



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 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 litterless lunch day! If you consciously made an effort to not bring any non-compostable or non-recyclable waste to school with you today please help us garner points by filling in this very short Microsoft Form.



Reminders for tomorrow, last day of ECOCHALLENGE WEEK

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

There will be music and prizes!

Thank you for participating in Ecochallenge week and helping to raise sustainability awareness!

TOMORROW - DRESS YOUR BEST

Tomorrow is 'Dress your Best' Friday. Come to school wearing school colours, your Charles Best Spirit wear or Grad Wear.

SPIRIT WEEK MARCH 7-11

MONDAY	Pajama Day
TUESDAY	Twin Day
WEDNESDAY	Beach Day
THURSDAY	80's Day
FRIDAY	Colour Day

GRADE 9/10 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC CATCHUP DAY

Fraser Health will be at the school on **Monday, March 7th** to immunize any Grade 9 OR Grade 10 students who did not receive their vaccinations on February 22nd or February 23rd. You may be called during your lunch block so please plan accordingly.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS MARCH 10

This will be an altered bell schedule day. Dismissal will be at 12:45pm on March 10th.

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.

GRADE 12'S

TOMORROW - GRAD ASSEMBLY FRIDAY MARCH 4

Attention Graduates! Grad assembly on Friday, March 4th in block 4.
Go to your block 4 class; your teacher will take you there. Remember to wear your Grad Spirit Wear!

SPORTS

FIELD LACROSSE PROVINCIAL GAMES TODAY

#7 ranked **Junior Boys** vs #6 ranked Maple Ridge @ 10:00am Town Centre. Winner moves on to the finals!
#3 ranked **Senior Boys** play against #2 ranked Claremont @ 12pm Town Centre. Winner of this game advances to the finals at 3:00pm Fridge Field, Town Centre.
'BEST' of luck to both teams!

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.

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Jr. Girls Soccer Tryouts next Tuesday March 8th at 3:30pm upper field.

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

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! **Mon, March 14 & Tue, March 15**, 10 am - 2:30 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**.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

INDIGENOUS YOUTH IN TRADES INFO SESSION

The Coquitlam School District is inviting students, parents, and teachers who are interested in learning more about opportunities and scholarships available to Indigenous students in trades. **Mon, March 7th**, 5 pm.
[Register for this Zoom Meeting here.](#)

BCIT INFO SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS

BCIT reps will address programs that allow direct-entry from High School and will answer any question you may have. [Join Zoom Meeting](#) on **Thu, March 10th**, 5-6 pm. Meeting ID: 685 7661 3760. Password: 391833

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GRADE 11 HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIPS

160 \$5,000 Canadian Scholarships plus 10 \$10,000 Entrepreneurial Scholarships are available for Grade 11s who exhibit a strong commitment to pursue a bachelor's degree program. Must have demonstrated critical financial need and involvement in co-curricular and community service activities. Canadian Citizens only.

[Apply here](#) by March 15.

UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SFU STUDENTS

Ten scholarships are awarded to students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education (covering all post-secondary related cost). Must be domestic Canadians admitted for the fall term to any undergraduate degree at SFU. Demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding potential to be a future leader through personal achievements or contributions to their school or community.

Deadline: March 24th, 2022. [Details here.](#)

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 20 awards of \$500 each are available to youth who have made outstanding contributions in their local community for a considerable amount of time or have initiated, organized or contributed significantly to a one-time project. [Apply here](#) by March 31, 2022.

EAGLE RIDGE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BURSARIES

2 x \$2500 are available to graduating students in the Tri-Cities (must have lived here for at least 2 years) who are planning to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Financial need considered.

Apply [here](#) by March 31, 2022.

