



# THE “BEST” INFORMER

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

JANUARY

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LITERACY ASSESSMENT PREP

This is a reminder that the **Literacy 10 and 12 Assessments** will take place during I-week (**Jan 19-23**) for all Grade 10 and 12 students. This is an important provincial requirement that assesses reading and writing skills across various contexts.

To help students prepare, the ministry has provided resources and practice materials at the following links:

Literacy 10: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Literacy 12: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

We encourage you to review these materials ahead of the assessment.

### END OF SEMESTER 1/START OF SEMESTER 2

The last day of Semester 1 classes is **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Check the schedule from the Dec. 5 & 19 newsletters for days to attend from **Jan. 19-23**.

**Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** is a Pro D Day.

Semester 2 classes begin on **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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!**

### UPCOMING IMMUNIZATION DATES

**Immunizations** will take place on **Jan. 14th, Feb. 3rd, Feb. 23rd, & April 21st**.

While the focus of these immunizations is Gr. 9's, these dates are also for any other grades in which students are not up to date with their vaccinations.

**If you are unsure whether you are up to date, please contact Fraser Health.**

### CUPCAKE SALE

There will be a cupcake sale in the front lobby on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** in blocks 2, 3 & 4.

Price is \$2.00 each (cash only) and proceeds are going to buy warm socks for the homeless.

Thanks for your support!

### LOST AND FOUND

Please check out the lost and found bin in the main hallway **BEFORE Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**.

After then, unclaimed items will be donated to a needy cause.

### WINTER ESSENTIALS DRIVE PART 2

We will be holding another winter essentials drive on **Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30-2:00** at the front of our school. We are also doing a clothing theme each week till the end of Feb.

**Kindly limit clothing donations to coats, boots and warm socks thank you.**

For every item you bring into the Youth Worker room, you get either ½ hour volunteer time or a chocolate bar.

<b>January 12-16</b>	Toques for adults
<b>January 19-23</b>	Toiletries (lip balm, hand cream, toothpaste etc)
<b>January 26-30</b>	Hand warmers
<b>February 2-6</b>	Small box granola bars
<b>February 9-13</b>	4 pack juice boxes
<b>February 16-20</b>	Warm socks, toques or gloves
<b>February 23-26</b>	Warm socks, hand warmers

**CAPSTONE DAY FOR GRADE 11’S AND 12’S**

Capstone Day is on **Thursday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 10am – 2:45pm.

Full-day attendance is mandatory for all grade 12 students.

Attendance is also mandatory for Grade 11 students for part of the day.

Grade 11’s with the last names A – LEE must attend from 10:30am – 12:00pm.

Grade 11’s with the last names LEF – Z must attend from 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

TIME	WHAT	WHO
10:00am - 10:25am	Attendance and opening ceremony in the large gym. Come 10 min. early to get your nametag and avoid the rush	<b>All Grade 12s</b>
10:30am – 12:00pm	Shift 1 - in various classrooms around the school. ½ Grade 12s present ½ Grade 12s observe ½ Grade 11s observe Observing students move room to room respectfully. Presenting students present repeatedly for 1.5 hours (once to an assessing teacher)	<b>All Grade 12s</b> <b>Grade 11s (A-LEE)</b> <b>Grade 11s check in at front foyer</b>
12:00pm – 12:55pm	Lunch in Devil’s Den area (students should pack a lunch) Cafeteria will be closed. Enjoy Photo booths, music, games, mascot, etc.	<b>Grade 12s</b>
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Shift 2 - in various classrooms around the school. ½ Grade 12s present ½ Grade 12s observe ½ Grade 11s observe Observing students move room to room respectfully. Presenting students present repeatedly for 1.5 hours (once to an assessing teacher)	<b>All Grade 12s</b> <b>Grade 11s (LEF-Z)</b> <b>Grade 11s check in at front foyer</b>
2:35pm – 2:45pm	Name tag return and closing ceremony in the large gym. Congratulations on completion of Capstone Day!	<b>All Grade 12s</b>

**CLUB EVENTS**

**\*\*\*WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENTS HAPPENING SOON\*\*\***

**POST SECONDARY EVENTS**

**PROGRAM PATHWAYS: DISCOVER HEALTH SCIENCE CAREERS**

University of Alberta is hosting virtual sessions **January 13 - 23** covering program options to become a doctor, dentist, pharmacist and more — all hosted by faculty program experts who can answer all your questions. Learn more and register [here](#).

**SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE**

Are you curious about the skilled trades?

Want more info. about the 25+ tuition free Level 1 Trades Programs available to SD43 students? Come to the SD43 Trades Programs Open house on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm at Terry Fox Secondary School. Get informed before course selection begins at your school. No registration required.

**SFU APPLICANT WORKSHOP**

Are you in the process of applying to SFU and need help navigating the admissions process? On **Wed, January 14**, 6-7 pm, you can learn about the various undergraduate programs, admissions requirement and evaluation, supplemental applications, and get guidance on the application portal. There’s also a Q&A session. [Sign up](#).

