



THE “BEST” INFORMER



MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026
TODAY IS DAY 2

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

2026
Happy New Year!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back students and staff. Hope you’re all ready for the last 2 weeks of semester 1 classes!

LOCKER CHECK

If you didn’t already check before the winter break, please check and dispose of old food and drinks in your locker thank you!

SEMESTER II COURSE CHANGES

With semester II starting on January 27th, we want to make the transition as smooth as possible. As classes are very full and it will be a busy January start up for counsellors doing programming at the middle schools, we are going to ask students to see their counsellors only on the following dates for course changes:

Grade 12- January 16th

Grade 11- January 22nd

Grade 10-January 19th

Grade 9- January 20th

There will not be any schedule changes after January 22nd. Thank you!

CLUB/TEAM PHOTOS

Clubs and Fall/Winter team photos have been rescheduled to **Monday, February 9, 2026**.

Teacher sponsors will be emailed the schedule, and they will relay the timeslot information to clubs and teams.

Spring teams and missed clubs will be photographed on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**.

CLUB EVENTS

BLOOD RESEARCH FOUNDATION CLUB

Come check out the bubble tea sale on **Friday, January 9th** in the front lobby.

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**.

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](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

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

*****WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPCOMING NEWS*****

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

GRAD 2025 AND SENIOR GIRLS MERCH.

The 2nd order of Grad 2025 merch arrived before winter break.

If you haven't already, please come to the office to pick up your hoody.

Don't know if you ordered? Check your student email account.

If you ordered Best Senior Girls merch and haven't picked up yet, please connect with Viona K.

CAPSTONE DAY

Capstone Day is on **January 22, 2026**, from 10:00am – 2:30pm.

Attendance is mandatory for all Grade 12's for the full day.

The event will start promptly at 10:00am in the large gym. See event schedule below.

10:00am – 10:30am Attendance and opening ceremony in the large gym.

10:30am – 12:00pm Shift 1 - in various classrooms around the school.

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch (students should pack a lunch) in Devil's Den area

1:00pm – 2:30pm Shift 2 - in various classrooms around the school.

2:30pm – 2:45pm Name tag return and closing ceremony in the large gym.

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>

ATHLETICS



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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Mon. Jan. 5 @ 3:30pm	FIELD LACROSSE	HOME game vs. Riverside Sec.
Tues. Jan. 6 @ 7:00pm	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	Exhib. game vs. Westview @ Best
Wed. Jan. 7 @ 4:00pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game @ Port Moody Sec.
Wed. Jan. 7 @ 5:30pm POSTPONED	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Port Moody Sec.
Wed. Jan. 7 @ 5:30pm	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game vs. Port Moody Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 8 @ 5:00pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Riverside
Thurs. Jan. 8 @ 6:30pm	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Riverside
Thurs. Jan. 8-Sat. Jan. 10	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Top Ten Tournament @ GW Graham Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 8-Sat. Jan. 10	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	Robert Bateman Tournament