



THE “BEST” INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022
TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT: VIDEO CONTEST

Are you an international student who loves making videos and is returning next year?
You could win a \$1000 scholarship! See Mrs. Joba for more the contest details.

LAST DAY - PROJECT HELLO TOILETRY DRIVE AND RAFFLE

Project Hello will be running a toiletry drive from May 30th to June 1st during blocks 1-5 to support the homeless. Donate new and unused toiletries for a chance to win prizes! Small cash donations are also welcome.

STUDENT PARKING

Reminder, once you have passed your 'N' test and will be parking a car on school property, you are required to display a Charles Best parking pass.

Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

[Click here](#)

GRADE 12'S

AFTERGRAD

Tickets are still available. Don't miss out on this unforgettable night!
Tons of food, activities and amazing hourly prizes!

TRANSLINK GRADPASSES AVAILABLE

Grade 12's, you are entitled to 2 Translink passes available between now and June 30. Stop by either the Office, Library, Counsellor's office or the Youth Worker's office to pick up your complimentary passes.

CLOSES TODAY- GRADS 2022 – HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS OR BURSARIES?

We want to celebrate your hard work and achievement by recognizing you in this year's commencement program. Please use the following link to submit your information. **Closes June 1st.**

[Click here](#)

SPORTS

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Senior Girls Soccer will be playing in the BC Championships on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week at Cloverdale Athletic Park. Good luck everyone!

GIRLS RUGBY

Exciting times in Blue Devil Rugby land! We are off to start our Provincial journey today!
We are ranked #7 in the province and play #2 Mouat. It'll be a massive test for our team but we're ready for battle!

TRACK AND FIELD

We competed at the Fraser North Zone Championships on Tuesday/Wednesday last week. This is the qualifying meet for Provincial Champs (top 4 move on). We had numerous athletes qualify for Provincials and our Jr. Girls team finished a close second to Maple Ridge Secondary in their team competition. Pretty much everyone ran/jumped/throw a personal or seasons best at some point, so it was a successful meet!

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

Please visit the Career Centre TEAMS, Career Centre Instagram page, or visit our school website for the most up to date events.

TACTICAL DAY WITH ABBOTSFORD FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

Girls (anyone identifying as female) 16+ can check out a variety of activities, including technical rescue, search and rescue, vehicle extrication, vehicle fire, medical aid, hazardous materials. **Sun, June 12, 2022.** [Apply here](#)

SCOTFEST AT TOWN CENTRE PARK

Volunteers needed for the 90th BC Highland games taking place **Fri night, June 17th and all-day Saturday, June 18th.** Training provided. [More info here.](#)

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM: SUMMER VOLUNTEERS WANTED

PoCo's Recreation department needs your helps with the following programs: Summer Camps (including Arts, Bike and Skate Camps), Bike Lessons, Swim Lessons, and Leisure Buddies (one-to-one support). Intake interview required. [More info here.](#) **Deadline is June 17th.**

SOYL LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Fresh Roots in partnership with the school district is running SOYL @ Coquitlam's Suwa'lkh School again this summer. Students learn to cultivate and steward schoolyard farms and will develop skills in growing, cooking, and selling food, as well as a greater connection to themselves, their community, and the regional food system.

Youth also receive a stipend and can receive school credit for their contributions.

July 4 – August 11 (Mon – Thu, 9 am – 3.30 pm). Students must be entering grade 10 or above in the 2022 - 2023 school year to be considered for this year's program. [Register here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

Please visit the Career Centre TEAMS, Career Centre Instagram page, or visit our school website for the most up to date events.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Career Centre TEAMS, Career Centre Instagram page, or visit our school website for the most up to date scholarship/bursary opportunities.

CANADIAN IRANIAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must have shown great efforts in trying to integrate into Canadian and Iranian society by volunteering at least 20 hours of community service. Must be well-rounded students planning to pursue post-secondary studies. Value tba (\$2000 in the past). **Deadline is June 15.** [Details here.](#)

CONFRATELLANZA ITALO-CANADESE SCHOLARSHIPS

Open to graduating Greater Vancouver students planning to enroll in a post-secondary educational institution. Must be of Italian origin i.e. having at least one parent or grandparent of direct Italian descent. Value: \$1,000. **Deadline is June 15.** [Details here.](#)

LUCILLE HARKNESS MEMORIAL FUND

Multiple bursaries of \$500 are available to graduating students who will be starting post-secondary education this fall. Based on applicant's financial need, academic potential, and community involvement. Special consideration will be granted towards involvement in projects that benefit the LGBTQ community, such as promotion of LGBTQ acceptance. **Deadline is June 15.** [Apply here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST SECONDARY STUDIES IN FRENCH

Starting your first year at UBC during the 2022-23 academic year, with at least 50% of your courses and related activities in French? Apply for a \$3,000 bursary to perfect your bilingualism. Must be Canadian citizen or Perm. Resident and a full-time student at UBC. Ex. You are eligible if you are taking 4 courses in one semester, and at least 2 of them are in French. [Apply here](#) before **October 10, 2022**

TESSA BEAUCHAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

2x \$1,000 available for graduating BC students for are displaying Tessa's character traits: Valuing family, faith, academics, athletics and community service. Complete the application form and attempt to provide a "snapshot" of related activities and endeavors in their own lives. [Apply here](#) by **June 10, 2022.**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

POCO ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BURSARIES

Students living in Port Coquitlam who have demonstrated financial need (family income < \$90,000) and good grades can apply for a bursary. You don't necessarily have to have Legion/ Military affiliation, multiple bursaries are available. Amount tba. [Details here](#). **Deadline: June 15, 2022**

COFI SCHOLARSHIPS (FORESTRY, SCIENCE & ENGINEERING, BUSINESS & TRADES PROGRAMS)

BC Council of Forest Industries COFI is awarding 13 \$2,000 scholarships incl. 3 Indigenous focused forestry scholarships to support students pursuing post-secondary education or training in a skilled trades program associated with the forest industry. Eligible fields of study are Forestry, Science, Business, and Trades programs. [Details here](#). **Deadline: June 24, 2022.**

ALEXANDRA FOUNDATION ELMER HELM BURSARIES

The Alexandra Foundation for Neighbourhood Houses provides financial assistance to deserving students with financial need who wish to pursue post-secondary training in the artistic, academic or technical field. At least 4 bursaries of \$1,500 each are available. Must demonstrate significant contributions to their community.

Apply by June 30, 2022, 5 pm. [More info.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

******BEAR AWARE******

Do not approach bears if they are on or near school grounds.
Maintain eye contact, back away slowly and contact a staff member.

*******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.

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

Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.