



THE "BEST" INFORMER



JUNE 24 & 25, 2021

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



GENERAL

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Last formal day of classes for Quarter 4 is Friday, June 25.

Good luck Grade 12's in all of your future endeavours!

Classes resume on Tuesday, September 7.



GRADE 12 TRANSIT GRADPASS

There are still FREE GRADPASSes available.

Please stop by our Youth Worker's room on the bottom floor to pick up your FREE transit pass ASAP.

GRAD SIGNS

Grade 12's: Did you pick up your Graduation lawn sign? Last chance to pick up.

Please come to the office.

BORROWED A SCHOOL LAPTOP THIS YEAR?

All laptops that were borrowed for the year must be returned to the LIBRARY no later than Friday, June 25.

LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Please return all library books to the library ASAP to avoid a fine.

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION

In order to pick up yearbooks, all school accounts must be clear of all fees, lost textbooks, lost library books, etc. To check your account, go to Charles Best website, Quick Links, Student Fees.

PICK UP TIMES AND LOCATION:

GRADE 11 & 12'S: starting at 10:30 in the front courtyard.

GRADE 9-10'S: starting at 10:30 at the back of the school undercover areas.

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE FOR A MESSAGE

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YOUTH WORK IN TRADES PROGRAM – YOUR SUMMER JOB MAY QUALIFY!

Congratulations to the four Best students who won a WORK in Trades Award (\$1,000) from the Ministry of Education! Youth WORK in Trades is not a traditional high school course. Students in this program already have a paid job with an experienced tradesperson and complete the coursework online through Coquitlam Open Learning (COL). For every 120 hours that students work in an apprenticeship trade they can gain High School credits, learn and apply specific skills while getting paid, earn hours towards trade certification, and qualify for a \$1,000 award. Are you working a paid job in Trades? Complete a [short survey](#) to find out if your current summer job or regular part-time job qualifies. The list includes many different jobs, i.e. Arborist, Asphalt Technician, Baker, Cook, Heavy Duty Equipment Operator, Landscaper, Painter, and many more.

WORK BC SUMMER SERVICE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

This summer WorkBC Coquitlam is offering its services **FREE of charge** to students! If you're between the ages of 16-30 residing in the Tri-Cities area they are able to provide the following services: one-to-one job search support, resume and cover letter help, networking and interview tips, access to Hiring Fairs and support with work and volunteer placements.

For more information, please contact Julia at jsoldrzynski@wycavan.org or call their office at 778-730-0174.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL MEDIA PROJECT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The City of Coquitlam is in the process of starting up a pilot project where they match small teams of high school student with local nonprofit organizations to help set up / energize their social media communications. Training, support, and supervision will be provided by the city.

Check [Career Centre website > Volunteering](#) for details.

GIRLS IN 'STEAM' – MENTOR CAFÉ

Female students in Grades 10-12 are invited to a networking event from Science World in collaboration with SCWIST for students to explore unusual STEAM careers. Connect with mentors and like-minded peers and equip yourself with knowledge that will ease the transition from high school to higher education. **FREE Event**

Date: Saturday, June 26, 11 am. [Register here.](#)

ELECTRICAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY FOR FEMALE GRADE 11 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

BCIT has reserved seats for a few female high school students who want to do the electrical program at their Burnaby campus. It is a class dedicated to the Women in Trades Training intake. The program runs from February 14, - July 29, 2022, and the student will get 6 courses at the grade 12 level towards graduation. Having the program run in second semester will allow those who might be missing Physics 11, to pick it up in the Fall. Given the student will be attending BCIT, they should be displaying a mature attitude and solid overall grades.

If you are interested contact Doug MacLean, Career Programs Coordinator SD43 ASAP at DMacLean@sd43.bc.ca.

CITY OF PORT MOODY-HIRING SPECIALTY INSTRUCTORS FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Experienced, reliable, and dynamic Specialty Instructors are wanted to lead a variety of children and youth programs in a school or recreational setting. Must have related experience working with preschool or children, Emergency First Aid with CPR-C or equivalent, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, strong leadership characteristics. Candidates must be available to work this summer on weekdays between 9am-5pm. Continued employment in the fall season will depend on availability.

Apply here: [Port Moody Specialty Instructor](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO. NIGHT

Learn about admission requirements, co-op opportunities, career pathways, university transfer options, curriculum guidelines, and more. Plus, each program-specific information session is led by a faculty member from that program, so you get to interact and converse with your future instructor(s).

