



THE “BEST” INFORMER



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR AND GRAD WEAR HAS ARRIVED

Tables will be set up in the front lobby this morning to pick up any Grad or school spirit clothing. Please don't miss class for this.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

Leadership students will be visiting Block 2 and Block 3 classes on **Thursday and Friday** to collect donations in support of Remembrance Day. There will also be a stand by the office on Monday morning for anyone who wants to donate by card. When you donate, you'll receive a poppy to wear proudly during the Remembrance Day assembly on **Monday, November 10th**.

Let's come together to honor and remember those who served. Every donation counts.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY – ASSEMBLY BELL SCHEDULE

On **Monday, November 10th**, we will be honouring all who have served and sacrificed in conflicts.

Leadership students will be coming around to classes to collect donations for poppies.

Please wear a poppy to the assembly if you can. Thank you.

We will be running the assembly bell schedule on this day.

NO SCHOOL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

There is no school in session on **Tuesday, November 11th** due to the Remembrance Day statutory holiday.

Classes resume on Wednesday, November 12th.

SCARY STORY CONTEST WINNERS

This year, in the Tri-Cities Scary Story Contest, there were over 100 entries in the senior category from students aged 15-18, and three of the four prizes went to Charles Best Creative Writing students!

Grace C. earned an honourable mention for her story “Photobomb”; **James Z.** received second place for his flash fiction piece, “Surely a Prank”; and **Nina D.** won first for her creepy tale, “Not Sick, Better.”

You can read those stories on the Coquitlam Library's website... and congratulate the writers for their hard work if you see them!

GARBAGE AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder to all students that sit in our cafeteria or other locations around the school. The garbage you create is your responsibility to clean up. Please don't leave any garbage or recyclable items on the cafeteria tables, floor or around our school inside or outside for caretakers.

That is not their job it is our job to make sure we dispose of items properly. Thank you!

HANGING UP POSTERS IN SCHOOL

Good morning! This is a reminder from Leadership about proper poster hanging etiquette around the school.

When putting up posters, please use the designated bulletin boards whenever possible, they're located throughout the school and are the preferred spots. If you're hanging posters on walls, make sure to use only green tape, as other types can damage the surfaces. If you don't have green tape, feel free to visit Room 102 and get some from Ms. Alvarez. Tape should be applied to the back of the poster, not the front.

Finally, remember to take your posters down the day after your event ends. Thank you!

CLOTHING DRIVE NOVEMBER 1-28

Please help us support our community. **NEW ITEMS REQUESTED: dog and cat (dry, wet) food, treats, pet beds.**

Warm coats, boots, warm socks, long sleeve shirts, pants, kids snowsuits, tarps, tents, blankets are items currently in need. Students can drop off items to Ms. Heather's Youth Worker room.

There will be one more drive on Saturday, November 29th from 9:30-2:30 in front of the school.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SOCIETY OF BC: MODEL UN SECRETARIAT POSITIONS

Applications are now open for the [Youth Leadership Society of BC \(YLSBC\)](#) Model United Nations Secretariat Team! This is an exciting opportunity for passionate and motivated students to take on leadership roles in organizing one of the region's top Model UN conferences. Apply by **November 30**. [Learn more here](#).

JR FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Sessions will run March 13 - 22, 2026 (first week of Spring Break) in Coquitlam, and April 22 - 25, 2026 (plus a few days before/after) in Port Moody. The program is open to SD43 students in grades 11 & 12. If you want to get a true understanding of the components of Fire Rescue's basic training for new recruits, [learn how to apply here](#). This year, there are two steps to complete: An online portion, and some forms that must be handed into Ms. Kaufmann (Career Office). **Deadline is Friday, December 5, 3 pm.**

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

POST-SECONDARY VISITS AT BEST

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming recruiter visits. These are fantastic opportunities to learn about program details, understand the application process, and get questions answered.

All grade 11 & 12 students are invited.

- **Wed, November 12:** SFU Beedie School of Business (library)

THIS WEEKEND - CAPILANO UNIVERSITY SQUAMISH OPEN HOUSE

On **Saturday, November 8**, 10 am – 2.30 pm, interested students and their families are invited to check out CapU's new Squamish campus.

THIS WEEKEND - PORTFOLIO REVIEW DAY

Saturday, November 8, 11 am – 3 pm. Hosted by Emily Carr University of Art & Design, National Portfolio Day is a unique opportunity for high school students to share their work with representatives from accredited art and design schools. Bring your portfolio—finished pieces, works-in-progress or sketchbooks—and receive direct, constructive feedback from faculty or admissions professionals. The event is focused on learning and exploration - leave with personalized guidance, a clearer sense of the expectations at different schools, and inspiration to grow as an artist. [More info](#).

SFU FACULTY SHOWCASE/ OPEN HOUSE

On **Saturday, November 15**, 10 am – 1 pm, you'll have another chance to get all your SFU-related questions answered by faculty staff and advisors. You can also attend presentations and tour the Surrey campus. Eight faculties will represent all the subjects you can explore. [Register](#) and bring your family.

UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

This virtual event will feature all of UBC's 14 undergraduate engineering programs. Have the chance to meet with professors, staff, and current students from each program, ask questions about learning opportunities and career paths, and discover what's the best fit for you. **Friday, November 14**, 6-8 pm. [Register to attend](#).

