



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRESS YOUR BEST TOMORROW

Dress in school colours (navy, white, grey, black) or wear school/team swag on **Friday, February 13th** to show off your school spirit!

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

Monday, February 16th is the B.C. Family Day Statutory holiday. There are NO classes this day. Classes resume Tuesday, February 17th. Have a great long weekend!

SEMESTER 1 DELF EXAM RESULTS

We have received the DELF results and they are ready for pick-up in the school office. Please come to the office and see Ms. Thibault to receive your results.

ON NOW - REAL ACTS OF CARING WEEK

Real Acts of Caring Week is an annual student-led initiative, intentional acts of kindness without expecting anything in return. Celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2026, the event encourages communities to promote caring and kindness. See www.realactsofcaring.org for more information.

Let's all try to make a difference this week!

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>

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>

AP PSYCHOLOGY 12 EXAM

Any students interested in writing this exam please see Mrs. JOHN in the counselling office **before Feb. 26th**.

CLUB EVENTS

TODAY - FORGOTTEN ORPHANS BAKE SALE

Come check out the bake sale in the front lobby **TODAY** hosted by the Forgotten Orphans Club.

TOMORROW - CROCHET CLUB

The Crochet Club is selling handmade crocheted flowers **TOMORROW** in the front lobby.

Be sure to check out the unique designs made by the club!

HEART TO HOME FUNDRAISER

Help support Heart to Home Club's bake sale on **Tuesday, February 17th** in the lobby.

SHOEBOX PROJECT CLUB

The club is hosting a bake sale in the lobby on **Wednesday, February 18th**.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SFU SCIENCE ALIVE CODING WORKSHOPS

Science ALIVE is launching a new round of online workshops for high school students to learn how to code and implement popular digital tools. These workshops are free, with many beginner and intermediate level workshops available. Students are welcome to sign up for as many workshops as they'd like!
The program runs **Feb 14 - April 25**, various dates. <https://sciencealive.ca/hour-of-code>

ROCKY POINT ICE-CREAM HIRING FAIR

Looking for a summer job? Download the [application form](#), fill it out and bring it to the Hiring Fair along with your resume! The Canteen & Creamery, 2920 Murray St, Port Moody | **Sun, February 22**, 10 am - 2 pm.
They are hiring at all locations, Port Moody, New West, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam.
Looking for friendly, hardworking people who love teamwork, good vibes and ice-cream.
Applicants must be Canadian or Permanent Residents.

YOUTH 4 ACTION SPRING BREAK WORKSHOP

Think Global, Lead and Act Local. Ready to make a difference and take action for sustainability? Join high school students from across Metro Vancouver for three action-packed days of leadership, learning, and fun!
Meet inspiring professionals and explore unique sustainability career paths, learn about climate change impacts and share strategies for adaptation and mitigation, get to know Metro Vancouver's role and services and provide input on upcoming initiatives, and more. Free. [Apply](#) by **March 4, 2026**.

STEM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Kids Computer Program at CLCI is looking for classroom volunteers (grade 9 and up) to support a coding program (Scratch and Micro:bit) for Elementary School students. **Saturdays, March 7 - June 6** (no class on March 21 + 28, April 4), 2.15 - 4 pm, at Como Lake Middle.
If you enjoy working with kids, are interested in STEM, and are available ideally for the full program, contact Lucie at sd43computers@gmail.com or 778 868 4498 (call or text).

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SD43 students 16+ can now apply to participate in a 2-day instructional program with an ICBC instructor to prepare for the Learner's Permit test. On the second day of the program, students will take the test. This opportunity is designed for students who may face barriers, including but not limited to text anxiety, learning challenges, financial need, etc. Selection criteria are student's needs/ barriers, age, attendance, and good standing with the school. May 12 and May 10, all day, Winslow Centre. Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch, and transportation to ICBC. Hand your completed [application form](#) to Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office by **March 11, 3 pm**.

SD43 INDIGENOUS TRADES SAMPLER

This is a hands-on, in-the-shop event designed for students in Grades 9-12 who identify as Indigenous. This 3-day experience aims to inspire students to explore the skilled trades and gain some basic skills in the shop.
Participants will get to build a take-home project and learn foundational skills in Carpentry and CNC Machining. **Wed, April 29 - Fri, May 1**, all day at Port Moody Secondary. [More info here](#). Hand your completed application to the Indigenous Youth Worker or to Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office by **March 11, 3 pm**.

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](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC OKANAGAN - EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINE

The following undergraduate degrees still have space for both domestic students and international students: Applied Science (Engineering), Bachelor of Arts, Commerce, Science, Fine Arts, Health & Exercise Sciences, Media Studies, and Sustainability. If you are graduating and still want to apply, head over to Education Planner BC **before March 31** – but don't delay, applications will close when a program has reached capacity.

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!

GRADE 12 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.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

SFU ENTRANCE BURSARIES & AWARDS

For entering students with grade average +80% and demonstrated financial need. **Deadline is March 31.**
[Apply here.](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to \$20,000. Available for students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities, including the promotion of social justice and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation within their schools and/or communities. [Apply here](#) by **March 31.**

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ATHLETICS



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CONCLUDES TODAY - BADMINTON TEAM TRYOUTS

The last day of badminton tryouts is **TODAY** after school in the gym.

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL HEADING TO PROVINCIALS

The senior girls defeated New West Secondary in their home gym 53-33 on Tuesday evening, officially securing a spot in provincials! The team is heading to the banner game **TONIGHT** at 7:15pm vs. Riverside at New West Secondary. Come out and cheer on the team!

TOMORROW - ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Come warm up for the Ultimate season! Join us for informal practices on **Friday Feb.13 and Friday Feb.20** at 3:30pm on the turf. Info on official tryouts coming soon. Hope to see you there!

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

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

HOCKEY TEAM INFORMATION MEETING

Hockey players, if you are interested in joining our ice hockey team this spring, there will be an information meeting on **Thursday February 19**, at 3:15 in our school cafeteria.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Thurs. Feb 12 after school	BADMINTON TEAM	Last day of tryouts
Thurs. Feb. 12 @ 7:15pm	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	BANNER game vs. Riverside @ New West Sec.
Fri. Feb. 13 after school	ULTIMATE FRISBEE	Informal Practice upper field
Wed. Feb. 18 after school	JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper field
Thurs. Feb. 19 after school	HOCKEY TEAM	Meeting in Caf. For all interested players
Fri. Feb. 20 after school	JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper field
Fri. Feb. 20 after school	ULTIMATE FRISBEE	Informal Practice upper field
Mon. Feb. 23 – Fri. Feb. 27	FIELD LACROSSE	End of Season Tournament @ Best/Cent