Thurs. June 24, 2021, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. [Register here.](#)

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: GENETIC ENGINEERING

Are you a Grade 9-12 student interested in genetic engineering, or are you just interested in exploring different career options in STEM? Then you should join **on June 26, 2021** (Saturday) from 1:00-2:00 pm on zoom. Please sign up to attend: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/402624109>

ONEPROSPER INTERNATIONAL-VIRTUAL ENGLISH LEARNING BUDDY

OneProsper International is a Canadian non-profit organization focused on girls' education in India. Girls from low-income families in India aspire to speak English but do not have anyone within their families to practice speaking English. Students [sign up to be an English Learning Buddy](#) and will be matched with a girl in India. Buddies will meet weekly using Zoom, Saturdays 9-9.30 pm, **starting June 26th** (10 weeks). Students in India read from an English children's book while Buddies provide constructive feedback on pronunciation.

OneProsper International will provide volunteer certificates. [More info.](#)

IMPACT ENTREPRENEURSHIP YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

The Innovators Academy at LOI is **calling all youth 14 years and older** interested in entrepreneurship, innovation, or changemaking! The **FREE** free month-long program will be featuring 2 hours/ week webinars with inspiring entrepreneurs, changemakers and leaders sharing their powerful stories and best practices through keynotes, panels, workshops and more. At the end of the camp, youth will have the opportunity to pitch their own innovative ideas for prizes. The event **starts on Tuesday, July 6th.**

Register here: <https://impact-summer-camp-2021.eventbrite.ca>

YMCA SUMMER YOUTH ADVISORS

The YWCA Youth Education Programs is looking for 20-25 current high school students to volunteer as a Youth Advisor in the Summer 2021 cohort. In this role you will share your high school experiences and make recommendation for youth programs that discuss social media, relationships, friendship, bullying, advocacy, and peer pressure. Youth Advisors will also receive professional development on topics such as resumes and job interviews, facilitation, healthy relationships, leaderships, and more! Meetings will be virtually.

Must be going into Grade 9 – 12 this September.

Apply by July 14th. <https://ywcavan.org/volunteer/summer-youth-advisors>

JIBC INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAREER CAMP

The Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) believes bringing Indigenous people and perspectives into the fields of justice, public safety and health care is essential to achieve our national goal of Truth and Reconciliation. The JIBC Indigenous Youth Career Camp – Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers, Encouraging Connections aims to build youth resiliency, establish positive relationships, and introduce youth to the broad spectrum of careers in justice, public safety, and health care. For 2021, youth can sign up for any particular day of activities. **JULY 14, 2021 - JULY 22, 2021. FREE.** [Register here.](#)

DISCOVER UVIC-INFO. SESSIONS FOR GRADE 10-11 STUDENTS

If you are thinking about applying for undergraduate studies at University of Victoria, join one of this summer's Discover UVic events and learn what it really means to be a UVic student. More than just getting into university, they will explore the possibilities and what your education can be. You will hear about their co-op program and why hands-on learning is so important, how you can engage with your surroundings, and how the UVic community can inspire you to succeed.

Register to attend:

August 4, 4:00PM | [Register](#)

July 13, 10:00AM | [Register](#)

August 26, 10:00AM | [Register](#)

XD HACKS MINI VANCOUVER

XDHacks Mini Vancouver is Vancouver's first and largest highschool hackathon nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding the reach of STEM in BC. Focus is on helping students develop an interdisciplinary mindset, which is becoming increasingly important in the workplace. Students prepare to become successful businesspersons with a technology background. The fourth iteration of XdHacks Mini Vancouver will be Climate Code 2021, with the theme of Environmental Issues. The hackathon will run from **August 6-8** and will be taking place virtually with no cost for attendees. Participants will be eligible to win prizes, interact with guest speakers, learn fundamental STEM principles, and partake in fun activities. **No experience is necessary.**

[Register here](#) by **August 3.**

GRADE 12'S

ATTENTION G2021: CHECK YOUR STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE SETTINGS

Deadline for PSI selections is coming up on July 10. *** Please make sure that your STS settings are correct so that the post-secondary institution you are going to attend in the fall will be able to receive your final marks.

TRAINING & JOB OPPORTUNITY: INTRODUCTION TO ROOFING TRADES PROGRAM

RCABC Training Centre will deliver, in partnership with SkillSource, a **FREE 5-week Introduction to Roofing Trades Program, running July 5 -August 6, 2021.** Participants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons entitled to work in Canada; and have a Social Insurance Number (SIN), **be 18+ years**, and be unemployed or precariously employed (part-time, seasonal or casual). Financial assistance will be provided for transportation, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including work boots, all Books & Training material, program tuition. While this free opportunity will not provide participants with the Roofer Level 1 certificate, job placements as roofer will be offered to successful participants.

For more info please see [Career Centre website > Employment section.](#)

GRADE 12 CAREER CENTRE SURVEY – WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FALL?

With High School coming to an end for our 2021 Grads we would love to learn where life will take them in the fall: College/ university, joining a trades program, working, gap year, etc. Having this information will help us a lot when planning information sessions and promotions for next year. Completing the survey will only take one minute. **Parents, please feel free to submit the survey for your student:** [Link to survey](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE


Check out the [Career Centre website > Financial Aid section](#) for upcoming deadlines.