UBC FNH: A PATHWAY TO MEDICINE

Thinking about medical school? Hear how UBC's Food, Nutrition and Health (FNH) degree sets students up for success in medicine. Join three current medical students who graduated from the Faculty Land and Food System's Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Health alongside Professor Gail Hammond and learn about real pathways, how nutrition science strengthens clinical thinking, tips for admissions, and more.

Wed, Nov 12, 5 pm, online. [Register](#).

EDUCATION PLANNER BC: PARENTS AS EDUCATION & CAREER COACHES

Learn how to use the Education Planner BC platform to better support your student's transition to post-secondary education in BC. Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and how to apply to post-secondary in B.C.

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm PT. [Register here](#).

The information will be helpful for families with students in grades 10-12.

CLUB EVENTS

TODAY - BOOK CLUB FUNDRAISER

Come down to the lobby on **Thursday, November 6th** and stock up on delicious baked goods by Book Club.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

SFU UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students demonstrating excellence in both their academic (90%+ average) and extracurricular activities, who also demonstrate potential to enrich the university community through ongoing academic and community contributions are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available to domestic and international high school students admitted. Up to \$40,000 over 4 years. Apply to SFU early to receive access to the scholarship, [deadline is December 15](#).

BEEDIE LUMINARIES GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP

Students with financial need and grades above 75% could receive up to \$44,000/ 4-year undergraduate degree or up to \$22,000/ 2-year college diploma or certificate. Must be attending one of the B.C. post-secondary institutions listed on the website. In addition, this program provides a student success program, peer support, access to mentors and paid summer internships. [Apply here](#) by **December 15, 1 pm**.

BEEDIE BUILD SCHOLARSHIP (for BCIT only)

This program is supporting students who are wishing to pursue a career in the skilled trades, but who are facing financial and other challenges. Up to \$20,000 over four years towards a Red Seal certification in the following construction trades: Carpenters, Electricians (construction), Plumbers, Welders, Sheet Metal Workers. You are eligible if you have applied and been accepted or waitlisted in a [BCIT Foundation](#) or BCIT Pre-Apprenticeship certificate program **Deadline is December 15, 1 pm**. [More info](#).

EA TEEN ANIMATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Are you 15+ and passionate about Animation? Students can learn the methods, techniques, and technologies used in animation during this free, four-months program. With the support of industry leaders, you will develop your skillset and create a strong portfolio for post-secondary applications. At the end of the program, there's a showcase opportunity. The program will take place at Arts Umbrella's Granville Island location on Tuesdays, January – May 2026. [Apply here](#) by **December 1**.

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

IT'S TIME TO VOTE FOR YOUR AFTER GRAD THEME

Attention all Grade 12 students! Please use this link to vote for your After Grad theme [After Grad Theme – Fill out form](#) or check your email!

An email was sent to your student email on Nov. 5, and it also has the link.

Thank you,
After Grad Committee

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Are you looking for volunteer hours? If so, Ms. Heather (Youth Worker) is looking for students to make Christmas sugar cookies or your family special holiday cookies. 250 cookies are needed for the first week of December to give to the Seniors in our 3 nursing care homes.
Please either come to me room or text me at 778-840-6091 to let me know.

ATHLETICS



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SENIOR BOYS SOCCER UPDATE

After another heartbreaking loss to Burnaby North Secondary School, our Senior Boys Soccer Team’s season has come to an end. We just want to congratulate all the team members for their dedication and effort throughout the season. This team always left everything they had on the field, and their work ethic was always second to none. It has truly been a pleasure coaching these young men, especially our seniors, who we know will move on to represent our school well in whatever endeavours they pursue.

GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

After placing second in the district, the Grade 9 Girls’ Volleyball Team went on to compete at the Fraser North Zones yesterday. The girls played hard but unfortunately lost their matches against some strong teams from Burnaby/New West. With that, the season has officially ended. If you see the girls around this week, please congratulate them on all their effort and growth this season.

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

After a win against Centennial last night on Senior’s night, the girls secured 3rd place in the district. They are now off to Fraser North’s starting next Monday in Burnaby. They also have a tournament this Fri/Sat in Langley.

ATTENTION GRADES 9 – 12 FEMALE ICE HOCKEY PLAYERS

SD43 will have its first Female Ice Hockey league this Spring, 2026 (Likely after spring break, March – April). There is an informal sign-up in room 309 with Ms. Abercrombie.

Please visit room 309 by November 10th to share your interest and on-ice position.

Do we have enough players?

Could we be the first ever SD43 female champions?! The future is looking bright!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Fri. Nov. 7	SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	Tournament @ R.E. Mountain Sec.
Mon. Nov. 10, Nov. 12-13	SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	Fraser North Playoffs
Wed. Nov. 12-Fri. Nov. 14	FIELD HOCKEY	Provincials @ Tamanawis Park Surrey
Wed. Nov. 12 @ 9:45am	FIELD HOCKEY	Provincials game vs. Little Flower Academy
Wed. Nov. 12 @ 3:45pm	FIELD HOCKEY	Provincials game vs. Tamanawis Sec.
Fri. Nov. 14-Sat. Nov. 15	SWIMMING	Provincials @ Watermania