



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST DAY CLASSES SEMESTER 1

Last formal day of classes for Semester 1 is on Friday, January 21.
Semester 2 begins on Tuesday, February 1.

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Dress in your Charles Best Spirit Wear or wear school colours on Friday, January 21.
Let's see some school spirit on the last day of Semester 1!

BOOK RETURNS

All library books that were signed out in 2021 are now overdue. Please return to the library ASAP.

TEXTBOOK RETURNS

Please return all textbooks/novels to your teacher directly to ensure it is the correct textbook number that was assigned to you.

DEVIL'S DEN NOT A GARBAGE BIN

Please be respectful of the area around the Devil's Den. There are plenty of trash, compost, and recycling bins for waste disposal. Please stop throwing items behind the gate of the Devil's Den.

YEARBOOKS

Only **49** yearbooks left for purchase-order yours today.
Parents can log into your School Cashonline Account to order.

SCHOOL PHOTO PACKAGE

Please come to the office to pick up your LifeTouch photos:
Daniella S.

STUDENT ID CARD

Please come to the office to pick up your 2021-2022 Student ID Card:
Alexander C., Elena M.

FRENCH CHALLENGE EXAMS

French Challenge exams running through the Delta School District have been **postponed** until February 26 & 27. Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

STUDENT PARKING

A quick survey of the parking lot shows many students parking without a parking pass.
Any student parking a car on school property during the school year is required to display a parking pass.
Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

SPORTS

GIRLS, JUNIOR BOYS & SENIOR BOYS RUGBY

There will be a meeting held on **Thursday, January 20 at 3:20 in the Cafeteria**. Whether you've played before or not, please come check it out, no obligation. This year's team will be run by United Rugby coach Mike Gosselin, who is also a former Best teacher! We'll also have a couple Best girls rugby alumni coaching as well!
Come learn about a fun sport that focuses on fitness, respect and teamwork.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY

Grade 9 Boys – vs. Gleneagle @ 4pm
Junior Boys – vs. Arch Bishop Carney @ 6:00pm
Reminder, spectators are not permitted at this time.

CLUBS

GRADE 12'S

BEST GRAD WEAR

Grad wear arrived last week.
Please come to the office to pick yours up:
Ethan A., Eularose B., Aaliyah F., Josh F., Matt N., Alexandra O., Maddock O., Matt Newby

REMINDER - SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Grade 12's, reminder to have your parents check your school Cash online account.
Cap and Gown orders are being processed this month.
Fees must be cleared before participating in graduation events.

*NEW - SENDING TRANSCRIPTS TO YOUR POST-SECONDARY CHOICES

Reminder for all Grade 12 students who have applied to a post-secondary institution! You must use the [Student Transcript Service \(STS\)](#) to send your transcript to the schools you have applied to. This may be in addition to the school requiring you to upload/ send in a current transcript. By using this free service, it is guaranteed that post-secondary institutions will automatically receive your final transcript after graduation. Please double-check your school's requirement and the to-do list in your student portal carefully so that you understand the process. How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the school. More info [here](#). When using STS please ask yourself if you have included your PEN when applying to post-secondary and if you spelled your name exactly as the Ministry records show. If that's not the case your post-secondary choices may have difficulties connecting your application with your transcript.
If you need help, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES – COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sat, January 22, 2022, 1:00-2:00 pm. [Register here](#) by Jan 17th.

SFU BRIGHT IDEAS ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION

Bright Ideas gives **Grade 10-12** high school students an opportunity to explore the world of business and leads to practical entrepreneurship experience. You will be working with a 4–5-person team to engage in problem identification, solution development, and market assessment. Over the course of 11 weeks, students will learn entrepreneurship, basic accounting, marketing and social media, presentation skills and more through speakers, workshops and consulting with industry professionals and senior students. Registration closes on **Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 11:59pm**. Program fee is \$10 with prizes to be won. [Apply here](#).

AI4ALL INVENT THE FUTURE SUMMER PROGRAM

Canada's first and only summer enrichment program focused on bringing artificial intelligence (AI) expertise, community, and mentorship to female-identified and non-binary youth in Grade 9-12. During this AI Scholars Program, participants from across Canada will (virtually) explore the world of AI through team projects and connect with mentors and industry experts in a supportive yet challenging environment. July 11th - July 29th, 2022. [Info Session](#): **Wed, January 26, 2022, 5-6.30 pm**. [Application Help Session](#): **Thu, January 27, 2022, 5 pm**. Register now.

SFU CODING FOR A SOCIAL CHANGE – SPRING WORKSHOP FOR GRADE 9 STUDENTS

Running **Feb 5-Apr 9, 2022** (every Saturday except Feb 19 long weekend), 10:00-11:30 am. FREE. [Register now](#).

GREEN COLLAR CAREER CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 9-12

Students are invited to experience new career opportunities at this FREE virtual career conference. The day includes break out sessions, prizes, and a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.
Saturday, February 12th, 2022, from 9 am to 3 pm. [Register](#) by February 9th, 2022

SFU PYTHON WORKSHOP FOR GRADES 9-12

Python for Data Science. Running every Saturday, virtually: **Feb 26 - March 19, 2022**. 1 - 2:30 pm. [Register here](#)

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BC ENGINEERING INFO. SESSION

UNBC Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering undergraduate programs are still open for applications. Learn more about their engineering programs on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:00 pm.** Faculty, current student, and alumni will be there answering questions and sharing their experiences. [Register here.](#)

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS COMPETITION

The KPU Melville School of Business invites grade 11 – 12 students to represent their school in a virtual business competition. Students will be faced with real business challenges that encourage them to think out-of-the-box and design the best method to meet their client's goals. KPU will be assigning students to teams. Prizes for the top 3 teams. **February 26th, 10 am to 4 pm.** [Register here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

BCIT BROADCAST & MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS INFO SESSION

Thursday, January 20, 5.30 pm. [Register here.](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO. NIGHTS

Different programs are showcased on each day. Please check the website to confirm the date your program is on. **Tue & Thu, January 25 & 27, 5 pm.** [Register here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA GETAWAY

Reminder! 20 lucky Grade 11 students will have the opportunity to travel to Edmonton, stay in residence, explore state-of-the-art facilities, learn about UofA's 200+ programs, and experience all the U of A has to offer! Incl. up to \$500 transportation reimbursement, accommodations, meals, and a jam-packed schedule of events! **May 27 - 29, 2022** (Friday to Sunday). [Apply by January 28, 2022.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DAVID LAM BC TEAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to an English language learner graduating from a BC secondary school who has combined academic competence with school and community service, and who wishes to further his/her education at a post-secondary institution in British Columbia. Must be Canadian citizen or PR, and must have documented ELL courses at the secondary level (Grades 9-12). Value is \$3,000. [Apply here by January 31.](#)

BC TEAL REFUGEE AWARDS

Three different awards are available for graduating refugees. [Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award](#), [TCF Refugee Award](#), [Nicholas Collins Founders Refugee Award](#). All three have slightly different criteria. **Apply by January 31.**

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching. Value: \$5,000. **Deadline: February 15, 2022.** [More info here.](#)

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES 2022

The Coquitlam Foundation annually distributes scholarships and bursaries, primarily to graduating high school students who are in need of financial support to continue their education. There are 17 different awards, all with their individual criteria. You can apply for as many as suit your personal situation with one single application. Award values are TBA (depending on the funds available in the Spring), but in the past all awards varied from \$500 to \$2,000. **Deadline is February 15, 2022.** [More info here.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

******WINTER WEATHER******

Winter weather is coming. Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.

*******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.

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

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

*****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 crosswalks 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.

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.

