



THE “BEST” INFORMER



MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAC MEETING TONIGHT

The PAC is holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) for all interested parents on **Monday, May 5th** at 7:00pm in the school library. Please pass this on to your parents! All parents are welcome.

TODAY - RED DRESS DAY

Ms. Leslie's Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 students will be participating in the annual Red Dress Day on **May 5th**. We will be hanging red dresses along Como Lake Avenue to raise awareness about the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls. The dresses will also display the biography of an Indigenous victim, and we encourage our community to take the time to observe the dresses and say their names. Dresses will be on display **from May 5-12th**.

TODAY - CHESS TOURNAMENT

Charles Best Chess Tournament



May 5th in the cafeteria after school!

Sign up through the form on Instagram in our bio @charlesbestchesstournaments or use the QR code.

Open to all Charles Best students.

Tournament will be split into Intermediate and Advanced categories.

BUSINESS FAIR MAY 12/13

There will be many small businesses from the Entrepreneurship 12 classes selling warm and cold treats and gifts for Mother's day! Blocks 1-4 in the foyer and Devils Den!

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Don't miss the chance to see Tom Jones presented by the Charles Best Players.

Opening night is Thursday May 1st and continues May 2, 3, and 7-9.

Tickets are only \$10 for students and \$12 for adults.

Tickets at the door, on School CashOnline or on our school website homepage!

COQUITLAM CELEBRATES YOUTH WEEK!

Youth Week in BC runs through **Wednesday, May 7!**

The City of Coquitlam has lined up a variety of exciting activities for youth ages 11–18 to enjoy throughout the week. See poster on the power point in the lobby, check out the City of Coquitlam's social media accounts or google coquitlam.ca/YouthWeek to view the lineup of events.

ITALY TRIP 2026

Current Grade 10 and 11 students, get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Join Ms. Hyun, Mr. Karmali, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Yoo for a 12-day Grand Tour of Italy next spring break!

Student Meeting: Wednesday, May 7th at 7:40 AM in Room 116-

Highly Recommended to attend

Parent Meeting: Wednesday, May 14th, 6PM in the Library

Application Deadline: Sunday June 1st (link in bio) or students use this QR code.

****First priority given to students who did not attend this year's trip to Greece****

Don't miss out on exploring the beauty, culture, food and history of Italy!

Pack your bags and let's make unforgettable memories together!

Email fkarmali@sd43.bc.ca or see one of the teachers listed above for more information.

SPRING MARKET

Do you have an off block or have some time to spare on May 7th? Come and support our diverse learners at their Spring Market on **Wednesday, May 7th** from 10:00am-1:30pm at Centennial Secondary.

Items for sale include Gabi and Jules, Jones Bones Biscuit Co. big Girl Pickles, and Shimai Cookies and Cakes.

Thank you in advance for your support!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SD43 INTERNATIONAL ED SUMMER SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers wanted for the International Summer School Programs, 8:30 am - noon, July 7 – August 8. Pinetree Secondary School. If you take initiative and approach others easily, possess good leadership and interpersonal skills, are reliable, and ideally speak a second language (Mandarin, Spanish, Korean preferred), please apply.

[More info here.](#) **Apply by June 13.**

JAMES PARK ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy working with kids? Do you want to give your resume a glow-up and collect some volunteer hours? Minimum commitment is one week - a longer commitment would be preferred. Send your application to sjorge@sd43.bc.ca (resume, cover letter, teacher reference) - ideally **before June 13, 2025**. Questions? Please contact Silvia Jorge at the above email address.

PLACE DES ARTS SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Visual and performing arts camps run for six weeks from July 7 – August 15, 2025. You can commit for a shorter period. Must be 13+, responsible, caring, and must enjoy working with children.

Must be 13+. [Apply here](#) **by June 20.**

FINANCE 101 – STUDENTS PREPARING FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

The Gustavson School of Business at UVic invites students (grades 10 – 12) to join a free financial literacy workshop. This interactive session will strengthen and prepare your financial footing to enter university life. Parents are also welcome. **May 21st at 5:30pm OR May 22nd at 11:00am.** [More info.](#)

CANADA SUMMER JOBS

Looking for meaningful full-time work for a minimum of 6 weeks? Canada Summer Jobs is a government program that helps employers create jobs for young Canadians across the country. Must be 15+ and legally entitled to work in Canada (which means you must have a valid Social Insurance Number).

