



# THE “BEST” INFORMER



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

### TODAY IS DAY 2

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

# JANUARY

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DRESS YOUR BEST TOMORROW

‘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.

#### **COQUITLAM EXPRESS JR. A HOCKEY TEAM ARE HOSTING A CHARLES BEST SPIRIT NIGHT!**

“On January 23rd, the Coquitlam Express will be taking on the Chilliwack Chiefs, and we would love to partner with Dr. Charles Best Secondary by hosting a **Dr. Charles Best Night** at the game.”

- Wear school colours or apparel
- Are you interested in singing *O Canada*? The team would be happy to welcome you. Please email [tali@coquitlamexpress.ca](mailto:tali@coquitlamexpress.ca) if you are interested.
- Best teams are encouraged to attend together and wear their team jerseys or swag. Let’s fill the rink and have more in attendance than Cent. and PMSS had!

**Check your student emails for your FREE ticket!**

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup>** so semester 2 students have the opportunity to use them.

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

#### 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 the following course related reasons: **Courses required for graduation and missing courses.**

**Requests for teacher changes or lunch block changes cannot be accommodated.**

**IN PERSON changes only from 9:00am to 3:00pm on your applicable date.**

**Grade 12- January 16<sup>th</sup> (during your lunch or off block only)**

**Grade 11- January 22<sup>nd</sup> (before or after Capstone observations)**

**Grade 10-January 19<sup>th</sup> (before or after your assessment)**

**Grade 9- January 20th (before or after your digital literacy presentation)**

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

## **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>**.

### **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  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour volunteer time or a chocolate bar.

<b>January 12-16</b>	<b>Toques for adults</b>
<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.

**\*NEW! 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	<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\*\*\***

## 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

### 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.**

## 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!

### 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](http://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%20Grad%20Groups%20Photos).

## ATHLETICS



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### UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

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