



THE "BEST" INFORMER



TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022
TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NUMERACY 10 ASSESSMENT

Students currently in Grades 11 and 12 who, for whatever reason, **have not yet written the Numeracy 10 Assessment**, please email Kthibault@sd43.bc.ca to request that you be registered to write this provincial graduation requirement in April.

Those who wish to re-write the Numeracy 10 Assessment may also request to do so at this time.

DR. CHARLES BEST FAMILY PHOTO DAY BY PRESTIGE PORTRAITS

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Rocky Point Park. Appointments are 15 minutes long, sitting fee is \$20.00 and payable online. Weather permitting. Package includes 10 proofs and a complimentary 8x10 image!

Any questions regarding booking your photos please call 604-294-1005 or email qvarea@lifetouch.com

Sign up here:



GRAD 2023 FUNDRAISER

Spring Flower Fundraiser. Many options to choose from.

Orders open until April 19th with delivery set for April 28th. Click the link below for details:

<https://charlesbestgrad2023.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

For more information contact: bestgrad2023@gmail.com

STUDENT PARKING

Grade 11's and 12's. Please visit the office ASAP to register your vehicle.

Any student parking a car on school property during the school year is required to display a parking pass.

SPORTS

GOLF TEAM

Our Golf team plays their first match of the season today at Meadow Garden's Golf Course. Good luck to all!

BADMINTON

Good luck to the Badminton team today as they travel to Centennial for a league match.

TRACK AND FIELD

There will be a short meeting in **room 106** after school on Wednesday, March 30th.

Anyone who is planning on competing this spring should attend!

New members are still welcome, so if you want to join the track & field team please come by!

GIRLS RUGBY

A big week of Girls Rugby! Next practice Wednesday, 3:30 @ Hillcrest.

Blue Devil Bowl Thursday @Turf Field. Players arrive at 3:30. Game at 4:00.

GRADE 12'S

SFU SELF-REPORTING DEADLINE

If you have applied to SFU for admission, you must self-report using the online form in your student portal.
Deadline is this Thursday, March 31.

If you don't self-report your grades by the deadline your application will be cancelled.

BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Calling all Grade 12 students! If you haven't checked out our internal scholarship package yet, you are missing out. We have over 60 scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$2,000 that are only open to our school's grads! Find all details and the link to our application form on the Career Centre team (code gvrymg1) > channel "Grads 2022 – Local Scholarship Package". It's easier than you think. **Deadline is Friday, April 1st, 3 pm.**

GRAD 2022 FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS BY PRESTIGE PORTRAITS

Book graduation photos with your friends! Only \$2 per person.

Tuesday April 12, 2022 on site at Charles Best from 3:30pm – 8:00pm.

Any questions regarding booking your photos please call 604-294-1005 or email qvarea@lifetouch.com

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GRAD 2022 VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATION

Candidate nomination forms for school Valedictorian are now available at the front desk in the office. Candidates must be in good academic standing including Super G (all G's for work habits) and must be on track to graduate in June 2022.

Forms are due back to Ms. Murphy by Friday, April 8, 2022 by 11:00am.

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

LEARNING TO LEAD™ - INFORMATION SESSION TODAY

4-week leadership program open to self-identified girls in high school (Grades 10-12). Participants gain confidence through a series of interactive workshops and activities. Students learn some of the fundamentals of the leadership mindset, how to identify and lead from their strengths and values, how connecting with a mentor can support their leadership journey, and how to take action with confidence.

On Zoom. Spring 2022 Cohort will run in May/ June. Details and application [here](#).

LOWER MAINLAND GREEN TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Join in on **Sunday, April 3, 9.45 am to 1 pm** at Rochester Park in Coquitlam. Rain or shine. Help with removing invasive plant species. No experience required, all ages welcome. Instruction, gloves, tools and refreshments provided. More info and sign-up [here](#).

SCIENCE WORLD - FUTURE SCIENCE LEADERS

Future Science Leaders (FSL) presented by Acuitas is an after-school science enrichment program for teens designed to unleash creative potential and build a life-long network of like-minded peers while engaging curious minds with the nature of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & design, and math) in sessions led by diverse experts and professionals. Cost is \$500, but financial assistance is available for those who need it. Participants can attend at either the Vancouver location (Science World), or in Surrey.

Must be in Grade 10 or 11 in September 2022. [More info here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO NIGHTS

Still unsure what to do this fall? Or are you in Grade 11 and are planning ahead for next year?

Join a program-specific info session on **Tue, March 29th** or **Thu, March 31st**, starting at 5 pm.

[Registration required.](#)

LANGARA COLLEGE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOINFORMATICS

Calling all Grade 11 and 12 students! Check out Langara's new B.Sc. in Bioinformatics program on **Wed, March 30th**, at **4.30 pm!** Bioinformatics is an interdisciplinary science that applies computational and statistical methods to biological information to make new discoveries and to solve complex biological problems. Applications are still accepted for Fall 2022! [Register here.](#)

UVIC DISCOVERY DAYS

Grade 11 students and their parents/ guardians are invited to learn more about admission, programs and everything else UVic has to offer. **Tue, April 5th at 4 pm.** [Register here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BCIT PATHWAY TO SUCCESS AWARDS

Students planning to enter a full-time first year technology, technical studies or trade program (excluding apprenticeships) directly from high school are invited to apply. 3 awards of \$3,000 each are reserved for SD43 students, recognizing students who are well-rounded citizens, who have displayed leadership qualities, and have demonstrated that they are willing to work hard to achieve their goals. Commitment and drive are as important as formal academic standing. **Apply by April 1.** [Details here.](#)

COAST CAPITAL STANDING TALL AWARDS

The Coast Capital Youth Education awards focus on supporting youth who have faced adversity (i.e., poverty, health, family issues, personal loss, lack of support, IBPOC). Graduating students who are Canadian citizen or permanent resident; have lived in BC for at least six months; have plans to attend an accredited Canadian university, college or technical school in the 2022/2023 school year are invited to apply. Value is \$3,500 (1 award for SD43). **Deadline to apply is April 8th by 3 pm.** [Please see details on Career Centre website or team.](#)

SFU ENTRANCE AWARDS & BURSARIES

Financial aid is available for students for whom the cost of attending university would be a significant barrier to accepting their admission to Simon Fraser University. Applicants must have a demonstrated need and grades in the 80% range in courses required for their selected program. **Deadline is April 30th.** [More info here.](#)

COQUITLAM OPTIMIST CLUB – ROBERT SIMMS MEMORIAL AWARD

Multiple bursaries are awarded primarily based on the students' service to their communities and financial need. Must be planning to register at a post-secondary institution following graduation. **Deadline is April 30th.** [More info here.](#)

LAST CHANCE - 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.**

LAST CHANCE - 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.**

LAST CHANCE - TREVOR LINDEN COMMUNITY SPIRT 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

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.

