



THE "BEST" INFORMER



TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022
TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECOCHALLENGE WEEK

Remember everyone, it is EcoChallenge week!

Today is sweater day, hopefully you have layered up and are toasty warm even though the heat in the school has been turned down 2 degrees to lessen our greenhouse gas emissions.

If you wore either a Charles Best Hoodie, an ugly sweater or consciously wore a big layer of clothing please, please take the time to fill in the very short Microsoft Form so we can tally points for the Ecochallenge competition. Scan the QR code below, if you are having problems you can also stop by room 102 to have your name written down, or email sviswanathan@sd43.bc.ca from your school email.



Tomorrow is walk/ride or bus to school → lower greenhouse gas emissions and take a healthier way to school

Thursday: litter less lunch → less waste to landfill

Friday: write a pledge day → commit to a new, more sustainable personal lifestyle choice, come outside main office during period 2 and period 3 to make a pledge and vote to watch your favorite teacher try a crickets "a sustainable protein choice"

ADVISORY SCHEDULE TOMORROW

There will be an Advisory (Homeroom) session on March 2 to distribute rapid antigen tests. Advisory lists will be posted throughout the school. Please be on time due to the quick turnaround.

Advisory Bell Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>
1	8:15 am	9:35 am
2	9:40 am	10:55 am
Advisory	11: 00 am	11:10 am
3	11:15 am	12:30 pm
4	12:35 pm	1:50 pm
5	1:55 pm	3:15 pm

2022-2023 COURSE SELECTION

Reminder to current grade 9, 10, and 11's: Course selection forms must be filled out and entered in your MYED Portal asap. Once entered in MYED, please hand your form in to the counselling office.

STUDENT PARKING

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

BOYS RUGBY

Junior and Senior Boys practice Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Hillcrest @ 3:30.
New players are still welcome. See Mr. Startin if you would like more details.

GRADE 12'S

CLUBS

We will not be starting any new clubs at this time. Clubs are encouraged to meet virtually but can meet in person if they are under the direct supervision of their sponsor teacher for the entire meeting. Everyone is to wear their masks, space out appropriately and follow all covid protocols.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

TOMORROW - METRO VANCOUVER YOUTH4ACTION LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Join high school students from school districts across Metro Vancouver to engage in learning to support leadership and collaboration to make sustainability real, regional, action-oriented and fun! Participants will explore connections to drinking water, waste, wastewater, air quality and climate change. Consider the challenges and choices we face as the population of our region grows. Take away ideas, tools, and inspiration to engage and inspire others to think globally and to act locally in your school community and beyond! **Wed, March 2**, 4-5:45 pm | **Mon, March 14 & Tue, March 15**, 10 am - 2:30 pm
[Register here.](#)

TOMORROW - SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS – SD43 INFO SESSION

If you are thinking about applying to volunteer with SFU Camps this Summer, attend their info session on **March 2, 5:00-5:30pm**. SFU Camp reps will explain the application process and answer all your questions. [Join meeting here](#) Meeting ID: 613 6453 0189, Password: 076919

KPU TECHNICAL AND TRADES PROGRAMS SHOWCASE

Open to all Grade 11 & 12 students wanting to explore their options. **Thursday, March 3, 2022**, 5-7pm.
[Register here.](#)

BCIT HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

Are you a current Grade 11 or 12 student thinking about your post-secondary education? Join BCIT Advisors to learn about the range of courses and programs available to High School grads and how to plan now so you will be ready to apply. **Wed, March 9**, 5.30 pm. [Register here.](#)

S.A.T. SPRING BREAK BOOTCAMP

Led by EducationUSA adviser Jenika Heim, the SAT Boot Camp is a five-session series with the goal of practicing strategies to improve your SAT score. **March 14-18, 2022**, 7 am daily. Each session covers a different topic, you can attend one or all five. If you cannot make a session, you will receive a recording that you can review on your own time. There is no cost to attend. [Register and learn more here.](#)

YOUTH HACKATHONS

- **XdHacks Mini Vancouver, Hack the Pulse 2022:** There will be workshops ranging from Design Thinking, introductions to Coding languages, to Career workshops, and networking opportunity to assist your creation along the way. [Register here](#) to attend **March 11th – 13th**.
- **CanHack 2022** presented by the DMZ at Ryerson University: Participants will learn critical cybersecurity skills, and work with experts in the field! [Register here](#) to compete **March 15th - March 29th**.
 - There is no cost to participate, and prizes can be won. Beginners are welcome.
- Hosted by **Youth Helping Youth BC (YHY BC)**: Attend various virtual workshops and get some real-life insights into the world of STEAM before completing your project.
[Register to attend](#) from **March 18th - 20th**.

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF BC COIN COMPETITION

High School students in BC are invited to compete virtually on April 23rd by showing off their accounting acumen in this multiple choice questions exam focusing on introductory accounting concepts. The top 20 highest scoring students will be presented with cash prizes. See [website](#) for more details!
Register by noon, March 25th

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

TOMORROW - BCIT WOMEN IN ENGINEERING ONLINE PANEL

Engineer an inclusive future. Hear from Engineering grads and students and get an overview of BCIT's degree and diploma programs in Engineering: Civil, Electrical, and Marine. **March 2, 5 pm.** [Register here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

LAST CHANCE - DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARDS

For students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities, including the promotion of social justice and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation within their schools and/or communities. Scholarships vary from one-time \$3,500 to \$20,000 over four years. Financial need may be considered. [Apply by March 1.](#)

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE FOR BEST GRADS

Missed our scholarship meeting? Check out the Career Centre team > Grads 2022 Local Scholarship package channel. You'll find the directory containing a long list of scholarships and bursaries administered by our school or SD43, as well as other local financial aid opportunities. For the internal scholarships you are only competing with your fellow Best grads, don't miss out. Link to the online application is in the directory.

Deadline to apply: April 1, 3 pm.

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 STUDENTSNO 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.