements will be able to access a viewing area that is easy to access. Please let the ushers know that you need an appropriate seating area for wheelchair access. Also contact Mrs. Lisa Rinke for further information regarding seating assistance 604 939 6656. We welcome parents and family to come down to the stage to take pictures or video of their son or daughter as they begin their walk across the stage. The school has a professional photographer who will be taking pictures of every student with during the ceremony. These are available to the students in the office when they pickup their report cards on June 29th.



The Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation Award -Awarded to a PMSS student!

This year **Ana Boskovic** has received a very unique award called the Loran Award that looks at students across Canada. Ana was short listed for this award in our province for her work with service, leadership and academic pursuits at school and the larger community. Twenty students went through a rigorous interview program over several days. Ana was selected out of hundreds of applicants as the student best to be recognized as the Loran Award winner. The award is worth \$75,000.00. Congratulations Ana, we are all proud of your accomplishments.

Music Department –“Giving Back to our Community”

Congratulations to the musicians of a sextet from PMSS –**Cathy Lee, Michelle Choi, Min Ji Han, Chan Lee, Simon Lee and Mingchi Choo** for a wonderful performance at the annual fundraising banquet and silent auction event for the Timberline Ranch, a Children's Camp and non-profit organization on Sunday, April 17th. Their performance was described by this charity as adding the extra “touch of class”. The whole group must be commended for their generosity to donate back the Timberline Ranch monetary gift given to them for performing.

Music Performance Schedule

May 19th Rock School Concert, 7pm Theatre
 May 25th Guitar Concert, 7pm Theatre
 May 28th District Concert Band Day at Rocky Point –all day
 May 31st Spirit Square Concert in Coquitlam, 7pm
 June 3rd District Jazz Night, 7pm
 June 7th Yearend PMSS Concert, 7pm main gym
 June 9th Rock School Final Concert, 7pm Theatre
 June 11th Ladner Band Festival –Saturday, 10:20am-5:20 pm
 June 18th Orpheum, Vancouver at Commencement 11 am

Student Safety Video Contest

Five PMSS TV & Film students submitted to WorkSafe BC a one minute 2011 Student Safety Video called “Noise”. This film documented the dangers of different types of noise in the workplace. The film was selected out of many entries as the documentation that will represent Work Safe. The five students won a \$2000 prize for the school and another \$500 to be divided up between the students. **Congratulations to Kajol Veyma, Diane Catana, Sydney DiBenedetto, Alina Quarin and Nicole Yeun**. You can view the “Noise” WorkSafe BC website. Congratulations to our outstanding film makers!

PMSS Cheer Team

The 2010-2011 PMSS Cheer Program consists of 40 athletes making up two teams: one Senior Co-ed and one Junior Varsity. The season started off at NCA Camp in Washington, where the program earned superior ribbons and several athletes took home the All American titles. The Competition season began in December and both teams competed at several local, national and international competitions. Our Senior Co-ed team took first place at their very first competition of the year and our Junior Varsity Team took home the National champion titles both at Spirit Cheer nationals in Tacoma and at the Sea to Sky International Cheer Championship. Port Moody Cheer also hosted the first annual “for the Love of It” Cheer Competition at our school in March where both teams took home first place in their divisions. Overall it was an amazing year with amazing people and memories that will last for a lifetime! Congratulations to our Cheer Team members and their striving of excellence. Special recognition goes to Ms. Yorston and the squad coaches. A Great year for our Cheer Team.

Structures of Learning

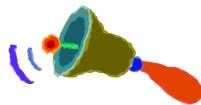
Spring Fling Celebration—Friday May 27, 2011

Once again the school carnival is happening this May 27th. This event is an opportunity for students to spend time together and share a common activity with their friends, classmates and staff. The 90 minute activity allows students to listen to music from the rock school program while sampling food from the barbeque. A variety of carnival games, especially the dunk tank where the staff is “dunked” for 3 throws for a dollar. This is a highlight of the day along with sitting on the grass out front listening to music.