TREVOR LINDEN COMMUNITY SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIPS

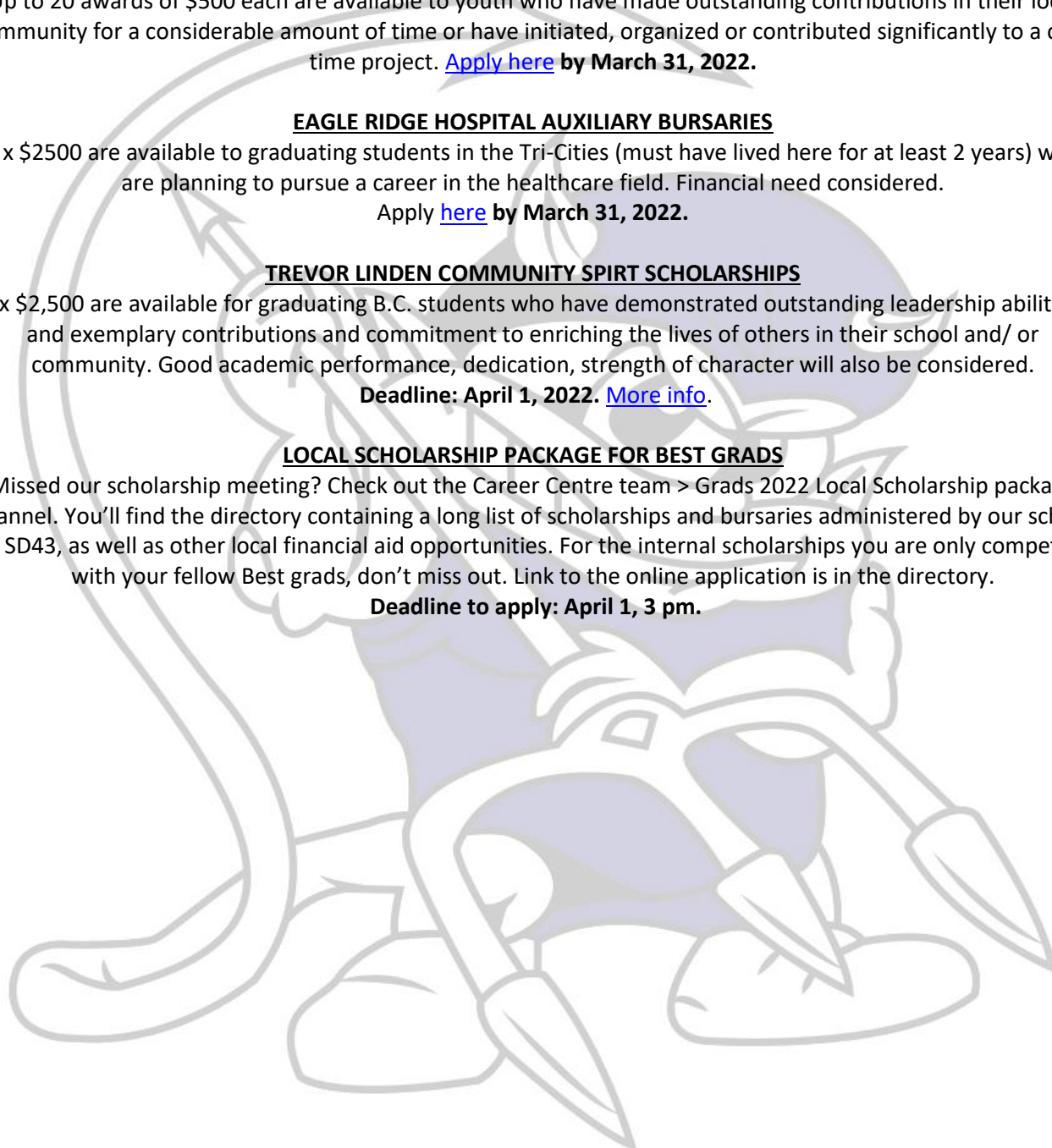
4x \$2,500 are available for graduating B.C. students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and exemplary contributions and commitment to enriching the lives of others in their school and/ or community. Good academic performance, dedication, strength of character will also be considered.

Deadline: April 1, 2022. [More info.](#)

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 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.

