



COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MRS. DEVON ROSS

Dear Como Lake Families,

It is hard to believe that 2024 is almost over. We have just wrapped up our 12 Days of Como Caring and we are pleased to announce that we are providing hampers and gifts for many of our families. For the last 12 days, students accumulated spirit points for dressing up, bringing in food for hampers, and for monetary donations. We celebrated all of the hard work at an assembly today. We could not have made all of these hampers without you. Thank you for your generosity as it is really making a difference in the lives of people in our community. Students will also be coming home with a Team T-shirt today that was designed by their fellow students and they are encouraged to wear their shirts often throughout the school year.

We have many different cultures in our school and lots of holiday traditions. Roza in Grade 8 and Ms. Khayat, have put up a Yalda (Persian Celebration) display outside of the office. Yalda is celebrated annually on the Winter Solstice. Adrina and Roza in Grade 8 also spoke about it on our daily announcements. If you have a cultural celebration that you would like to share with our school community, please have your child reach out to Ms. Wald or me.

Learning Updates (Report Cards) have also gone out. Please log onto the MyEdBC Portal at <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> to get your child's document. Students have continued to work hard on their academics as well as their Explorations and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) projects this term.

In terms of other activities in the school, please encourage your children to get involved. The Eco Club, the Art Club, the Guitar Club, or the Wrestling Team are just a few examples. Basketball teams will also be starting in January. Our Bands have been busily practicing songs to perform in front of all of the students at today's assembly.

As field trips and extracurricular activities are still on the go in the New Year, we are still looking for parent volunteers. Please fill out the volunteer information at the following link: [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/comolake/Parents/Forms/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/comolake/Parents/Forms/Pages/default.aspx#/=).

We would like to thank our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for funding additional classroom supplies as well as the teleprompters for our News Crew.

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Principal's Message Continued...

Thank you to all who participated in the yogurt sale for fundraising. If you would like to donate to the PAC for further enhancements to the school, you can donate online here:

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/>

We hope you all have a restful and relaxing break. Wishing you all Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas. See you January 6th!



AND

happy holidays

COMO LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC

 comolakemiddlepac@gmail.com

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR PAC MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 @ 7 P.M.**

Meeting will be held in person and via Zoom only. A link for this zoom meeting has been emailed to all families.

IMPORTANT DATES:

DECEMBER



Friday, December 20

- Last day of school before the Winter Vacation



Monday, December 23 – January 3

- Winter Vacation
- School is Closed

JANUARY



Monday, January 6

- Schools re-open
- Welcome back!



Thursday, January 9

- Mountain Riders Ski and Snowboard Field Trip



Tuesday, January 14

- PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Thursday, January 16

- Mountain Riders Ski and Snowboard Field Trip



Thursday, January 23

- Mountain Riders Ski and Snowboard Field Trip



Thursday, January 30

- Mountain Riders Ski and Snowboard Field Trip

Calendar is available on our website under the heading 'On the Calendar'

Como Lake Website



KATESLEM AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Kateslem after school program runs 5 days per week after school until 5:30 pm. This is a free program but requires a commitment to attend of 4 days per week, staying the full time. Our program is not a daycare and has been running out of Como Lake for over 15 years. It is a youth program geared towards learning essential life skills, trying different activities, cooking, baking, gardening, homework help, and much more. There are also field trips when funding is available. There is limited space as we only have room for 20 youth at this location with snacks provided. If you are interested in joining or are looking for more information, please contact our Kateslem Executive Director, Karyn Bell, at (604)316-8412 or karynskateslem@yahoo.ca



MORESPO RTS Spring Break Camp

Moresports has opened registration for our K- Gr 7 Spring Break Camp at **Hillcrest Middle School**, running from March 17-21, 2025. Registration for other camps at recreation centers, and local non-profits in the Tricities have a waitlist or limited spots available.

Please let your school community know that our camp is available. To register, please go to www.DWUL.io and **search Hillcrest**.



WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs before 6:30 a.m. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website:
<http://www.translink.ca>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes:
www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>



Programs of Choice Applications School Year 2025-2026

JANUARY 9 Programs of Choice Applications open at 9:00 am

JANUARY 15 Programs of Choice Applications close at 4:00 pm

Programs of Choice application forms will be available on the front page of www.sd43.bc.ca on the dates above.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

(For students entering Kindergarten in Sept 2025)

French Immersion
Mandarin Bilingual
Montessori

LATE ENTRY PROGRAMS

(For students entering Grade 6 in Sept 2025)

French Immersion
Montessori



Kindergarten Registration

February 4-6, 2025

WELCOME

Is your child five (5) years old on or before December 31, 2025?

REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN ON FEBRUARY 4- 6, 2025

- 1 Use our School Locator to confirm your neighbourhood catchment school.
(if you have been accepted to a Program of Choice, please register at the school indicated on your acceptance letter)
- 2 Download and Complete our Student Registration Form found on www.sd43.bc.ca/studentregistration.
- 3 Prepare required verification documents.
- 4 Email school the required verification documents between February 4-6
(School email can be found at the bottom section of the school website or on the school locator on our website)
- 5 Wait for a confirmation email and next steps from your neighbourhood school.



Cross Catchment Applications School Year 2025-2026

FEBRUARY 7 Cross Catchment Applications open at 9:00 am

FEBRUARY 12 Cross Catchment Applications close at 4:00 pm



Cross Catchment application forms will be available on the front page of www.sd43.bc.ca on the dates above.

For students who wish to transfer to another school that is not their neighbourhood catchment school



Change of Registration Dates

Summer Learning registration dates have changed from previous years. Skill Building (Elementary, Middle, Secondary) will begin in early March instead of late April.

Registration dates:

- **Tuesday, March 4th** – Elementary Skill Building
- **Friday, March 7th** – Middle/Secondary Skill Building
- **Tuesday, May 6** – Secondary High School Credit (including Fast Track)

Courses will be viewable by the public at the beginning of February 3rd.



ERASE FAMILY SESSIONS Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

Designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world.

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community (60 minute session).

This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Families will learn:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline

Registration for all erase trainings can be found here:
<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS NEW WEST & COQUITLAM

YOUTH BASKETBALL Ages 10-14

Take your kid's basketball game to the next level so they can train for the upcoming season. They will improve their passing, dribbling, shooting, rebounding, defense, one-on-one moves, and have fun while doing it!

New Westminster - Gym N1100
Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 11:30am - 1:30pm
\$149 | CRN 11479

Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3
Saturdays Feb 8 - March 8, 10:45am-12:15pm
\$69 | CRN 11489

JUNIOR ROYALS BASKETBALL Ages 6-9

This program is for younger athletes looking to learn and improve their skills in dribbling, shooting, passing, defence and teamwork. It's a great opportunity for them to be active, have fun and make friends. It's a slam dunk!

New Westminster - Gym N1100
Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 2 - 4pm
\$149 | CRN 11481

Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3
Saturdays Feb 8-March 8, 10:45am-12:15pm
\$69 | CRN 11480

YOUTH BADMINTON Ages 10-14

Your child will learn the fundamentals and strategies of the game, while developing their shots, and improving their fitness through drills and friendly competition.

New Westminster - Gym N1100
Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 9am - 11am
\$149 | CRN 11474

Coquitlam - Pinetree Rec Centre Gym 3
Saturdays Jan 11 & 18, 9am - 12:30pm
\$69 | CRN 11488 (Note: 2 sessions only)

YOUTH COMPUTERS Ages 9-14

- DIGIART
Budding graphic artists will love this fun and creative program. Using various online programs, the kids will learn photo and art manipulation, logo and branding development, and much more.

New Westminster - Room N5100
Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 11:30am - 1:30pm
\$149 | CRN 11480

- CODING & COMPUTER DESIGN
Your child will learn skills to build simple websites and games, and, by refining their designs will develop their logic and problem-solving skills.

New Westminster - Room N5100
Sundays, Jan. 12 - March 2, 2-4pm
\$149 | CRN 11477

- JAVASCRIPT & PLAYFUL PROGRAMMING
Your kids will learn computer programming languages like HTML and jQuery in a DOM framework allowing them to develop interactive webpages & games.

Coquitlam - Room A2110
Saturdays Jan 11 - March 8, 8:30-10:30am
\$169 | CRN 11483

- VIDEO GAME DESIGN
Using creativity, collaboration and critical thinking, your kids will learn to make their own video game from scratch using various platforms including Makecodearcade and Roblox.

Coquitlam - Room A2110
Saturdays Jan 11 - March 8, 10:45am-12:45pm
\$169 | CRN 11482

GET IN TOUCH

📞 youthcamps@douglascollege.ca 📧 604 527 5680 📱 @dcyouthcamps

Register now!

RPM HOCKEY  EST. 1980 COMPANY LTD.