There are many scholarships available – some have very specific criteria though, please have a look if something fits your circumstances.

The Financial Aid section will be updated until the end of the school year, it is worth checking back regularly.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 133 BURSARY

Deadline extended to June 30, 2021. This is a local scholarship.

(Applicants must be attending school in PoCo or Coquitlam). Demonstrated financial need; family income up to **max. \$90,000.** Good grades. It is not required that you have military or legion affiliation. However, if you do, please fill out the applicable section on the application form.  [Apply here.](#)

OPTERUS REBEL WITH A CAUSE AWARDS

Opterus Helen Rose STEM Award - \$10,000 for a female student pursuing an education in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) at an accredited Canadian university or college.

Opterus Valerie Ann Arts Award - \$10,000 for a female student pursuing an education in the Arts at an accredited Canadian university or college.

The student they are looking to fund is pursuing a field of study that will help them in the future to create or contribute to a new mindset for a better world. **Deadline is June 30, 2021.**

[More info.](#)

GRADE 12'S

PROSPERA LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS

Thirty grants valued at \$1,000 each will be awarded to students who have shown dedication to pursue their field of study and advance their skill set. Must be an entering or returning student to an accredited post-secondary institution in one of Prospera's trade areas (Metro Vancouver, Tri-Cities, Fraser Valley, and the Okanagan) by September 2021. Criteria: Outstanding contributions to our communities, led by example, and inspired true excellence. Served as a volunteer or demonstrated great guidance with an organization or charity between 2019 to 2021. **Deadline: June 30, 2021.** [Apply here.](#)

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple awards are available to students pursuing a career in the automotive field. See [website for details](#). **Deadline is June 30th.**

HORATIO ALGER VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

If you will be attending school this fall to become a nurse, dental hygienist, paramedic, or to learn another skilled trade you may be eligible. 25 awards at \$3,000 are available. Must have completed high school, be enrolled in 3 years or less career or technical degree/certificate program in Fall that will lead to employment. Demonstrated critical financial need. Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity. **Deadline is June 30th.** Apply [here](#).

ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS' EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 50 awards of \$1,000 to \$5,000 awards are available to Sea Cadets entering the first year of a post-secondary training program which leads to a degree, diploma, or certification in a recognized profession. **Award Deadline: June 30, 2021.** Details on the [Canadian Sea Cadets' website](#)

ALEXANDER FOUNDATION ELMER HELM BURSARY

Financial assistance to deserving students who wish to pursue post-secondary training in the artistic, academic, or technical field. The Elmer Helm Youth Fund is to assist youth who may not have the financial means to participate in achieving their goal of post-secondary education. Up to four awards of \$1,500 each may be available. **Deadline: June 30, 2021.** For more info, please visit [Career Centre website > Financial Aid](#).

CTA – ROY KRUTOW SCHOLARSHIP

Two awards of \$1,250 each are available to children of a teacher (current, retired or deceased) in SD43. Criteria are academic achievement and school involvement. Preference to those who plan to pursue a career in education (must submit one page paper outlining why they want to pursue career in education). **Deadline: July 1, 2021.** For more info, please visit the [Career Centre website > Financial Aid](#).

CANADIAN PRINTING INDUSTRIES SCHOLARSHIP

Available to a High School graduate who has demonstrated a commitment to the graphic communications industry and to academic excellence. Must have an average overall grade of 75% (Award is \$1,500). **Deadline is July 2, 2021.** [More info](#).

GOLF CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple scholarships available. All scholarship applicants must be attending, or have been accepted at, a Canadian university or college with a golf program recognized by Golf Canada Foundation. Exceptions are listed on their website. High school and CÉGEP students graduating in 2021 may be eligible for undergraduate scholarships.

Apply by July 2nd, 2021. <https://golfcanadafoundation.com/golf-canada-foundation-scholarships>

BC PRINCIPALS AND VICE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 20 scholarships (\$1,000 each) are available to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to a postsecondary institution. **Criteria:** Academic excellence and demonstrated leadership within the school and community. You must write a short essay, up to 250 words, indicating leadership roles held in your school and community and your post-secondary aspirations. Must have letter of reference from your principal or VP. [More info on website](#). **Deadline is September 17, 2021**

BC RETIRED PRINCIPALS & VICE PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

You are eligible if you are a graduating from the BC public school system this year and are continuing your education at an accredited post-secondary institution in CANADA. (Students planning a "gap year" should apply in the first year in which they register in a post-secondary program.).

Applicants who are pursuing education in trades, technical and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply. 9 awards available at \$1,000/each.

Deadline is September 30th. [Apply here.](#)

GRADE 12'S

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.