



THE “BEST” INFORMER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE - LIMITED TICKETS LEFT FOR TOMORROW'S WINTER BALL

GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE IT SELLS OUT! No tickets will be sold at the door

The theme this year is “NIGHT IN NEW YORK, BLACK AND GOLD”. Dress code is semi-formal.

DATE: Wednesday, December 3

TIME: 6:00-9:00pm

LOCATION: small gym

TICKETS: \$25/ea. and includes snacks, drinks and DJ.

Available for purchase on SCO accounts here <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/>

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO DONATE TO THE FOOD BANK

STARTS TOMORROW - CANDY GRAM PRESALES

Get ready to spread some holiday cheer! Leadership is hosting a Candy Gram event next week.

Candy Grams will be sold in the foyer on **December 3, 4, and 5**. If you purchase one, you will be able to send

Candy Grams to friends, teachers, or staff members. It's the perfect way to show appreciation and share some winter spirit! Each Candy Gram costs just \$2 and includes: A bag of candy and a personalized card with your message. Don't miss out and remember to stop by the foyer next week on

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to purchase a Candy Gram for just 2\$!

ME 'N ED'S FUNDRAISER THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Order pizza from Me 'n Eds location on Austin on **Dec. 11** and 20% of all sales will go towards the 2026 Charles Best After Grad!

Applies to all dine in and take out orders.

Be sure to mention '**CHARLES BEST AFTER GRAD**' at time of order.

Thank you for your support!

604-931-2468

Or online: <https://meneds.ca/>

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE TO HELP SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER

We are going to care homes in December to hand out Christmas cookies, candy canes and sing some Christmas Carols. Students are more than welcome to join us at one or both of the dates below:

Tuesday December 9- RJ Kent (beside Legion on Shaughnessy St. PoCo) park behind the Legion or park at school and go down and back in the school bus. This is right after school.

Thursday December 11- Madison and Lakeshore, same as above school bus or meet us there at 3:30pm.

Please sign up with Ms. Heather B. our Youth Worker if you would like to go on the school bus.

CLUB EVENTS

TODAY - THE SHOEBOX PROJECT BAKE SALE

The Shoebox Project Club is hosting a bake sale on **Tuesday, December 2nd** in the front lobby.

TOMORROW - 3D PRINT CLUB FUNDRAISER

The 3D Print Club will be selling 3D printed Christmas decorations on **Wednesday, December 3rd** in the front lobby. Be sure to check it out!

YOUTH IN ACTION CLUB BAKE SALE

Youth in Action Club is hosting a bake sale on **Thursday, December 4th** in the front lobby.

MIRACLE MOVEMENT BAKE SALE

Miracle Movement Club is having a bake sale on **Friday, December 5th**.

Come check it out in the front lobby.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

UBC BLACK FUTURES

This free, unique program will introduce black students in grades 11 & 12 to post-secondary options and discussions about higher education. You will meet with UBC students as well as a variety of faculty and other professionals. Transportation to and from UBC Vancouver (four sessions) will be provided and students will be chaperoned by SD43 teachers. Students DO NOT need to be planning on attending UBC. If you are interested, please see Ms. Kaufmann (Career Centre) **by December 18th**. There are only 10 spots available, so don't wait!

NEW WESTMINSTER STUDENT POLICE ACADEMY

Are you aged 16-18 and are considering a career in policing? This week-long program will provide you with unforgettable educational experiences in law enforcement. Participate in hands-on activities, learn from experienced professionals and get a behind the scenes look at all aspects of policing: Physical conditioning, self-defense, scenario-based simulations, etc. March 16-20, full-time. Open to domestic students only.

Apply before Wed, January 7.

SD43 JR FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY

Reminder: Applications for Spring 2026 are due by Fri, December 5, 3 pm. Part 1 of the application is online, part 2 must be printed and requires signatures. Sessions will run March 13-20 (Coquitlam), and April 22-25 (Port Moody). If you want to get a true understanding of the components of Fire Rescue's basic training for new recruits, [learn how to apply](#).

HOLIDAY SEASON VOLUNTEERING

Show your season's spirit and help out at a local community event:

Run Rudolph Run Race at Mundy Park. [More info](#).

Ugly Christmas Sweater Dash, Lions Park, PoCo. [More info](#).

Both events will take place on **Sat, December 6**.

