



THE “BEST” INFORMER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 1



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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK!

MONDAY, DEC. 12: JERSEY DAY

TUESDAY, DEC. 13: SUMMER DAY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14: WHITEOUT

THURSDAY, DEC. 15: HOLIDAY CHAOS

FRIDAY, DEC. 16: PJ DAY

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tomorrow is the last day of school for 2022!

Have a wonderful holiday season and see you all on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

STUDENT CARDS/PHOTO PACKAGES

Students were sent an email to their Charles Best emails on Monday, December 12th to come to the office to pick up their student ID and/or student photos. **Please pick these up before winter break from the office.**

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Please check the lost and found bin and/or table in the main hallway near the Science rooms **BEFORE Winter Break.** Thankyou!

SEEKING GRADE 9 & 10 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR CAPSTONE DAY

Jan. 26th from 8:30am -- 2:15pm is the grade twelve Capstone Day (semester turn around, no classes for other grades). CLC12 teachers are looking for twenty Grade 9 and 10 students to help with the festivities, including: running photo booths, snack station, music, and technology support. If you're interested in volunteering, please see Ms. Abercrombie in Room 309 (3:20-3:30pm) after school on **Wednesday Dec. 7 or Dec. 14.**

You can also email Ms. Abercrombie if you can't make it after school on Wednesdays.

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a vehicle on school property require a parking pass.

Once you have completed your 'N' road test, please come to the office for a registration form.

Reminder to all current students with a parking pass-your pass must be visible in your front windshield when your car is parked on school grounds.

SPORTS

SR. GIRLS BASKETBALL

The team is participating in the New West. B.Ball tourney starting today until December 16th.
Best of luck!

SR. BOYS BASKETBALL

The Sr. boys are participating in the Queen Elizabeth Tournament in Surrey December 16th and 17th.
Good luck team!

CLUBS

Be sure to check Instagram for club posts

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

INDIGENOUS UNIVERSITY PREVIEW DAYS

Indigenous students in grade 8-12 are invited to special one-day on-campus events. Learn about the academic programs and discover the many support services available for you.

Hear from current Indigenous students, and more.

UBC: Fri, February 24th, 2023. Contact Ms Kaufmann by January 9th at skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca if you want to attend.

SFU: Fri, January 20th, 2023, 9 am – 2 pm. ***Sign up by December 16th. [More info.](#)

CITY OF POCO IS LOOKING FOR WINTER VOLUNTEERS

The City of PoCo is currently looking for skate lesson assistants (14+), PoCo Youth Crew members (15+), art program support (15+), afterschool activity program volunteers (14+) and leisure buddies (16+).

***Apply by Sunday, December 18 to be ready to start for their winter programs intake. [More info.](#)

GEERING UP: INVITATION TO CREATE

Problem solving is a key aspect of engineering. Investigate existing engineering problems and use our creativity and design skills to find innovative and unique ways to solve them. Build and test awesome projects and explore the strength of different shapes and materials. **Sat, January 21st**, 10 am – 2.30 pm, UBC campus.

Girls in Grades 10-12, trans*, genderqueer and non-binary folks. [Register here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA GETAWAY FOR GRADE 11 STUDENTS

Discover Alberta's capital city, Edmonton, and explore U of A's North Campus. Your adventure will include transportation reimbursement (up to a maximum of \$500 for B.C. students), accommodations in residence, meals and a jam-packed schedule of events incl. a city tour. May 26-28, 2023.

The top 20 Grade 11 applicants will be selected. [Apply by January 31, 2023.](#)

KPU FUTURE BUSINESS LEADER'S COMPETITION

Grade 11/12 high school students can compete on teams (assigned by KPU) for the title of "Future Business Leaders of 2023". **Wed, February 8th**, 5-8 pm. Gain university-level business skills, network with industry professionals, have a chance to win prizes. [Sign up here.](#)

MINI ENTERPRIZE BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

Compete and work together in teams of four or five to analyze a case study outlining real-world corporate challenges a company faces. Present your ideas to a professional judging panel and train your critical thinking, public speaking, and collaborative skills. **Sat, February 25th**, 2023, 8.30 am – 7 pm, UBC Sauder School of Business. [Register by January 21](#)

TRAIN IN TRADES OPPORTUNITY: BAKING

Any current grade 11 student who is interested in doing the VCC baking program next school year (July 10 – Dec 14), should contact Doug MacLean (dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca) *before Christmas Break* to get more information on how to prepare. The application process requires a presentation containing 6-10 slides documenting your passion for baking, including images of breads, cookies, cakes, and other items you created. You might want to experiment with your baking over the holidays. More info [here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

SFU APPLIED SCIENCES INFO SESSION

Are you interested in becoming part of the technological movement that improves our global standard of living? Learn about SFU's Faculty of Applied Sciences' four different schools: Computing Science, Engineering Science, Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Sustainable Energy Engineering. **Thu, January 5**, 4.30 pm (virtual). [Sign up here.](#)

JOURNALISM INFO SESSION AT LANGARA COLLEGE

In the two-year diploma program students will take a combination of journalism, communications, and liberal arts courses. An internship in the final term is a required component of the program.

