



THE “BEST” INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

JANUARY

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – IMMUNIZATION CLINIC #1

Grade 9 students will be called down in alphabetical order to the small gym over the PA. If you forgot to hand in your immunization form to the office, Public Health Nurses will be able to assist you. Opportunities for grade 10, 11 & 12's to catch up on immunizations will take place at the **Feb. 3, Feb. 23 and Apr. 21st clinics.**

TODAY - CUPCAKE SALE

There will be a cupcake sale in the front lobby on **Wednesday, January 14th** 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!

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

‘Dress Your Best’ is happening for the final time in Semester 1 on Friday! Rep your school or team swag or dress in school colours to show off your school spirit.

JAN 19-23 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS NOW POSTED

The schedule of events for I-Week is now posted around the front lobby, various stairwell bulletin boards and main floor exit doors. ***IMPORTANT- Students writing assessments need to check your student email and assessment schedule in the lobby for your correct room placement and time.**

JAN 19-23 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES POSTED IN LOBBY

Literacy, Numeracy and FRAL assessment room assignments and times are now posted in the front lobby. Grade 10's and 12's, please check to ensure your name is on the list. This is the only assessment period being offered this school year. See Ms. Thibault in the office if your name is missing.

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.

BLUE GYM LOCKER LOCKS

Students who are using a small blue gym locker for semester 1 must have their personal locks removed **by Friday, January 16th** so semester 2 students have the opportunity to use them.

Locks not removed by January 16th will be cut off and locker contents will be bagged up and put in lost and found.

END OF SEMESTER 1/START OF SEMESTER 2

The last day of Semester 1 classes is **Friday, January 16th**.

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

Monday, January 26th is a Pro D Day.

Semester 2 classes begin on **Tuesday, January 27th**.

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!

LOST AND FOUND

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

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 31st 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.

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

CAPSTONE DAY FOR GRADE 11'S AND 12'S

Capstone Day is on **Thursday, Jan. 22nd** 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.

***NEW! Don't worry about bringing in a packed lunch this day! We will have two food trucks on-campus.**

Local food vendor Bueno Tacos will have 3 gourmet tacos and a drink for \$15.

Triple O's food truck will have burgers and other favourite classics prices TBD.

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	All Grade 12s
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)	All Grade 12s Grade 11s (A-LEE) Grade 11s check in at front foyer
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.	Grade 12s
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)	All Grade 12s Grade 11s (LEF-Z) Grade 11s check in at front foyer
2:35pm – 2:45pm	Name tag return and closing ceremony in the large gym. Congratulations on completion of Capstone Day!	All Grade 12s

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**.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS ASAP

Kids Innovative is looking for high school students who enjoy working with younger kids.

You must have block 5 off due to the early start. [Register.](#)

- Baker Drive Elementary: Assist students with creative arts & crafts projects, guide them through basic art techniques and help keep materials organized. **Thursdays, starting ASAP** - March 5. 2.45 - 4 pm
- Montgomery Middle - Cooking class: Assist with kitchen setup, guide young chefs and keep the space safe and organized. **Fridays, starting ASAP** - March 6, 3-4.30 pm.

STARTS THIS WEEKEND - 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.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

TONIGHT - 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 14th** 6:00pm at Terry Fox Secondary School. Get informed before course selection begins at your school. No registration required.

TONIGHT - 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.

CLUB EVENTS

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENTS HAPPENING SOON

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

LAST CHANCE FOR CAPSTONE SIGN UP

Have you signed up for your Capstone Presentation yet? Make sure you stop by room 309 to sign up asap!

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.

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

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](http://artona.com/bookings)

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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
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.
Wed. Jan. 14 @ 5:30pm POSTPONED TO JAN. 30TH	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Terry Fox Sec.
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.
Mon. Jan. 19 @ 3:30pm WILL BE RESCHEDULED	FIELD LACROSSE	HOME game vs. Mission Sec.
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.