



THE “BEST” INFORMER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Tomorrow is the last day of classes before winter break!



Classes resume **Monday, January 5th**.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday break!

UPDATED SPIRIT WEEK DEC 15-19

Charles Best is celebrating the last week of school before the winter break!

Join us with some winter spirit and earn a candy cane!

Thursday, December 18th	Friday, December 19th
WHITE OUT!	Pajama Day
Wear all white to support our Senior Girls Basketball @ 12:00pm!	Wear your cozy pajamas!
	

CLUB/TEAM PHOTOS TODAY

Reminder, Artona will be on site **TODAY** to capture Club and Fall/Winter team photos. Mr. Viveiros sent out a sign-up spread sheet to Club Sponsor Teachers, Club Leaders, and Fall/Winter Athletic Coaches. Spring teams will be photographed on March 11, 2026.

POSTPONED - TBA

CLUB EVENTS

TODAY - STUDIO HEART CHRISTMAS THEMED JEWELRY AND BAKE SALE

Come check out the Christmas themed jewelry and baked goods TODAY in the lobby.

A last-minute gift idea perhaps?

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

LAST CHANCE - CAPSTONE CHECK-IN MEETINGS

Grade 12 students who missed Capstone check-in meeting #2 can visit room 309 from Dec. 15 – 18th in their off block to complete a make-up assignment.

STUDENT PARKING UPDATE

We are now at capacity for student parking in the upper parking lot.

The upper lot is restricted for student pass holders and staff parking ONLY.

Student parking for non-pass holders is available at the Coquitlam Alliance Church, which is a short walk away at the corner of Mariner Way and Spuraway Avenue. Students are to park towards the back of the church lot.

GRAD PHOTOS

All remaining Grad photos will be taken at Artona's office or agreed upon location.

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

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

RISE UP VOLUNTEER & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Are you 15+ and interested in food, the environment, or making a real impact on your community? Through the Rise Up! Strengthening Food Systems and Environmental Stewardship program, you'll have the chance to discover and grow your passion for food systems, the planet, and your community. This **free** year-long program is organized by the Public Health Association of BC and will help you to complete 100+ volunteer hours. Applications for the Spring 2026 cohort are now accepted until all placements have been filled.

[More info.](#)

UBC RESEARCH EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITY

During the first week of Spring break (March 16-20), high school students in grades 9-12 could experience research in UBC's laboratory. Students will tour research facilities, get introduced to lab techniques and experiments, shadow lab personnel, and attend lab meetings, seminars, and faculty presentations. This program enables students to explore the world of research, immerse themselves in scientific inquiry, and discover pathways into the field. Apply [here](#) by **January 9, 2026**.

UBC GEERING UP STEM LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This year-long initiative is focused on the professional development and training for the purposes of establishing strong values indicative of a STEM Ambassador. You will be expected to volunteer at least two weeks of full-time Summer Camp during July/ August - together with a Geering Up instructor team (There's a Coquitlam camp!). Learn technical engineering skills, understand the real-world applications of Engineering, gain teaching experience, and much more.

Open to High School students going into grades 10-12 in September 2026. Apply [here](#) by **January 3**.

EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY OF ARTS & DESIGN: TEEN ARTS CONTESTS

ECU is celebrating the creativity, imagination, and innovation of young artists. Teens are invited to submit individual art pieces that reflect their artistic journey. Students 13+ participate in the Junior category, students 16-18 participate in the Senior category. You can win full tuition to the summer program at the ECU Art Institute and have your artwork featured. **Apply by January 16, 2026**. [Details here](#).

LASALLE COLLEGE: CREATIVE SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

Previously known as SWEAT, RISE (Real-world Industry Skills and Experience) creative workshops for high school students are back for 2026 — and this time, on LaSalle's brand-new Vancouver campus! Open to grade 11 & 12 students, cost is \$150. **March 23-26**. Gain new skills and receive 30 hours of collaborative, hands-on work experience in Animation and 3D Modeling, Culinary & Baking and Pastry Arts, Digital Media Content Creation, Fashion- | Interior- | Jewellery- | Game Design, or Recording Arts. [More info](#).

