



THE "BEST" INFORMER



MAY 4 & 5, 2021

****Please note: All new and changed items are in red****



GENERAL

FRIDAY MAY 7-CLASSES IN SESSION

There is a misprint in the 2020-2021 student planner. It shows that Friday, May 7th is a Pro D day. This day was changed after the planners went to print. Students should be attending at their regularly scheduled times.

RED DRESS EXHIBIT

This week we are observing Red Dress day. This is a project done by Ms. Leslie's Social Justice 12 classes to promote awareness of the on going Canadian crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous women and girls. The dresses represent a person who has gone missing and are hung in their memory. The colour red is important as in many indigenous cultures it is believed to be the only colour seen by the spirit world.

The Red Dresses are to call the spirits of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women home.

The display will be outside for the week of May 3-7. Please be mindful of the display.

If you want to know more, please ask students with 'ask me about the Red Dresses' buttons

QUARTER 1, 2, 3 TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return outstanding books ASAP to avoid a charge.

Textbooks returned to the table in the front foyer outside the office and library books go to the library!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANT YOUTH

Sponsored by S.U.C.C.E.S.S, this 8 month-program will focus on goal setting, career planning, and community service for newcomers to Canada. Weekly meetings will be on Zoom until safe to meet in person. When deemed appropriate by health authorities, there will be free outdoor exploration opportunities (ex. overnight hikes, field trips etc.). **Info sessions are scheduled for May 4th (5-6pm), and May 7th (5-6).**

More info on the [Career Centre website](#).

BCIT INTERIOR DESIGN INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you considering a career in Interior Design? Join one of these info sessions to learn about the many options. **May 5th, 2021** at 12.00 pm [Register here](#). **May 11th, 2021** at 5.00 pm [Register here](#)

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN, AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING / BODY REPAIR AND MOTORCYCLE AND POWER EQUIPMENT INFORMATION SESSION (BCIT)

MAY 5 FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM. Register here: <https://www.bcit.ca/event/automotive-technician-automotive-refinishing-body-repair-and-motorcycle-and-power-equipment-information-session-online-7/>

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO – GRADE 10 & 11 INFO SESSION

This is for B.C. students who are at the early stages of their post-secondary exploration process! This webcast will feature an overview of U of T, the three campuses, 700+ academic program options, and the offered opportunities inside and outside the classroom. You'll also learn all about the application process and have a chance to ask all of your questions. Must register in advance.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 8:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

MCGILL UNIVERSITY – INFO SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Starting the university search process? Want to learn more about McGill University and Montreal? Join members of the Undergraduate Recruitment team for an overview of the undergraduate programs, admission requirements, application process, campus life, etc. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions!

Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at 8 pm EST (5 pm PST). [Please register to attend](#).

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO – SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Panel discussions with staff and/or current students to learn more about specific programs. Spotlight Geography, Geomatics & Environment: **Thursday, May 6th at 5 pm EST (2 pm PST).**

[Please register to attend.](#)

Spotlight Commerce & Management: **Tuesday, May 11th at 5 pm EST (2 pm PST).** [Register to attend.](#)

DIGITAL ARTS, MEDIA + DESIGN INFO SESSION (BCIT)

MAY 10 FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM. Register here:

<https://www.bcit.ca/events/category/infoession/business-media/list/>

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INFO SESSION

This is for **keen grade 10 students** who are already looking forward to attending the U of A. Learn about the importance of the grade 11 school year in relation to your future university successes. **Wed, May 12, 6 pm MDT.** Please pre-register: <https://apply.ualberta.ca/register/?id=6a4b912a-d940-488c-9fad-9e51684af6d4>

WESTERN UNIVERSITY – INFO SESSIONS FOR GR. 10 & 11 STUDENTS

What's first year like? What experiences can you have outside the classroom? Why did current students choose Western? You can ask your questions and hear from future professors and peers. There will be student panels, lectures and information about first-year courses.

- **MEDICAL SCIENCES: May 4, 2021 4 pm PST,** register here:

https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KwwCOyRRL-QMidJr1buXg

- **SCIENCE: May 13, 2021 04:00 PM PST,** register here:

https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3LZpFhbS7-9cADmvlr4w

- **ENGINEERING: May 20, 2021 4: 00 PM PST,** register here:

https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BtuwRFNSRwmYDFZY70g1Q

OCEAN WISE YOUTH LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

This is an **opportunity for 15-18 year olds** to increase their marine conservation knowledge while building personal leadership, problem-solving and life skills. Youth will participate in outdoor excursions; skills building workshops and will create their own ocean service project.