CENTENNIAL HOCKEY ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026

Offered in partnership with RPM Hockey Company, Centennial Secondary & School District 43



CHARACTER • INTEGRITY • TRADITION

ABOUT THE ACADEMY



RPM & Centennial Secondary have developed a Ministry Approved program that provides students with the opportunity to obtain academic credit and pursue their sport of choice.

Academy is (coed, inclusive & available for all skill levels) **Available for players Grades 9-12**

RPM has been the popular choice of Parents, Players & Minor Hockey for over 44 years and Public Education for 21 years! That says a lot about the work we do day in and day out, season after season and year after year!



2025 HOCKEY ACADEMY INCLUDES:

- Academy Format - Semester - Sept. 2025 to Jan. 2026
- Inside the school timetable
- Students can play minor hockey & school sports
- Professional Instruction
- On Ice Development
- Sport Specific Training
- Tactical/Game Play
- Performance Testing
- Guest Speakers & Workshops
- Complimentary Soft Goods
- Special Events
- Volunteer Experience

ACADEMY COST \$1,565

Once you have registered online at www.rpmhockey.com you must also notify the school that you would like to join their hockey academy.

Questions? Need more information? We **strongly recommend** you attend our New Parent Zoom Meeting **Jan 21 @ 7pm** Meeting ID: 856 9228 8054 Passcode: 092470

Registration opens Jan 22 @ 8:30am Online @ www.rpmhockey.com Registrations received are date and time stamped.

Contact:

Centennial Secondary Hockey Academy	Keith Peterson	kpeterson@sd43.bc.ca
Academy Administration	Craig Millin	craig@rpmhockey.com
Academy Administration	Holly Rogers	holly@rpmhockey.com
	Sam Porta	sam@rpmhockey.com



My son he has become an outstanding student as a result of mixing school with the sport he loves.

Putting my son in the Hockey Academy was the best thing I ever did for his hockey development and you can quote me. Parent - Midget Zone Player

My son went from Bantam C to Bantam AAA and he not only brings home great marks, he looks forward to going to school every day.

Building great kids in the classroom, on ice and in their community!

MYED BC PORTAL CORNER

Verification Form:

This form contains demographic information that each family has shared with the school upon registration. If any of the information is incorrect, please print the form and write the updated information. The form can then be sent to the office for us to make the necessary changes on our MyEd system.

The Student Verification Form will be found under the "Published Reports" section of the MyEd Family portal.

Login TO MYED BC Portal

Access to the portal can be found HERE. It is best practice to go to our school website and click on "MyEdBC Family Portal" under "Quick Links." Avoid using google to search for MyEd BC because it often takes you to a different link and it won't work properly!

Your MyEd BC Login is 43-youremailaddress. Please note that every three months, the system requires you to create a new password. This is for security purposes and we suggest you have your passwords written down somewhere safe to refer to! If you can't remember your password, you can request for a Password Reset when logging in (see below).



You can reset the password for MyEd Portal by clicking on "I forgot my password"

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW?

CHANGE IN HOME ADDRESS?

Home address changes must be reported to the office along with 3 of the required support documentation from the following:

- BC Driver's License
- Long Term Tenancy Agreement - showing name & address
- Property Purchase Agreement - showing name & address
- Income Tax Statement - showing name & province of residency
- Property Tax Statement - showing name & address
- Utility Bill
- BC Vehicle Registration
- Canadian Bank Account Statement - showing name & address
- Canadian Credit Card Statement - showing name & address

SchoolCashOnline

KEYGROUP

OPT-IN to receive e-mail notifications for new fees/permission forms assigned to your child and updates on school related activities on School Cash Online. To do this, log on to your account, and click on "My Account", then scroll down to "Manage Email Notifications." Check that the box is marked indicating that you want to receive email notifications. You may also select the preferred language for e-mails from School Cash Online here.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

U9

Softball is For Everybody

Softball

Learn to play softball

Register Here



www.tcmsa.ca/u9-registration/

#wearethetians

PROGRAM

Birth year. 2016-2018



- ✓ **Start:** January - June 2025
 - Monday Practices @ Birchland Elementary (Jan 6 - March 10)
 - April - June (Games Begin) - Outdoors
 - Practice Mondays | Games Wednesdays

Note: Glove/Face Mask/Batting Helmet/Running Shoes Required



check us out on Instagram
@Tricitytitansfastpitch

email your questions to:

support@tcmsa.ca

TriCity
TITANS
www.tcmsa.ca