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. <https://bdhall.bamboohr.com/careers/329> **Apply by January 17, 2026**.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

TONIGHT - SFU APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Are you in the process of applying to SFU but need a bit of help? Join on **Thu, December 18**, 6 pm, to learn about admission requirements, understand how SFU evaluates your high school courses, and get help navigating the admissions process with confidence. Applicants to the Beedie School of Business and the School of Contemporary Arts in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology will receive guidance on completing the supplemental applications. [Sign up](#).

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: VIDEO INTERVIEW

Learn how to prepare for the UBC Sauder BCom Video Interview with guidance from the Recruitment & Admissions team. Hear from current Bachelor of Commerce students as they share their firsthand experiences and practical advice for navigating the video interview with confidence. **Fri, January 09**, 5-6 pm. [Register](#).

VIRTUAL NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

Last chance before admission deadlines come up! Meet individually with professional representatives of accredited colleges and universities and get feedback and guidance on your portfolio before submitting your applications to arts, design, and architecture programs. Free. **Sat, January 11**, 9 am – 1 pm. [Sign up](#).

BCIT ACE: ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND ENGINEERING

This unique certificate program provides entry-level skills, knowledge, and experience to students interested in exploring careers in the design-build sector. Offered as a series of part-time courses, commencing with three in-person courses delivered on-campus in July and August, followed by 12 months of online learning concurrent with work-integrated learning and internship placements. It is designed to be completed by a cohort of up to 24 students over a 14-month period. Fully funded. [More info/ application form](#).

Deadline is February 28.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

SCHULICH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Canada's largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships offer 50 x \$120,000 for engineering students and 50 x \$100,000 for STEM students to pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible program, plus enrichment opportunities throughout the year. We can nominate 1 student. We are looking for an entrepreneurial minded, charismatic future leader with grit and determination. [Submit your Schulich Brag Sheet](#) by Sun, January 4.

UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten “full-ride” scholarships are awarded each year to Canadian students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education. The intent of the Ugglu Family Scholarship is to promote equity and remove historical and existing discrimination, including barriers to full participation in social, cultural, economic and political life. **Apply by January 19, 2026.** [More here.](#)

TRICITIES SOROPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FEMALE GRADS

Application deadline for both awards is January 15. [More info.](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page)

- **BEA KELLY TEEN VOLUNTEER AWARD:** 5 x \$1,500 for young women in Grade 12 who make a difference in their community and/or school. Preference goes to young women in the TriCities.
- **SPREAD YOUR WINGS AWARD:** 1 x \$1,500 for any female immigrant or refugee who has arrived in Canada in the past 10 years. Must be planning to attend a vocational/ skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.

ATHLETICS



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TOURNAMENT FOR EMILY

We are cohosting this memorial tournament with Riverside Secondary Dec. 17-19!

First game for our Senior girls is here **TODAY** at 5:30pm vs. Langley Christian.

***NEW - Thursday's game is at 12:00pm vs. GW Graham. Wear WHITE to support the girls!**

Classes are invited to come and watch and students on an off block are welcome to come cheer the girls on as well! Friday's game is at 3:00pm vs. Ross Shephard Sec.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Wed. Dec. 17-Fri. Dec. 19	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	King George Sec. Tournament
Wed. Dec. 17-Fri. Dec. 19	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tournament for Emily
Thurs. Dec. 18 @ 12:00pm WHITE OUT GAME!	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tournament game vs. GW Graham
Thurs. Dec. 18-Sat. Dec. 20	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	Queen Elizabeth Sec. Tournament
Fri. Dec. 19 @ 3:00pm	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tournament game vs. Ross Shephard