



# THE “BEST” INFORMER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WINTER BALL IS TONIGHT!

The theme this year is “NIGHT IN NEW YORK, BLACK AND GOLD”.

Dress code is semi-formal.

TIME: 6:00-9:00pm

LOCATION: small gym

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

### STARTS TODAY- 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\$!

### DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Wear your BEST school swag or dress in school colours on **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**!

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP FAIR DECEMBER 9 & 10

Join us next week for the **Entrepreneurship 12 Fair**, where creativity meets opportunity! A wide variety of delicious drinks, tasty food items, and unique gifts will be available for purchase. Your support helps our young entrepreneurs showcase their hard work and innovative ideas. We truly appreciate your encouragement—see you there!

### 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 - 3D PRINT CLUB FUNDRAISER

The 3D Print Club will be selling 3D printed Christmas decorations and snacks **TODAY** in the front lobby. Be sure to check it out!

### TOMORROW - YOUTH IN ACTION CLUB BAKE SALE

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

### MIRACLE MOVEMENT BAKE SALE

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

Come check it out in the front lobby.

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### **LAST CHANCE - 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](#).

### **THIS WEEKEND - 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**.

### **HALL CONSTRUCTORS: PAID SPRING BREAK WORK EXPERIENCE**

Are you a grade 12 student interested in exploring a future in construction? Earn \$25/hr while trying out real work in civil construction, mechanical (plumbing) trades, heavy duty mechanics and more. Must be available full-time (40 hrs/ week) March 16-27, 2026. Other requirements are physical ability to work outdoors, access to reliable transportation to and from construction sites across the Lower Mainland, CSA-certified steel-toed boots and work-appropriate clothing. [More info](#). **Apply by January 17, 2026.**

### **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**.

### **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

### **TOMORROW - 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](#).

### **THIS WEEKEND - 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](#).

### **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](#).

### **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)

## GRADE 12 INFORMATION

### ONLY 2 DAYS LEFT FOR GRAD PHOTOS

Artona will only be on site until **Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** 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

### 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](mailto:skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca) by the end of Sunday, December 14.

### 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.**

### 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.](#)

## 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