



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY - WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

Would you like to participate in a Math Contest? The University of Waterloo is conducting the Pascal (Grade 9), Cayley (Grade 10) and Fermat (Grade 11) on **February 25, 2026**. This is a great opportunity to improve math skills and show off what you have learned. The contest is \$6.00 to enter. To sign up, please see Ms. Fewer in Room 114 or the Math Tutor Room during Blocks 1 – 4. Act Fast, **the deadline is Feb 5th!**

ENDS TODAY -- ONLINE SILENT AUCTION AFTERGRAD 2026 FUNDRAISER

Please check out our second online silent auction which runs now **until February 5th!** Each item up for bid has been generously donated by our supporters, partners and sponsors.

All proceeds will directly benefit our dry After Grad in May.

Bids from the heart - 14 days of love – for all the special people in your life!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/aftergrad2026-online-silent-auction-winter>

If you have any questions please contact us at bestgrad2026@gmail.com.

GRADE 10-12 COURSE PLANNING AND PARENT INFO. NIGHT TONIGHT

It's Course Programming time again! Counsellors will be presenting to students in grades 9 -11 over the next couple of weeks and a parent information night will be held in the school library on **Thursday, Feb 5th at 7 pm**. The MyEd portal will be open from February 9th to March 1st for students to select and enter their courses.

Students and parents are encouraged to look through the course catalogue, attend the counsellor presentations, and check out the school [counselling website](#) for information regarding course selection for 2026/2027 year.

DRESS YOUR BEST TOMORROW

Students and staff, wear your “Best” clothing on **Friday, February 6th!**

Wear school colours, team, club or school swag to show off your spirit.

PHYSICSBOWL HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

We're looking for students who want to participate in 2026 PhysicsBowl hosted by AAPT (American Association of Physics Teacher).

The PhysicsBowl Contest is an international high school competition. School teams compete regionally with other school teams. Students will take a 40-question, 45-minute timed, multiple-choice test under their school's supervision. The exam will be hosted one day between March 13th ~ April 3rd (TBA).

Only for grade 11 and 12 students.

If students are interested, please email Mr. Chae: jchae@sd43.bc.ca by **Feb 13th**.

More information can be found here: <https://aapt.org/Programs/PhysicsBowl/faqs.cfm>

COQUITLAM EXPRESS HOCKEY TEAM LOOKING FOR A MASCOT

The team is looking for mascot help for their last few home games.

Please contact our Youth Worker Heather B. for more information.

STUDENT COUNCIL FLOWER SALE

Student Council are pre-selling flowers for Valentines Day on **Tuesday, February 10th**

Come down to the lobby and get your orders in!

CANDYGRAM SALE

Leadership students will be set up in the front lobby on **Wednesday, February 11th** preselling candygrams for Valentines Day. Surprise friends or staff with a sweet gesture!

PUB NIGHT FOR PARENTS

Parents, come join us for a fun night out at the Taphouse Coquitlam on **February 18, 2026, at 6pm**.

There will be great food, refreshing drinks and a lot of fun, a 50/50 draw and toonie toss.

Tickets are \$37 per person and include a burger, fries and a drink! We hope to see you there!

Purchase tickets here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/best-aftergrad-2026-pub-night-fundraiser>

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SPRING BREAK CONSTRUCTION WORK OPPORTUNITY

B & B Contracting is once again hiring grade 12 students who are interested in civil construction. If you want to gain meaningful work experience and exposure to the field, and are available **March 16-27**, all day, you could make \$25/ hour. Work sites are across the Lower Mainland; reliable transportation is required. Orientation, skills training and mentorship will be provided. [Learn more](#) and **apply by February 16**.

REGIONAL ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY (RAPS): VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR COMMUNITY EVENT

[RAPS](#) is hosting several community fundraising events to launch their annual Car Lottery and 50/50 Raffle in support of their efforts of saving and improving the lives of animals. They are looking for volunteers to engage with the public during three events at local shopping centers. Students can volunteer with a friend if they like, and anyone under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. [Coquitlam Mall, Feb 28 & March 1](#) | [Tsawwassen Mills, Feb 7 & 8](#) | [Lansdowne Shopping Centre in Richmond, March 7 & 8](#).

PNE SPRING & SUMMER WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Playland is looking for over 1000+ enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join the 2026 season for the **Playland Amusement Park** and support the delivery of the **FIFA Fan Festival™**! A wide variety of positions are available in departments such as Food & Beverage, Guest Experience, Ticketing, Games, Rides, Public Safety, Parking, and Grounds Clean-Up. Base wages start at \$18.54/hr, plus employee discounts and other perks. Must be min. 15. [More info](#). **Early application deadline: March 9**.

SPRING BREAK BIKE INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Pedalheads is hiring Instructors for their Spring Break bike camps! Gain work and leadership experience, build up your resume, spend time outside, and help kids learn how to bike. Camps run at Queen of All Saints School (Como Lake), Brentwood, South Burnaby, etc. If you are turning 16 this year, and enjoy working with young children while being outdoors, think about applying [here](#).

IRONWORKER BOOTCAMP & CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Ironworker Union Local 97 is running a free 3-week bootcamp in Maple Ridge. First week is **during Spring Break**. Suitable candidates will be invited back after graduation (June/July) to complete weeks 2 & 3. After completion of the bootcamp, the union will provide required tools and find (paid) work placements on jobsites in Greater Vancouver. Apprenticeship pathways will be discussed after 6 months of work. [More here](#).