YouthToSea 2021 **will run from June 2021 – March 2022** and is supported by the Government of Canada, there are no costs for participants.

Application deadline is May 12, 2021. <https://education.ocean.org/youthtosea/assignments/folder/1527>

PATH TO MEDICINE: UBC MD OUTREACH INFO SESSION

Find out what it's like to pursue an education in medicine directly from a current UBC Med School student. Get an idea of what this journey involves and join the virtual SD43 MD Outreach Information Session on

Wednesday May 12, 2021 7 pm. For more information, please check [Best's Career Centre website.](#)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/66047391930?pwd=N1N6ZHNmbUxUaXRtWm1EWmR1bzF1UT09>

MeetingID: 660 47391930 Passcode: 123456

ESSAY CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE LAW SOCIETY

BC students who have taken, or are currently enrolled in law 12, political studies 12, social justice 12 or social studies 11, are invited to participate in this year's BC Law Society's essay contest. Topics are (1) How does civil disobedience impact the rule of law?, or (2) What role does the rule of law have in advancing reconciliation with Indigenous people? You can win \$1,000 (\$500 for the runner up). **Deadline: May 14, 2021.** For details:

<https://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/our-initiatives/rule-of-law-and-lawyer-independence/secondary-school-essay-contest/>

SIDE-HUSTLE: ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP FOR GRADE 10 & 11 STUDENTS

UVIC's Gustavson School of Business is offering two sessions to show students how to run a micro business out of their home to make some money. Learn from UVIC, TV and industry experts how to evaluate side-hustles and other new business ideas.

See what a university entrepreneurship class is like; test drive what it's like to be in a UVIC Business classroom.

Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 at 6 pm: Register [here](#)

Tuesday, May 27th, 2021 at 6 pm: Register [here](#)

CAMP IGNITE-2ND DAY ADDED

Youth Firefighter Mentorship Program **for Grade 11 & 12 Girls** taking place **August 14 & 15, 2021** in Vancouver/North Vancouver (no overnight stay provided due to Covid19 restrictions).

Camp Ignite offers an introduction to the exciting world of firefighting. **Apply by June 1, 2021.**

<https://campignite.com/>

SOYL (SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUTH LEADERSHIP)

This program empowers secondary students to cultivate and steward schoolyard farms for learning, community building and growing Good Food for All. Through their time with SOYL, youth develop skills in growing, cooking, and selling food, as well as a greater connection to themselves, their community, and the regional food system. Youth also receive a \$100 stipend/ week and can receive school credit for their contributions. **Apply by June 18th** at <https://freshroots.ca/get-involved/soyl/>



UBC GEERING UP IS LOOKING FOR JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS (VOLUNTEER POSITION)

Students going into Grade 10 and up are invited to apply as Jr. Instructors to support camp leaders running one-week-long daily STEM camps with up to 20 youth over the summer.

Camps will be held virtually every week from June 29 – Sept. 4.

<https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/join-us/general-information/volunteering/junior-instructor-program/>

GRADE 12'S

GRADE 12 FEES

Outstanding fees **MUST** be cleared up **before May 15, 2021.**

Visit our school website, Quicklinks, School Cash Online. Only takes a minute!

COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE/HOODY

Attention all Grads: Get your Grad commencement comments and hoody order in ASAP!

Links are in the Grade 12 email sent out last week.

Comments are due **Friday, May 7, 2021.**

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP, BURSARY OR AWARD?

Please let the Career Centre know! We want to acknowledge you in the commencement program. Just submit our online form (one for each award you've received):

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkSz640sKia15IjHFsej51-LZUOFJYNEIGNDRTNORFQ1BMWFZJWEk4Mk5YTC4u>

VILLAGE OF ANMORE – HAL WEINBERG SCHOLARSHIP

Open to all Anmore students graduating from high school this year. Value is \$1,000. **Apply before May 7, 2021.**

For more information <https://anmore.com/community/scholarships-awards/hal-weinberg-scholarship-2/>

BC GOVERNMENT AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES' UNION (BCGEU) SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must be a BCGEU member in good standing, or related to a current, retired, or deceased BCGEU member or staff. BCGEU is offering a total of \$60,000 in scholarships: full-time students may be eligible for \$2,000 (\$1,000 for part-time studies). For a list of essay topics and application details visit

https://www.bcgeu.ca/2021_bcgeu_scholarships. Students with an IEP who find the traditional essay question challenging may submit their answers in audio or video format. **Deadline is May 9, 2021.**