We wish to thank the student council and Mr. Sutherland for the extensive planning, set-up and clean-up for this event. The Spring Fling is a planned activity that aligns with our PMSS School Vision-Common Purpose in the focus areas of Developing School Spirit and Building Leadership Capacity for students. This event also dovetails with our Action Plan for Learning Goal #1 for creating a Sense of belonging and safe place for students.

Special Activity Bell Schedule

Block	Time	Min of class/activity time
0	7:15am—8:25am	70
1	8:30am—9:40am	70
2	9:45am—11:00am	70
Spring Fling/Lunch	11:00am—12:30	90
4	12:35am—1:45pm	70
5	1:50am—3:00pm	70
6	3:05pm—4:15pm	70



Geology Field Trip

On May 13th Mr. Bolognese and Mrs. Sarte took their Geology and Geography classes on a field trip to the Home Lake Caves on Vancouver Island. We spent a few hours underground and saw many cave features, a few fossils and some cave crickets. Due to our wet spring, the caves had much more water in them than usual, which lead to a few wet feet and a lot of fun!

IB Exams

The Grade 12 IB students began their exams on May 3rd and will conclude their exams on May 23rd. There are exams for all courses in the 6 IB Groups that cover learned curriculum over the last two years. We wish our students well on their extensive exam schedule.

Passport to Education 2011

The Grade 10, 11 and 12 “Passport to Education” stamps will be awarded based on the student’s courses taken during the school year. In each grade there a set number of stamps given to Port Moody Secondary School based on our student enrollment by grade as of September 30th, 2010. Passport to Education will be determined at the end of June and a letter will be sent home in July to students. The “Passport to Education” letter will provide information in regards to claiming the stamps for post-secondary use.

Grade 10, 11 or 12 students who have taken **On-line Courses or courses from independent schools** are to submit their course and percentage by June 20th, the last day of classes. Please bring your on-line paper work to your counselor immediately so this information can be entered into our computer system. We cannot include student’s information after this date to order to be part of the Passport to Education calculations. **It is the student and parent’s responsibility to provide the school with evidence of a course taken outside of our school as we have no knowledge or communication from “outside on-line schools”.** We are happy to include the information if we are given the paperwork by the deadline.

Awards Evening

The Port Moody Secondary Awards Evening will be recognizing students for their excellence in service, leadership, personal academic performance, and curricular excellence. This is a very special time to celebrate the strengths of our students and their contributions to our school. The Awards Evening is on Wednesday, June 1st in the gymnasium at 7pm. The event is usually one hour long and includes our music selections from concert band. We are hoping that families will join us to celebrate these exceptional students. See you on June 1st.

Report Cards

The students’ report cards will be handed out on **Tuesday, June 29th at 11:00 am in Phoenix class**. Students or their parents are the only ones who can pick up report cards. Parents who want their child’s report cards mailed home should supply an addressed envelope with a stamp. Please hand the stamp addressed envelope into the office. Otherwise parents will need to pick up their child’s report card during the summer hours Monday to Friday, 7 am -3 pm.

Summer Learning 2011

District #43 (Coquitlam) is offering their Summer Learning opportunities to students. The four programs are:

- Elementary Program for grades 1-5 from July 12-29 at Heritage Mountain, Parkland and Pinetree Way
- Middle Program for grades 6-8 from July 12-29 at Scott Creek
- Academic Remedial & Skill Building Programs for grades 8-10 from July 5- 29 at Charles Best
- High School Credit Program for grades 10-12 from July 5 –Aug. 12 at Centennial, Gleneagle and Coquitlam Open Learning Online Courses and Face-to-Face Courses

Registration Information can be found at www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca or call Monday to Friday 604 936 4261. Online registration begins with an account on April 23rd so you will be ready to register. Update your account if you already have one. Summer Learning has no cost for normally residents in BC. International Education students have a tuition fee. Please go to the online site for more detail for registration, programs, courses and other information.