[Lots of opportunities available..](#)

XD HACKS MINI VANCOUVER - PRIVATHON 2025 HACKATHON

Privathon 2025 is an in-person Hackathon that encourages high-school students from BC to try and develop prototypes that will help improve Digital Privacy. Within the span of 24 hours, teams will work together to develop digital ideas aimed towards helping confront online privacy challenges societies encounter today. There will be workshops, keynote presentations, interactive activities, and mentors to assist your creation along every step of the way. 3 non-cash prizes for top 3! Vancouver Independent School for Science and Technology, **May 24-25.** [Register by May 3 \(\\$10\).](#)



Students, watch this space, follow the Career Centre on Instagram or check the Career Centre page on our school website for regular posts about upcoming post-secondary events, local volunteer opportunities or other neat, usually free, opportunities for personal growth.

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GRADE 12 INFORMATION

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Grads, if you're up to date on fees paid, CLC completed and no other items outstanding, tickets are now on sale on School CashOnline accounts.

Tickets can be purchased for the dinner/dance, bus to after grad and after grad.

Questions? Come to the office.

GRAD ASSEMBLY MAY 9

Grads, **SAVE THE DATE** for an important mandatory assembly on **Friday, May 9th**.

The assembly bell schedule will be running this day.

CLASS OF 2025 – HAVE YOU WON ANY FINANCIAL AWARDS?

We would love to acknowledge your achievement by listing your scholarships & bursaries in our 2025 commencement brochure. Please take a moment to share your good news by completing [this form](#) (Submit one form for each financial award). Congratulations!

CLUB EVENTS

*****WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENTS HAPPENING SOON*****

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

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SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

LOOKING FOR MORE SCHOLARSHIPS?

Many more scholarships and bursaries for graduating students can be found on the [Career Centre website](#).

SHASHI ASSANAND BURSARY

Open to female grads in the Metro Vancouver schools who are children of refugees or immigrants to Canada and have financial need. Must be intending to pursue a career in social work, education, psychology, nursing or social service. \$1,000, [apply](#) by May 15.

BC ASSOC. OF HEALTHCARE AUXILIARIES' BURSARY

3 x \$2,000 are available for students with financial need who are enrolling in a human healthcare program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 50 volunteer hours in an Auxiliary sponsored program, or within their community. [Apply](#) by May 15.

RUDDER REID EDUCATION AWARDS

21 awards are available for students going into the following programs: Wellness enabling (e.g. kinesiology, nursing, nutrition, pharmacy, elder care); business (e.g. accounting, commerce, economics, statistics, finance); and trade skills training. \$3,000 - \$5,000, renewable. Apply [here](#) by May 31.

GRACE FAMILY NETWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

3 x \$1000 for Metro Vancouver grads with outstanding academics, demonstrated leadership and financial need. Must submit one-page essay on "What experience has shaped your values?".
Deadline is May 31. [More info](#).

VANCOUVER KOREAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Various awards based on academic excellence, active involvement in the community, leadership. Open to Greater Vancouver grads of Korean heritage attending post-secondary anywhere (if parents/ grandparents are still residing in Greater Vancouver), and also open to international (Korean) students who will be attending post-secondary in Greater Vancouver. [Apply](#) by May 31. [More here](#).

ATHLETICS



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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE AND/OR TIME	TEAM NAME	EVENT/OPPONENT/VENUE
Mon. May 5	TRACK AND FIELD	Day 1 Coq/MR Regionals meet @ Town Centre. Qualifier for Fraser Norths
Mon. May 5 @ 3:30pm	GOLF TEAM	Match at Vancouver Golf Club
Tues. May 6 @ 2:45pm	HOCKEY	Vs. Roberth A McMath @ Planet Ice Coq.
Tues. May 6	JUNIOR BADMINTON	Fraser North Team Banner matches @ Port Moody Sec.
Tues. May 6 @ 2:45pm	GOLF	Golden Eagle Golf Course
Tues. May 6 @ 3:00pm	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER	Playoff game vs. Garibaldi Sec. @ Thomas Haney Sec.
Wed. May 7 @ 3:30pm	GOLF	Green Tee Golf Course
Thurs. May 8	GOLF	Golden Eagle South/North Courses
Thurs. May 8 @ 3:00pm	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER	Playoff game vs. TBD
Thurs. May 8/Fri. May 9	SENIOR BADMINTON	Fraser North Championships @ Burnaby Mtn. Sec.
Fri. May 9	TRACK AND FIELD	Day 2 Coq/MR Regionals meet @ Town Centre. Qualifier for Fraser Norths