



THE “BEST” INFORMER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTINUES 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 TOMORROW

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

CLUB/TEAM PHOTOS DEC. 17

Artona will be on site the afternoon of **Wednesday, December 17th** to capture all Clubs and Fall/Winter team photos. Mr. Viveiros will be sharing a spread sheet of the schedule to Club Sponsor Teachers, Club Leaders, and Fall/Winter Athletic Coaches to sign up for a timeslot. Spring teams will be photographed on March 11, 2026.

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 - 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.

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

LAST DAY FOR GRAD PHOTOS

Artona will only be on site until **TONIGHT** for Grad photos.

After tonight, all remaining Grad photos will be taken at Artona's office or agreed upon location.

Please contact Artona directly to book. 604-872-7272 or <https://artona.com/bookings>

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

LAST CHANCE - SD43 JR FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS DUE TOMORROW

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](#).

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.

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.**

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

TODAY - 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](#).

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)**

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 **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](#).

ATHLETICS



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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Thurs. Dec. 4 after school	WRESTLING	Burnaby Mtn. Sec.
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

