



THE "BEST" INFORMER



**MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2022
TODAY IS DAY 2**

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADE 12 FRIMM STUDENTS

Grade 12 FRIMM students that wrote their DELF exam in Semester One, please pick up your diploma from Mme. Kadhim (portable 404).

RECYCLING/GARBAGE BINS

Reminder to all students to please make use of the many recycling and garbage bins located throughout the school and outside.

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.

GRADE 12'S

COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE

Grade 12's it's time to write your commencement message. These are the comments that will be read out as you cross the stage for Graduation. The link was emailed to all Grade 12's or click on the link below:

[Commencement Message 2022](#)

LAST WEEK! - 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.

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

Sign up here:



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.

SPORTS

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Our Seniors take on Gleneagle Secondary today after school on home turf. Go Blue Devils!

BADMINTON

The Badminton team heads to Port Moody Secondary this afternoon for a league match. Good luck!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

EMILY CARR: HEADSTART IN ART PROGRAM

SD43 students with a keen interest in art who are currently in **Grades 11 or 12** are invited to apply to next school year's Headstart in Arts program. The program will be running at Gleneagle Secondary, Tuesdays 6-9 pm, September 13 – December 13, 2022. Taught by an Emily Carr instructor, the "Foundation Drawing Studio" course will carry degree credit at ECUAD and transfer credit to other Fine Arts program (but not High School credits). Space is strictly limited to 18 students following a first qualified/ first accepted policy. Students are responsible for their tuition and art kit fees. **Apply ASAP**, but not later than May 5. [More info here.](#)

YMCA SUMMER WORK STUDENT EXCHANGE (SWSE)

This national exchange program will allow **16- and 17-year-old Canadians** to spend six weeks this summer to an area of Canada where your second official language is spoken. Students will work full time with a community-based non-profit organization (paid), stay with a host family and participate in organized program activities. Cost is \$125 and covers travel to/ from the host community and expenses related to the planned activities. Host families will be providing food for three meals/ day. Register for an upcoming info night: [Wed, April 13 @ 7 pm. Apply here](#) by April 17.

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.](#)

PROSPER VANCOUVER CASE COMPETITION

Returning to UBC's Sauder School of Business for the 5th year, this Case Competition allows High School students to explore different fields of Business and find their passion, regardless of their previous Business knowledge or experience. Goal is to connect driven business enthusiasts in a competitive environment.

There are prizes too! [Sign up](#) as an individual or with your friends to form a team.

Event takes places **June 4th, 8 am to 6.30 pm.**

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

TODAY - 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

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.](#)

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.