Learn more on **January 9th**, 2023, 5.30 pm. [Sign up.](#)

SFU ADMISSIONS WORKSHOPS

Students who have submitted their application for fall 2023 admission can learn how to successfully complete their application and get answers to frequently asked questions such as understanding your SFU Student Centre, self-reporting grades, submitting documents, and more. **Thu, January 12th**, or **Tue, January 17th**, 5-6 pm. [Sign up now.](#)

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTOS AND RETAKES – Jan 5, 6, 7, 2023

Due to the large number of grads who have not yet had their Grad photos taken, Lifetouch has added an extra date (Jan 5th) to the photo retake session. We want to ensure that all our Graduates are represented in the school yearbook and Grad composite so please make sure you have your photo taken even if you are not intending to purchase a grad photo package.

How to book your session:

- For those students who need just a headshot for the yearbook/composite you DO NOT require an appointment, you simply need to come to the cafeteria on Thursday, Jan 5th between 3-4pm. There is no charge for your photo.
- For those students who need Grad photo retakes or you haven't had your photos taken you can book a sitting through Lifetouch for Jan 6 - 3-8pm or Jan 7th – 10am-3pm. Please see the attached document for sign up instructions. Once in the document click on the link listed under "PLAN & PREPARE FOR YOUR SESSION".
 - There is a \$35 sitting fee for a formal Grad photo sitting payable upon booking.
If you have any questions please contact VP Ms. Fridge

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADS

Winter Break is the perfect time to work on your scholarship applications.

The [Career Centre website](#) is currently featuring 30+ amazing scholarship & bursary opportunities, check it out.

Multiple scholarships are requiring nomination by the school which are due after the break.

Also check the individual post-secondary institutions you are applying to.

Many have deadlines coming up early in the new year. Set some time aside this Winter Break to potentially win some money for your post-secondary studies. Below is only a sample of what's on the Career Centre website:

CMOLIK FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Criteria: Demonstrated financial need, faced adversity or hardship, work ethic, determination to complete post-secondary studies, Canadian residents for at least 7 years. **We can nominate 1 student.** Submit your CMOLIK brag sheet to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca by **January 6th, 2023 3 pm.** [More info here.](#)

WESTERN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Have you applied for admission to Western? Different awards of up to \$70,000 are available, and we can nominate up to 5 students, incl. international students. If you want to be considered, please submit your WESTERN BRAG SHEET to Ms. Kaufmann at skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca by **Friday, January 9, 2023** before 9 am.

Must have obtained a minimum overall academic average of 90% on all approved Grade 12 courses.

[More info here.](#)

SCHULICH LEADERS PROGRAM

If you are planning to pursue an undergraduate degree in STEM/ Engineering and have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, entrepreneurial spirit and creativity, look into the Schulich awards (50 x up to \$120,000 available). Must be nominated by the school. Submit your SCHULICH brag sheet to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca

by **January 9, 2023, 9 am.** [More here.](#)

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to 55 well-rounded high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career paths.

[More info here.](#) **We can nominate one student.** Submit your BC EXCELLENCE BRAG SHEET to

skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca by **January 9th, 2023, 9 am.**

UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS AT SFU

If you are facing significant financial barriers to post-secondary education, consider applying to the Uggla Family awards. [Details here.](#) **Deadline is January 15, 2023.**

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ministry of Education is awarding 20 x \$5,000 to high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K-12 teaching. **Deadline: February 15, 2023.** [More info here.](#)

HORATIO ALGER GRADE 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

160 x \$5,000 are **awarded to Grade 11 students across Canada.** Criteria are strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, desire and ability to be entrepreneurial in a chosen field, extracurricular activities, perseverance in overcoming adversity, family income < \$65,000. **Deadline is March 15.** [Apply here.](#)

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Students with financial need should [check this out.](#) A variety of different awards is available, and you only submit one-for-all application. Value's tba, last year they ranged from \$500 to \$2,500. **Deadline is March 31.**