School and Provincial Examinations –June 21 to 29

Seven days for exams are provided to allow for grade 9-12 school exams and grade 10, 11 and 12 provincial exams. The schedule is for the Provincial June 2011 exams:

Date	Subject	Time
Tues June 21, 2011	Social Studies 11 Principals of Math 12	9am—11am 1pm—3pm
Wed June 22, 2011	English 12 Physics 12	9am—11am 1pm—3pm
Thur June 23, 2011	English 10 History 12 Chemistry 12	9am—11am 9am—11am 1pm—3pm
Fri June 24, 2011	French 12 Geography 12	9am—11am 1pm—3pm
Mon June 27, 2011	Science 10 Communications 12 Geology 12	9am—11am 9am—11am 9am—11am
Tues June 28, 2011	Apprenticeship and Work- place Mathematics 1o Foundations of Mathemat- ics and Pre-Calculus 10 Japanese 12 Mandarin 12 Spanish 12	9am—11am 9am—11am 1pm—3pm 1pm—3pm 1pm—3pm
Wed June 29, 2011	Biology 12	9am—11am

School District Budget Decision 2011-2012

The trustees and District Leadership Team have balanced their budget after engaging in numerous public meetings to listen to presentations from parents and partnership groups. This year's budget is more flexible this year than last and provided the trustees with the ability to restore past funding as well as include new initiatives for the 2011-2012 school year. For details regarding the budget to www.sd43.bc.ca and go to the link for "Budget 2011-2012. The decision was finalized on May 3rd.

School Calendar for 2011-2012 Impacted due to Budget Decision

During the 2011-2012 school year six days will be determined as holidays and/ or not days in session. This will mean five days at the Spring Break and one day near Remembrance Day will be added identified. Next year the Ministry of Education spring break is March 19th-23rd, 2012. An additional week shall be added, either before or after. The school trustees have not announced the two week date. Also, one day shall be added before or after Friday, November 11th and the school will be closed, with no classes in session that day.

These six days of closed schools in the Coquitlam School District will result in our schools adding time to each block every day on our regular bell schedule, just like we did this school year. At Port Moody this will mean adding 2 minutes per class, each day throughout the year, to make up the missed time.

Action Plan for Learning

Goal: Safety and Sense of Belonging

The School Planning Council will be reviewing the Grade 9 SOAR Safety Survey results for May 2011. The Grade 9 students have completed the survey in the third week of May. This survey reviews the students feeling about safety, bullying and sense of belonging at Port Moody. These results will be published in the June newsletter.

The Code of Conduct document for next year has gone through the annual review process on April 26th at the SPC (School Planning Council) meeting. The SPC working with the PMSS PAC, school staff and student council review the documents and have an opportunity to provide feedback. Any feedback gathered by the three groups is shared with the SPC to review. The SPC ensures that the document includes all of the key elements of the Ministry of Education "Safe, Caring and Orderly School Guide (October 2007)", as well as any district statements that are required to be included by the school district. At this time our Code of Document includes all elements. In addition, the 2009-2010 Code of Conduct that was submitted was assessed as being "exemplary" and meet all requirements by the ministry and district. We were very proud of our collaborative work.

The document regarding "cyberbullying" was updated with terminology including bullying due to "texting, use of Facebook, etc." In addition, a statement regarding Grad Pranks was included to clarify that any behaviours that interfere with the learning during the school day, the safety and sense of belong of others, damage to the facility, grounds and school property, inhumane treatment towards animals or insects, and any "unapproved activities" that create an unsafe or violent situation for the learning community will be taken seriously under the Code of Conduct and consequences can include loss of inclusion in school activities such as Dinner & Dance, Commencement or other school events.