**KPU WILSON SCHOOL OF DESIGN OPEN HOUSE**

Calling all creative grade 11 & 12 students. Learn more about KPU Wilson School of Design and the eight offered programs on **Tue, February 3rd** (5:30pm – 7:30pm) at the KPU Richmond Campus. Optional portfolio reviews will also be available for the degree programs to help students prepare a strong application, as well as campus tours! [Register to attend](#).

**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.**

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### SFU SCIENCE ALIVE: EXPLORING AI: THE GOOD, THE BAD, & BEYOND

In this free online workshop series, Grade 8-12 students will explore artificial intelligence (AI), while learning more about generative AI, ethics of AI, and real-world uses of AI in STEM fields, while learning more about coding! Some experience in text-based coding is recommended. **Saturdays, Jan 17 – March 7, 10 am – noon.**

[Register.](#)

### UBC SAUDER CAP CASE COMPETITION

The UBC Commerce Advocate Program (CAP) is inviting high school students to participate in an immersive, full-day business case competition hosted at UBC's Sauder School of Business. Experience what business education at the university level looks like and network with Sauder student volunteers. Work in a team to analyze a real-world business case, develop strategic solutions and present your idea to judges.

**Saturday, January 31st, 9.30 am – 5.30 pm.** Cost: \$10 (includes food during the event). [Sign up here.](#)

### ROTARY ADVENTURES IN CITIZENSHIP

150 students between 16-18 will be able to learn more about our federal government (May 24-27). There is ONE SPOT available for a Coquitlam student. Participation is fully sponsored by the Coquitlam Rotary Club incl. travel to Ottawa, accommodation at U of O, food, etc. **Apply by Sunday, February 22,** [details here.](#)

Selection criteria include academic standing, demonstrated leadership, community service.

### SPRING BREAK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Rainforest Adventure Camps is providing outdoor-based camps for ages 5-12 and other programs in the Tri-Cities. They are looking for kind, patient, and respectful volunteers for their Spring Break programs. [More info.](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

### DAVID LAM ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS' SCHOLARSHIP

If you completed at least one English language (ESL) course in grades 9-12 you might be eligible for a \$4,000 scholarship. Must be planning to attend a B.C. post-secondary institution and must have documented school or community service. [Apply here](#) by **January 31.**

### TEAL REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIPS

4 x \$4,000 are awarded to a refugee who has shown courage and determination while adapting to a new language and new culture in Canada. Must have studied ESL in British Columbia (preferred) or elsewhere in Canada and is planning to study in a vocational or academic program at a post-secondary institution in B.C.

Must have documented school and/or community volunteer service. [Apply here](#) by **January 31.**

## GRADE 12 INFORMATION

### CAPSTONE SIGN UP

Sign up has begun for the **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** Capstone Presentation day.

Sign up is in room 309.

### GRAD 2025 AND SENIOR GIRLS MERCH.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### CAP AND GOWNS

Grade 12's, with your parents please check SCO (School CashOnline) accounts ASAP to see if you have an outstanding Commencement item (Cap and Gown). There are still over 150 outstanding which need to be ordered by the end of January. It's important we have the proper sizes ordered for each grad. Thank you!

### FRIENDSHIP PHOTO NIGHT

Artona is looking forward to seeing you for your Grad Friendship Group Sessions!

Photo Date: **Thursday, January 29, 2026**

First Appointment: 4:30 PM

Location: In the Cafeteria

#### **Next Steps:**

- [artona.com/bookings](https://artona.com/bookings) Students may visit our website to book an appointment or if they would like more information on the event: [Artona Grad Groups Photos.](#)

### 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>



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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Mon. Jan. 12 @ 4:00pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game @ Gleneagle Sec.
Mon. Jan. 12 @ 4:00pm	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Heritage Woods Sec.
Mon. Jan. 12 @ 5:00pm	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game @ Gleneagle Sec.
Tues. Jan. 13 @ 4:30pm	FIELD LACROSSE	AWAY game @ Centennial Sec.
Tues. Jan. 13 @ 7:30pm	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Gleneagle Sec.
Wed. Jan. 14 @ 4:00pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Terry Fox Sec.
Wed. Jan. 14 @ TBD	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	AWAY game @ Terry Fox Sec.
<del>Wed. Jan. 14 @ 5:30pm</del> POSTPONED TO JAN. 30TH	<del>JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL</del>	<del>HOME game vs. Terry Fox Sec.</del>
Fri. Jan. 16 – Sat. Jan. 17	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Kodiak Classic Tournament @ H. Woods Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 15 – Sat. Jan. 17	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	Pitt Meadows Sec. Tournament
Fri. Jan. 16 @ 4:00pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Centennial Sec.
Fri. Jan. 16 3:00pm-6:00-pm	WRESTLING	Raven Invite @ Terry Fox Sec.
<del>Mon. Jan. 19 @ 3:30pm</del> WILL BE RESCHEDULED	<del>FIELD LACROSSE</del>	<del>HOME game vs. Mission Sec.</del>
Mon. Jan. 19 @ 5:00pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game @ Arch Bishop Carney Sec.
Mon. Jan. 19 @ 5:30pm	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Arch Bishop Carney Sec.
Mon. Jan. 19 @ 5:30pm	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game @ Arch Bishop Carney Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 22 @ 6:00pm (from Jan. 7)	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Rescheduled HOME game vs. PoMo Sec.