



THE “BEST” INFORMER



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING

There is no school on **Monday, October 9th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Classes resume on **Tuesday, October 10th**.

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

If you are in grades 9-12 interested in writing the University of Waterloo Math contest, please see Mr. Dy in room 116 at the beginning of period 3 or 4. The deadline to sign up for November contest is **October 15th**.

OCTOBER SPCA DRIVE

The SPCA is looking for donations for their shelter. Blankets, sheets, canned or sealed dry pet food.

They desperately need these supplies now and in preparation for the Winter months.

Please bring any donations to our Youth Worker Heather Bjornson's room on the lower floor during the month of October and into December. Thank you!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

UBC GEERING UP PRESENTS CODE WORLD: A RACE TO WIN FOR GIRLS* IN GRADES 8 TO 12.

On **Sat, October 28**, 10 am – 3 pm students will be introduced to main principles in software development and coding! You will hear first-hand about careers in software engineering to help envision your own future as a developer/engineer! As the day unravels, you will work in teams to develop a project using acquired skills.

Teams will compete to win a race for the most holistic project after presenting to a panel of judges. UBC campus. *All cis and trans girls, genderqueer or non-binary people, and those who identify as other gender minorities are welcome. [Register for free.](#)

BCIT CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP BIOTECHNOLOGY

Calling all Gr. 11-12 students interested in science (especially Biotechnology), who are enthusiastic about scientific research and lab work. This workshop will run December 11 -15, on campus. You would miss school for this. Fee is \$233. **Apply by October 30.** [More info.](#)

STEM LAUNCHPAD MENTORSHIP EVENT

Students identifying as female are invited to attend on **Thursday, November 9** (all day in Vancouver). Incl. a keynote speaker, a panel discussion with distinguished industry leaders, and the chance to connect with mentors for a face-to-face group session. Parents are welcome too. [Register for free here.](#)

MILLENIUM STEM CONFERENCE

By participating in Vancouver's 5th annual STEMCon, students are given the opportunity to network and collaborate with like-minded individuals, learning the importance of technology and its practical applications across a diversity of careers. **Saturday, November 18**, 9 am – 4 pm, BCIT Downtown Campus. STEMCon this year will feature three workshop streams for various interests: Personal Health, Community Health, and Environmental Health. Tickets are by donation and incl. 2 keynote speakers and a panel, lunch, networking fair featuring STEM companies, and six specialized workshops. [More info here.](#)

YMCA SUMMER WORK EXCHANGE INFO MEETING

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) program offers youth aged 16-17 the opportunity to gain paid work experience, practice their second official language skills, and explore another Canadian community through a 6-week exchange to Québec during the summer. Students live with a host family in Québec and are paid to work full-time at a non-profit organization or public sector job such as a summer camp, childcare centre, community museum, etc. SWSE is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage and is offered at minimal cost (\$150) to participants; this includes transportation to and from Québec, as well as all program activities. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to enhance their French skills through immersion.

Come to our info meeting on **Mon, October 16**, after school and learn more (location tba).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

Students in grade 11 and 12 who are exploring their post-secondary options, please mark your calendar. Recruiter visits are a wonderful opportunity to get a first idea of a specific school and to get your questions answered. All events will take place in the library.

- **University of Victoria: Wednesday, October 11th, 3.15 pm**
 - **University of Alberta:** Tuesday, October 17th, 3.15 pm
 - **Simon Fraser University:** Thursday, October 19th, 3.15 pm
- **UVic Gustavson School of Business:** Tuesday, October 24th, 3.15 pm
- **SFU Beedie School of Business:** Thursday, October 26th, 3.15 pm

BCIT BIG INFO NIGHT

Big Info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. It's your chance to find out about all their programs – from business and media, computing and IT, engineering, health sciences, trades and apprenticeships, and applied and natural sciences. **October 11, 4-7 pm**, Burnaby campus.

[Register now](#) for a chance to win a \$1,000 tuition prize.

UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE (VIRTUAL)

Discover UBC Engineering, one of Canada's top engineering schools, through presentations, panel discussions and virtual booths. A panel of faculty, staff and students will be available to answer your questions. The event will have three live sessions. Outside of the live sessions, you'll be able to access the event platform throughout all three days to get familiar with UBC Engineering and watch recordings. [Sign up here](#).

For the best experience, you are encouraged to attend all live sessions:

Thursday, October 12, 6-8 pm: Research spotlights | Why engineering | Women in Engineering panel

Friday, October 13, 4-6:30 pm: Research spotlights | UBC Engineering admissions | Speak with representatives from each of our UBC Engineering programs

Saturday, October 14, 9-11 am: Research spotlights | Student experience panel | International student session

KPU KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE

Visit the Surrey campus on **Saturday, October 14, 12-2 pm**, and get to know KPU faculty, students, and staff as they share hands-on demos, engaging stories, and tips for getting the most out of your time as a student at KPU. Get help with your application, and [registered](#) guests will be entered to win incredible prizes, including free tuition!

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO FAIR

Check out Douglas College, connect with faculty representatives and ask questions about your program(s) of interest in person, on campus! [Register in advance](#) to win a tuition voucher. It's recommended to [explore offered programs](#) before your campus visit to ensure that you know at which campus your program is offered.

Coquitlam Campus: Tuesday, October 17th, drop in 5-8 pm.

New West Campus: Thursday, October 19th, drop in 5-8 pm.

SFU FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT PRO-D DAY WORKSHOP

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to SFU's Burnaby campus. You will get to meet Faculty of Environment professors and current students. Explore post-secondary options during hands-on activities and discover a faculty that is developing solutions that have a local and global impact. **October 20, 9.30 am - 2 pm.** Workshops to choose from cover topics like "Planning Sustainable Communities", "CSI, Bones & Indiana Jones: Exploring Biological Archaeology", climate change, and more. [Register here](#).

SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Attend a lecture with university students and take a guided campus tour on **October 20** (Pro D Day).

This event is **open to students in grades 10-12**. Offered at the Surrey and the Burnaby campus.

Lunch is included.

[Sign up here](#).

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

QUEEN'S MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

We can nominate **TWO** students this year. Different awards are available, most popular is the Chancellor's Scholarship (50 x up to \$48,000). Open to outstanding students (grades 90%+) who are creative thinkers, have demonstrated school/ community service and have proven their leadership skills.

Learn how to get nominated [here](#). **Deadline: Wed, November 1, 9 am.**

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS

Grade 12's, an email was sent to you including attachments with QR codes to book your individual grad photo and optional friends group session.

Reminder: all grade 12's are to have their grad photo taken regardless of purchase.

CLUBS

****WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON ****

ATHLETICS

SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The Senior Girls Volleyball team continued their winning streak last night against Terry Fox. The girls won in three sets and are undefeated in their league. Keep up the great work, Blue Devils!
NEXT UP: The team plays in a tournament starting **Friday October 6th** at UFV. Good luck team!

TODAY - SWIMMING

Our swim team competes in their first district meet of the season on **Friday, October 6th**.
Good luck everyone!

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The team heads to Chilliwack on **Friday, October 6th** for a tournament.
Good luck team!
Next up: The girls head to Centennial on **Wednesday, October 11th** for a 7:30pm game.

JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The boys head to Centennial on **Wednesday, October 11th** for a 6:00pm game.
Good luck!

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

The Senior Boys' Soccer Team will be hosting Centennial for a game this upcoming **Tuesday, October 10th** at 3:30 pm. Feel free to come out and support our boys against the Centennial group. It should be a highly competitive game.
On **Thursday, October 12th**, the boys pay a visit to Riverside at Gates Park. Good luck!

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

The Junior Boys host Port Moody Secondary on the upper field after school on **Wednesday, October 11th**. Come out to support the boys!

FIELD HOCKEY

Playoffs begin next week for the team!
Playoffs determine SD43 champions and qualifying berths to the Fraser Norths.
Go Blue Devils!