Our second goal, "Graduation Transition" will include review of the number of students graduating and students unable to graduate in June 2011, as well as the reasons for the non-graduation status. We shall review this year's strategies and action plan to improve student success with graduation. More information regarding the School Planning Committees directions will be shared in the June newsletter.

Grade 12 Exit Interviews were a SUCCESS!

A total of 340 grade 12 students completed their interviews for graduation and Grad Transition Program. Our staff and guests were impressed with the breadth of the conversation that included students' achievements from kindergarten to grade 12. Students shared their Transition Exiting plans, resumes, projected future living expenses, daily physical education plans, nutrition plans, and volunteer work. The students' stories made us laugh and sometimes cry. Students spoke for 20-30 minutes on their accomplishments, hopes, challenges and dreams. What an exciting day it was on Friday, April 29th. Congratulations to all of our grade 12s who prepared such thoughtful presentations. Your power points, picture albums, awards, stories, poetry reading, storytelling and musical presentations were a wonderful reflection of your learning and growth. Congratulations to all!



Socially Responsible Behaviours

Commencement Etiquette at the Orpheum—June 18th, 2011

- Grads need to arrive one hour earlier (10:00am) and gather in the marshalling area and be ready with gown, cap and tassel. (A Commencement Pamphlet is given to each Grad with the specific information when they pick up their gown).
- The family may enter the Orpheum at 10:00am and entry into the theatre will be at 10:30am. Guests must be seated by 10:55am as the Commencement Ceremony starts sharp at 11:00am.
- Late arrivals must wait until the Port Moody Graduates have been promenaded into the theatre and seated.
- Parents and family are welcome to take pictures from their seats or at the special Grad moment. Please remember not to block the student route or the official school photographer at the stage.
- The PMSS Graduation Class of 2011 will enter and leave as a complete group.
- Families seated in the theatre are expected to stay for the full Commencement Ceremony. We are concerned about families getting up and leaving in the middle of the ceremony. This is very disrespectful to the students waiting to cross the stage and extremely disruptive.
- There is minimal seating in the main lower theatre. Families are to sit in the seats behind the graduates. The Graduate seating is roped off.
- The upper balcony has ample seating for families. Families with small children or other who require the ability to move out of the theatre area into the upper hallway should seat themselves in the "upper balcony" seating area. This will prevent obvious movement and limit disruption.
- Families will not be able to leave the main seating area in the Theatre and wait in the lobby outside the theatre entrance doors during the ceremony. The noise from the lobby can be heard inside the theatre.
- Polite applause for each speaker, musical presentation and group of students who walk across the stage and valedictorian is respectful.
- At the conclusion of the Valedictorian speech, students will throw their caps, and then the Graduation Class of 2011 will be piped out of the theatre into the main entrance.
- After the Graduates are piped out, the audience can join the Grads in the main lobby.
- Graduates in their blue gowns can take pictures with friends and family before handing in their gowns.
- The gowns are returned on the upper level where staff will be waiting to collect them.

Tickets are still available this week up until Friday, June 17th. There will be staff selling tickets at the door. Tickets are \$8 for adults and youth. Small children are free with supervision from their parent. Families requiring wheelchair access or special assistance for a member of their party, please contact Mrs. Lisa Rinke, Vice Principal in the office at 604 939 6656 or email Mrs. Rinke at lrinke@sd43.bc.ca.

PAC News!

The PAC is encouraging parents to join us on Tuesday, June 7th at 7pm in the library. We shall be holding our school elections for executive positions and members at large. Your voice and participation is needed for next year. Please come out and join us.

Community News

Scouts Canada –Queen Ventures Award

Congratulations to Yu Chieh Jay Tseng for receiving his Queen's Venture Award at the Government House in Victoria, BC. This award is one of the Scouts Canada's highest awards attached to the Scout Program. This award recognizes Scout Ventures who have acquired competence and skills that will be considered use to themselves and others by helping build a better world. Congratulations on your special achievement!