CIBC FUTURE HEROS BURSARY

In recognition of the legacy of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, CIBC has invested \$500,000 over two academic years in the education of tomorrow's **healthcare** professionals. (125) entrance bursaries will be available to students entering into their first year at an eligible institution, in an eligible program. Each scholarship will be valued at \$2,500 CAD. **Deadline: May 12, 2021.** For application details and to see the list of eligible institutions and programs please follow this link:

https://assets.studentlifefetwork.com/cibc/2021_CIBC_Future_Heroes_Bursary_Guidelines.pdf

MAILLARDVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSISTANCE BURSARY

A \$500 bursary is available to one graduating Grade 12 student who lives in Maillardville, demonstrates financial need, contributes to their community and will pursue post-secondary education. The boundaries of Maillardville are defined by the MRA as follows: Laurentian Street to the east, Rochester to the north to North Road, North Road to the freeway, and along the freeway to Coleman/Brunette Avenue.

The application form can be found on the [Career Centre website](#). **Deadline is May 15, 2021.**

COQUITLAM RCMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to 2 graduating SD43 students who are planning to continue their academic, technical, or vocational education or training. Must have demonstrated good citizenship and leadership abilities, active in school and/or community. 2x \$750. **Deadline: May 17th.** Visit [Career Centre website](#) for application form.

MINDSHARE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Awarded to 5 graduating SD43 students who will be pursuing a post-secondary education in college or university. Must have demonstrated excellence and leadership in the areas of arts, athletics, or technology. 5x \$500. **Deadline: May 17, 2021.** Visit [Career Centre website](#) for application form.

STEVEN FAORO SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 will be awarded to one SD43 graduating student who intends to enroll in a postsecondary education.

Student should have demonstrated a love for sport and showed an exemplary level of sportsmanship and competitiveness. Student developed leadership by fostering a spirit of inclusion, leading by example, and demonstrates care and concern for teammates and others. Application must include a 300-word essay that tells their sports story about their senior year. **Deadline is May 19, 2021.**

Visit [Career Centre website](#) for application form.

GRADE 12'S

JIM HEBDEN 2021 CHEMISTRY BURSARY

This \$1,000 bursary will be awarded to a student who has performed service for their school and/or community while maintaining good science grades. Must have completed Chemistry 12 by the end of June 2021 and plan to continue the study of chemistry at a recognized post-secondary institution, whether it be toward a chemistry degree or in a field related to chemistry such as nursing or engineering. Must have financial need. For details see www.WesternCampus.ca **Apply by May 21, 2021.**

CLEAN ENERGY STUDENT

Clean Energy BC is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to students who are interested in pursuing a future in clean energy at a post-secondary institution. Must write an essay "Why is clean energy important to me as a young person in BC?". **Apply by May 21, 2021.** Details can be found on the [Career Centre website](#).

TESSA BEAUCHAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Open to B.C. grads pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants must complete the application form and attempt to provide a "snapshot" of related activities and endeavors in their own lives. Applicants may also choose to provide information in the format of their choice: written response, video, or movie format. 2x \$1,000 available. **Apply by May 30, 2021.**

<https://tessabeauchamp.org/scholarships-awards/scholarships/bc-graduation>

SPORTS

CLUBS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*******STUDENT PARKING*******

Please do not park near the fenced off area in the upper parking lot. This is a designated area for our construction crew working on the school addition. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged.

*******SCENT FREE SCHOOL*******

All schools and buildings within SD43 are "scent free" places of work and learning. Numerous students and staff have serious medical complications with various natural and chemical scents/fragrances. As such, please make every effort to avoid using or wearing scented products within this space in order to establish an environment that is as "scent safe" as possible.

******ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS***NO LOITERING IN BUS SHELTER******

Students are reminded that the bus shelters are for people who are actually waiting to get on a bus. Please do not use them as social gathering places.

*******STUDENT DROP OFFS*******

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

*****SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION IN THE DRIVEWAY/DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL*****

Students are reminded to slow down and use the designated crosswalk area when crossing through the school driveway area. Be very vigilant as drivers are often distracted as they are moving in and out of waiting spots. Also, our student drivers are reminded that the expectation is "dead slow" in our school driveways and parking lots.

******VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS******

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances. There have been recent incidents in our school/district that have resulted in these devices unintentionally exploding which can result in serious injury for the user and those around them. For the safety of all of our students and staff, it is important that these devices are not on school property. Students are not permitted to have these devices in their lockers, backpacks, or on their person at any time while on school property. If a student is found in possession of a vaporizer or e-cigarette, it will be confiscated. Parents will be contacted and required to meet with the administration and their son/daughter. Reoccurring incidents will result in disciplinary action.