UBC GEERING UP EVENTS

Calling all Science & Engineering enthusiasts in grades 9-11. Check out these upcoming events taking place on the UBC Vancouver campus. Cost is \$10. [More here](#). Sign up now because seats will fill up quickly.

- Engineering Design Competition: **Sat, February 28**, 10 am - 3 pm.
- Sunday STEM-letes: Exploring Sports Science: **Sun, March 3**, 10 am - 3 pm
- Neural Connectors: From Brains to Machines: **Sat, March 28**, 10 am - 3 pm.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (DIRECT-ENTRY)

If your long-term goal is to become a social worker, check out the University of Calgary, Canada's largest school of social work. Get all the details at their Faculty Info Night on **Thu, December 4**, 5-7 pm (online). [Register](#).

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

Did you miss the recent in-person event? On **Saturday, December 6**, 9 am - 1 pm, you'll have another opportunity to get feedback on your portfolio before submitting your application to arts and architecture programs. [Sign up for the virtual event](#).

DUTCH UNIVERSITY COLLEGES WEBINAR

Are you hoping to take your post-secondary education abroad? Discover eight Dutch University Colleges that were established by top-ranked research universities in response to a growing demand for a more holistic type of education. The offered Liberal Arts & Science degrees foster critical thinking and academic excellence through unique curriculums and small class-sizes. Study and live together with students from all across the world. Register to [learn more](#) on **December 15**, 11:00 & 19:00 CET (2 am & 10 am PT)

UPCOMING UBC WEBINARS

Are you currently applying to UBC, or are you in grade 11 - thinking ahead? Check out the following events:
Mon, December 8, 4 pm. [Register](#).

SFU ACCELERATED LAW LLB & B.A. WEBINAR

SFU is now offering a unique dual law degree, combining a Bachelor of Arts from SFU and a LLB from University of Exeter in the UK. This program fast-tracks students toward becoming a lawyer in Canada in just six years, combining academic excellence, global experience, and practical legal training. Interested students and their families are invited to learn more on **Tue, December 9**, 6 pm. [Register here](#).

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT FOR GRAD PHOTOS

Artona will only be on site until **Thursday, December 4th** for Grad photos.
ALL students are expected to have their photo taken for the yearbook and group composite photo.
Don't want to purchase?
No problem, but a picture is still needed of you-Artona will refund the \$60 deposit required at the time of booking. Book through Artona here: <https://artona.com/bookings>

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

DEADLINE TOMORROW - LAUNCHPAD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship application will test your research skills and STEM knowledge by writing a 1500–2000-word essay or project plan to create an innovative solution to a national problem for the Government of Canada. 5 x \$1,000. Open to non-binary or female applicants going into a STEM program. **Deadline is December 3, 9 pm.**
[More info.](#)

WESTERN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Various awards of up to \$70,000 are available, recognizing all-round excellence. Must have a +90% average on all relevant Grade 12 courses, demonstrated creative and innovative thought, exceptional achievement in extracurriculars (i.e. athletics, arts), a commitment to community service, and a passion for learning. We can nominate 4 students (plus 1 international student). Submit your completed [Western brag sheet](#) to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca by the end of Sunday, December 14.

SFU UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARDS

Reminder: If you have applied to SFU and your grade 11 & 12 marks (in approved academics) average +90% you may be eligible for their entrance scholarships, up to \$60,000 for domestic students, and \$140,000 for international students. Strong extracurricular activities and references are required. [Apply](#) by **December 15.**

FRENCH NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

If you are in grades 10, 11, or 12, you could win one of 100 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$28,000 to study (completely or partially) in French at one of the 16 partnering post-secondary institutions all over the country. Invest in your future, en français! **Deadline: December 19.** [More info.](#)

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

We can nominate 1 student for this \$5,000 award. Criteria are demonstrated service in both school and community and an aptitude for your chosen post-secondary/ career path. For details and the "special" BC Excellence brag sheet, see [Career Centre website](#). **Deadline: Sun, December 14.**

ATHLETICS



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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Wed. Dec. 3 TBD	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	Exhib. game vs. Guildford Park TBD
Thurs. Dec. 4-Sat. Dec. 6	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Johnson Heights Tournament
Fri. Dec. 5 @ 5:30pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	Exhib. game @ New West. Sec.
Fri. Dec. 5 @ 7:00pm	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	Exhib. game @ NWSS
Fri. Dec. 5/Sat. Dec. 6	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Victoria Christmas Tournament