SOCCER SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Royal Soccer Summer Camp is once again running various campsites this Summer Break (one is at Town Centre Park). They are looking for motivated youth age 14+ who enjoy being active outside, want to improve their leadership skills and are keen to mentor and support younger children. Commit for as many full weeks as you like. [More here](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE JUNIOR PLAYERS TOUR

Are you interested in golf? The Junior Players Tour (JPT) is currently seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to help with upcoming. Roles incl. registration duties, scoring, hydration stations, spotting, etc. Events will take place in Richmond and Vancouver (March Break), Pitt Meadows (August), and Surrey (Labour Day weekend). [More info](#).

CLUB EVENTS

TODAY - RAC CLUB BAKE SALE

Help support the RAC club on **Thursday, February 5th** by purchasing some baked goods in the front lobby.

TOMORROW - BEST MODEL UN FUNDRAISER

The Best Model UN club is hosting a baked goods fundraiser on **Friday, February 6th**. Come to the lobby to check out what they're selling!

WEIGHT ROOM CLUB

Anyone interested in working out after school should consider joining the weight room club for the low fee of \$15 for the semester. The club runs Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 3:20-4:30. See or email Mr. Adams or Mr. Anania for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Grade 12s, our school's scholarship package is coming out on **Wed, February 18**, after school. Join us at the library to learn what type of awards are available and how to apply. Must be Canadian citizen or PR. This package will include the District Authority Awards provided by the Ministry of Education. Applications will be due at the end of Spring Break.

BE THE LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Open to female graduates of South Asian descent (20 x \$2,500). Criteria are academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need. [Apply](#) by **February 21**.

RE/MAX QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

40 x \$1,000 are available for Canadian High School grads, must submit a 500-word essay responding to one out of three prompts. **Deadline is March 6, 2026.** [More info.](#)

HORATIO ALGER GRADE 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

160 Canadian Scholarships at \$10,000, and 10 Entrepreneurial Scholarships at \$25,000 for current grade 11 students who are planning to begin a bachelor's degree in Canada starting Fall 2027. Must have demonstrated financial need (<\$80,000 household net income), be Canadian citizens, maintain a +70% average, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and be involved in extracurriculars and community service. [Apply by March 31, 2026.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

ON NOW - LANGARA COLLEGE INFO WEEK

Feb 2- 6 is your chance to learn how Langara College can get you on your way to your academic/ career goals: Health (incl. Kinesiology and Food & Nutrition), Arts (incl. Theatre, Music Production, Design, Journalism), Arts & Humanities, Business, and Science. Attend an info session or a trial class, connect with recruiters/ faculty/ student services, and get your questions answered.

[Register and attend](#) to apply for free and to potentially win a \$250 Nike giftcard.

KPU DISCOVERY DAYS

Ever wondered what it's like to be a KPU student for a day? Discovery Day is your chance to find out! Participate in Mock Classes, go on a campus tour, and engage in interactive activities to explore the educational path that's right for you. Free pizza and prizes. [Register here.](#)

- KPU Langley (Health, Business, Arts): **Mon, Feb 9**, 11 am – 3 pm
- KPU Richmond (Wilson School of Design, Entertainment Arts, Business, Sciences)
Thu, Feb 13, 11 am – 3 pm
- KPU Surrey (Art, Business, Science, Fine Arts): **Fri, Feb 20**, 11 am – 3 pm

STUDY & GO ABROAD FAIR

Explore colleges, universities, gap year opportunities, and study abroad options on **Saturday, February 28**, 1-5 pm at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront. Plus, don't miss the free Scholarships Canada seminar at 12pm! [Register here.](#)

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ATHLETICS



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For secondary sport updates and information...



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SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tryout # 2 is February 9th after school on the upper field.
Questions? Contact Mr. Karmali.

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

February 11th, 18th, and 20th at 3:30 pm on the upper field.
Questions? See Ms. Dos Santos or Ms. Megan Meredith.

HOCKEY TEAM INFORMATION

All students interested in playing on our school hockey team, please use **TEAMS code 98bx13k** and complete the necessary forms. Questions? Please contact Mr. Last, Mr. Major or Ms. Jenkins.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Wed. Feb. 4 @ 7:30pm	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	AWAY game vs. Riverside Sec.
Wed. Feb. 4 – Fri. Feb. 6	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	League Championships @ TBD
Wed. Feb. 4 – Fri. Feb. 6	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	League Championships @ Terry Fox Sec.
Thurs. Feb. 5 after school	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper Field
Thurs. Feb. 5 @ 6:00pm	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	AWAY game @ Centennial Sec.
Thurs. Feb. 5 @ 7:30pm	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game vs. Centennial Sec.
Fri. Feb. 6 all day	WRESTLING	Provincial Qualifiers @ Pinetree Sec.
Mon. Feb. 9 after school	SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper Field
Mon. Feb. 9 @ 3:30pm	FIELD LACROSSE	AWAY game vs. Riverside @ Gates park
Wed. Feb. 11 after school	JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper field
Wed. Feb. 18 after school	JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper field
Fri. Feb. 20 after school	JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper field