

The Current - Monty Middle Newsletter

Edition #5 Monday, January 6th, 2025

Weekly Schedule of Events				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				
Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:45am	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:45am	Advanced Concert Band: @ 7:45am	Beginner Concert Band: @ 7:45am	Student government meeting 8:30am-9:30am
Lunch				
Intramurals	Gr 6 Basketball practice (Starts Jan 7) Social Justice Club	Intramurals Chess Club	Gr 6 Basketball practice	Intramurals
After School				
Grade 8 Boys BB practice 3-4:15pm (Starts Jan 13) Gr 7/8 Girls BB practice 4:15-5:15pm (Starts Jan 9)	Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15 Gr 7 BB Games beginning in late Jan Drum Line 3:10pm (Starts Jan 14)	Harry Potter Club Gr 8 BB Games beginning in late Jan Gr 7/8 Girls BB practice 4:15-5:15pm (One time only on Jan 8 th)	Wrestling Practice 3:15-4:15 Grade 7 Boys BB practice 3pm-4:15pm (Starts Jan 9) Gr 7/8 Girls BB practice 4:15-5:15pm (Starts Jan 16 th) Choir 3:10-4:15pm	

January Monthly Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 School Reopens	7 Grade 5 Late Immersion 2 nd information session at Monty	8	9 Late Immersion and Montessori registration opens	10 Student Gov meeting 8:30am See Something Say Something Assembly 11am
13 Gleneagle Gr 8 Parent info night @ Gleneagle 6:30pm	14 Gr 8 Presentations – Centennial & Best	15 LFI and Montessori applications ends 4pm Black Excellence Day	16	17 Student Gov meeting 8:30am
20	21 **Updated date** Order deadline for Jan Hot Lunch	22 Best Gr 8 Parent info night @ Best 7:00pm-8:30pm PAC Meeting 7pm	23 Centennial Gr 8 Parent info night @ Centennial 6:30-7:30pm	24 Gr 8 Tours (all high schools) Student Gov meeting 8:30am
27	28	29	30 Ski & Snowboard Club 3pm-8:30pm	31 **Updated date** Hot Lunch – Triple O's Birthday Club

Volunteer Opportunities

Event	Date	Needs	Contact
Chess Club	Once per week at lunch on Mon, Tues or Thursday.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer once weekly no chess knowledge is needed. • Hand out chess sets and collect them. 	Sarah Husband shusband@sd43.bc.ca

Mrs. Husband's for Your Consideration- Reflecting on who we are.



Montgomery has a long history of restorative practises (RP), it is one of the core beliefs that drives how we interact with each other. An important step in righting a wrong involves students meeting together with an adult facilitator and owning their mistake and setting it right. Restorative Practice does not mean that consequences are not part of the learning process.

An often less known and understood component of restorative practice is student agency. It is the belief or value that students should have an authentic voice in shaping their school community and be able to impact change. The class charters, which all classes completed in the fall, was one example of student voice. Charters represent students' collective commitment to themselves and each other by describing how they want their classroom/ school to function.

Our three indigenous leadership students and district student advisory council with 16 Monty members represent our school interests at the district level and work with our school-based student government to support the district initiatives that both district leadership groups undertake.

Each advisory class is also represented by one or two of their classmates on the Montgomery Student Government, which is sponsored by me, Mrs. Husband, and Mr. Heinrichs. Student government meets weekly to develop their leadership skills, support and create student events and gather student input to make improvements at Monty. So far this year, Student Government, promoted and helped to organize the Winter Market and raised money for Share Food bank through the selling of Candy Cane Grams and will be participating in a focus group for the new school building.

Last school year we began a school revisioning process with the help of Katrina Thorsen, an experienced facilitator and artist. Katrina met with students and staff separately to collect their input about the strengths and needs of our school and to explore a new mission statement, school mascot (Mariners) and our school logo (a hammer head shark). The name Montgomery Mariners was created during the change from a Jr. Secondary to Middle level in the late 1990's. Prior to that we were the Monty Trojans.

The new mission statement as well as the new team names (Team Rockies, Les Alpes, Team Cascades and Team Atlas) are the result of this work. The large canvas banners in the gym and main hallway are a visual summary of this collective work. We are currently in the process of creating a new school logo and mascot. Prior to the break students were invited to share their ideas in any format and we had 15 entries. We look forward to sharing the outcome of this work with you in the Spring.

School News

Volleyball Final

The volleyball season has ended for all grade 6, 7 grade 8 players. Congratulations to all the players who came out to try a sport, make connections and improve their volleyball skills.

Basketball

Grade 6s	Mr. Turner and Mme. Riccardi
Grade 7/8 Girls	Mrs. Sievers and Mrs. Best
Grade 7 Boys	Ms. Gronnemose and Ms. Kong
Grade 8 Boys	Mr. Rossier

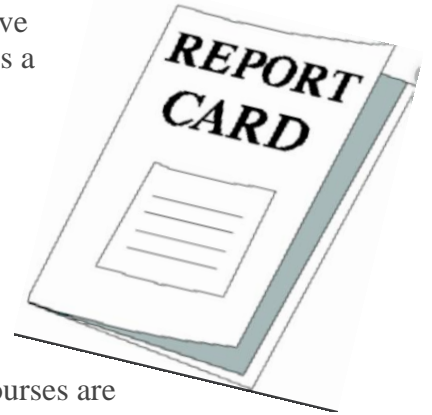
Wrestling

Monty's wrestling team began practice before the winter break. Students who are interested in joining can do so this week. Please take a permission form from the sports board and return it to Mrs. Perry. Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:15pm-4:15pm.

Report Cards -Now Available

On December 18th report cards and updated IEPs became available online. If you have not done so, please take time with your child to read through the report card. There is a lot of writing in each report. The areas that are specific to your child are,

1. Student perspective
2. Teacher comments
3. Collaborative Goals and Next Steps



Teachers complete reports cards in MyEd which is the provincial student information system. Using this system ensures that student data is securely stored and creates a record in a system that is used by most districts throughout B.C. All courses are embedded into the report card and are assessed using a proficiency scale and comment rather than a letter grade. Effective September 2023 all reporting for K-9 in B.C. uses a proficiency scale.

Multicultural Lunch

We are planning our Annual **Multicultural Lunch** on **Friday, February 7th, 2025**. This event has been a highlight for many students.

For the Multicultural lunch students bring food to share from their heritage or families donate money (\$12 is recommended) and we purchase food from many cultures (Italian, Indian, Chinese and Japanese). Parent volunteers organize and serve the food at one of 4 food stations. Students will eat in the gym so that we can eat as an entire school community. Please help us make this meal a community builder.

To reduce our environmental impact, all students need to bring:

- Reusable utensils, plate or bowl and cup
- A bag to carry the clean and dirty dishes to and from home

We will need nearly 40 parent volunteers to make this event possible. A form will be sent out next week with more detailed information. This is a very fun event and is a great opportunity to connect as a community and celebrate multiculturalism at Montgomery.

After schools programs starting soon.

We have two after school programs beginning in the new year at Montgomery.

Do What U Love works in partnership with many Coquitlam Schools including Montgomery to provide quality after school programming options for children with the convenience for families of the program being at the school.

Chess - Tuesdays from January 21st to March 11th

Cooking - Fridays from January 17th to March 14th (No sessions on February 28th due to Pro-D Day)

Coding – Wednesdays from January 15th to March 5th

Montgomery: Afterschool Programs (Winter 2025)

Go to www.DWUL.io, search "SD43 Montgomery" or "Montgomery," or click below.

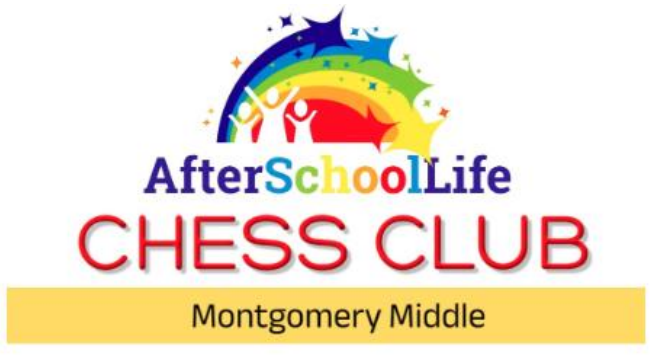
[Montgomery Middle \(Tue\) - CHESS CLUB](#)

[Montgomery\(Wed\): Coding & Design 2D/3D Games & Art](#)

[Gr 6-8 Montgomery \(Fri\) Creative Cooking](#)

Programs are brought to you by different community organizations.
DWUL (Do What U Luv) provides registration support.

Note: If the links are not opening due to browser/firewall issues, go to www.DWUL.io first.
Then, search "SD43 Montgomery" or "Montgomery" for direct access.



Summer Learning Registration

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

What you need to know:

1. Registration dates:
 - a. Elementary Skill Building - Tuesday, March 4th
 - b. Middle/Secondary Skill Building - Friday, March 7th
 - c. Secondary High School Credit (including Fast Track) - Tuesday, May 6
2. Courses will be viewable by the public at the beginning of February 3rd.

PAC News and Events

Happy New Year from your PAC! We hope you had a restful winter break. As always, we are working hard to help support our school and students, and would love to see you involved. We are very grateful to the parents who have attended our monthly meetings, and volunteered to help in other ways.

Important note: For 2024-25, PAC meetings will be on Wednesday nights.

The purpose of the PAC is to promote the education and welfare of students in the school, be the collective voice of parents/guardians, encourage parent/guardian involvement in the school, and to advise and assist the administration and staff in matters pertaining to the school and students. A reminder that all parents/guardians are automatically part of the PAC if they have a child enrolled at Montgomery Middle. We would love to see more of you involved in planning fun events and activities for our kids! We hold meetings once a month and we plan to host most meetings in person at Montgomery Middle. Some meetings may be held online through Microsoft Teams.

This year's Christmas Market was a huge success. We raised over \$1500 to donate to Share Society for Community Hampers, and we couldn't have done it without your support. Thank you so much for your donations, and a huge shout-out to the parents who helped sort items before the market and helped out on market day. We would also like to thank the adult students from Coquitlam Continuing Education, and CrossRoads Hospice Thrift Store for graciously helping us source a few items for the market.

Ordering for winter hot lunch and treat days is open! Order (and volunteer to help!) through MunchaLunch.

<i>Treat Day:</i>	<i>Order/Pay by 11:59pm on:</i>
Fri Jan 24 - Triple O's	Tue January 14, 2025
Fri Feb 21 - Little Caesars	Tue February 11, 2025
Fri Mar 7 - Europe Bakery	Tue February 25, 2025

Please read this important information regarding all hot lunch/treat day orders:

- 1. We look forward to providing lunch and treat opportunities to students.*
- 2. All orders need to be made and paid for online (sorry, no cash orders).*
- 3. No late orders; this allows us to have invoices from vendors and have vendor payments ready on hot lunch/treat day.*
- 4. Sorry, no refunds can be given for student absences.*
- 5. You are able to order multiple lunches and treat days at a time, as well as pay for all your children's orders in one transaction. By ordering and paying at the same time, it reduces the fees associated with credit cards for PAC.*
- 6. If your child is away or on a field trip, their order will be saved until the end of the day, so someone may pick it up. We are unable to save food beyond that due to Food Safe Regulations.*

Ongoing PAC

We are once again accepting donations to the PAC through Montgomery Middle. If you wish to make a donation straight to the PAC, you can log in to School Cash Online and find it under your child's name. Thank you to the many families that have already donated this year. We are using this money to help buy technology and sports equipment for our kids.

PAC has set up an account with Return-It Express. Put all your empty pop, juice, alcohol and milk containers in a see-through plastic recycling bag, and take it to any Return-It Location. Once there, go to the Express label printer, put in the school's phone number (604-939-7367), and print a label. Put the label on your bag, drop the bag off, and our account will get credited with the deposit returns.

2023-2024 Executive

President: Danielle Nicholson

Treasurer: Kristine Kirk

Secretary: Jennifer Jensen

Members At Large: Francisca Madariaga

DPAC Representative: Helena Wang

Meeting Dates for 2024-2025 (there are no meetings in Dec, Mar and June)

Wednesday Jan 22 7pm

Wednesday Feb 26 7pm (note the date change)

Wednesday Apr 23 7pm

Wednesday May 21 7pm - AGM

For more information, email montymiddlepac@proton.me, or check out the PAC section of the school website, where you can find meeting minutes and other information.

DISTRICT NEWS

Winter Weather and School Closures

Schools are not usually closed because of snow or other weather conditions. All schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain open, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

Our schools are in very different climate zones from one another and there may be the need for **some** schools to be closed within SD43 while others remain open. If there is a partial closure of schools within the school district, these individual schools will be named. Full or partial school closures do not happen often.



Extreme weather can also change the transit bussing. Bus schedules may have changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents looking for information on public bus schedules need to consult the Translink website:

<http://www.translink.ca/>

Coquitlam School District school closures will be decided by 6:30 a.m. or earlier and will be announced on:

1. School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and school website
2. Radio

CKNW	980am radio
CKWX	1130am radio
CBC	690am radio

Please do not call the school.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE & CROSS BOUNDRY INFORMATION

ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO GR 8s

PREGISTERING FOR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

Early and Late French Immersion for September 2025

Apply [on the main page of SD43 website](#), between **January 9, 2025 at 9:00am to January 15, 2025 at 4:00pm.**

- Children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.
- Siblings will be given priority if the older sibling is in the program of choice in September 2025.
- Applications will be processed on a **RANDOM DRAW BASIS.**

Early and Late Montessori for September 2025

Apply [on the main page of our website](#) between **January 9, 2025 at 9:00am to January 15, 2025 at 4:00pm.**

Students currently in Grade 5 Montessori and interested in continuing must still apply online and will be given priority over new applications.

- Children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.
- Applications will be processed on a **RANDOM DRAW BASIS.**

CROSS CATCHMENT PROCESS

Parents sometimes wish for their children to attend a school that is not their catchment school. In such cases, a Cross Catchment Application is required after registering at their catchment school. School District 43 uses a random draw process for Cross Catchment Applications (using in-district priority, then out-of-district).

If enrolment projections show that space is available, Cross Catchment transfer Applications will be accepted in accordance with the following priorities:

- (i) sibling of a child who will be in attendance at the Cross Catchment school in the following year;
- (ii) a child residing within the SD43 residential boundaries (could include private or homeschool) and
- (iii) non-school district resident child.

The [School Locator](#) tool on the district web site provides a student's designated catchment area schools. **Catchment is based on permanent home address that is currently on record with the school.**

There are two separate applications:

- 1) Kindergarten Cross Catchment- Kindergarten students must first register with their catchment school.
- 2) Grades 1-12 Cross Catchment (including a section to confirm sibling status)

To apply for Cross Catchment:

Apply [on the main page of the SD43 website](#), starting **Friday, Feb 7, 2025 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025 at 4 p.m.**

- Applications will be processed based on the availability of space in schools and on a **RANDOM DRAW PROCESS.** (using in-district priority then out-of-district)
- The application requires student or Personal Education Number (PEN) number (can be obtained from your child's school), child's birth date, home address, name of current or assigned school, and the name of the requested school(s). Kindergarten requests do not need to provide the student number/ PEN number.
- Families will be notified by district email of the outcome in the second week of March.

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE OPTIONS FOR GRADE 9

Inquiry Hub

You are coming to the end of your Middle School years and it's time to think about high school. Are you going to your local neighborhood school or are you choosing a school that meets your interests and needs? Are you a self-directed learner who likes to get things done on time?

Inquiry Hub Secondary School is an innovative secondary school, in SD43, where students pursue their own personal interests and dreams. Students have scheduled standard classes with a focus on collaborative project-based learning, and some time that is left unscheduled. This unscheduled time is for individual passion projects, group work, and getting schoolwork done.

Join us for our Open House at 6:30pm on Wednesday November 27th, 2024. Tickets available at:

<http://inquiryhub.org/open>



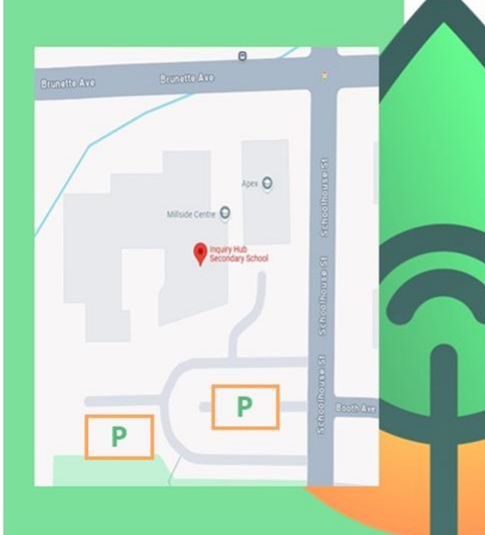
We're the
Dream – Create – Learn
School.

Come to iHub Open 2024

Inquiry Hub Secondary
1432 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam
(Parking access via Schoolhouse St.)

Wednesday Nov. 27th
6:00pm to 8:30pm (show at 6:30)

[Inquiryhub.org/open](http://inquiryhub.org/open)




Inquiry Hub is School District 43's award-winning, inquiry-based, public secondary school. We're looking for motivated learners; students who want to, and can, make a difference.

So, we're inviting you to an open house where students and teachers will share their school, their creations, and what it's like to learn at Inquiry Hub.

Please RSVP at inquiryhub.org/open

Wednesday Nov. 27th, 6:00pm

Inquiry Hub at Millside Centre,
1432 Brunette Ave.
Coquitlam B.C. V3K 1G5



International Baccalaureate Port Moody SS

We are hosting our information nights at PMSS on December 3rd and 4th, at 7:00 pm. Applications are due December 20th and will be available on our website by December 3rd.
The intake assessment will be held on January 18th, 2025 from 8:30-1:00 at PMSS.

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

INFORMATION MEETING FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Tuesday, December 3rd or Wednesday, December 4th, 2024

7:00 p.m. at Port Moody Secondary School

Students and parents interested in entering the IB Program for talented and highly motivated students should attend one of these meetings to receive all pertinent information. There will be an opportunity for students and parents to ask questions about the IB Program. **All registration information will be available at these meetings.** Information about Port Moody Secondary and the IB Program can be found on the web at [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/reg_info/Pages/default.aspx#/=">https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/reg_info/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/IB/reg_info/Pages/default.aspx#/=) and at www.ibo.org.

Grade 10 COAST Program at Gleneagle

COAST 10 is a five-month long program that is available for grade 10 students only, however the student must be attending Gleneagle in Grade 9 to be eligible. If your child is interested in this program, you will need to apply for cross-catchment to Gleneagle and if you are successful, then you will get information about the COAST program in your child's grade 9 year there.

COAST 10 is offered in second semester (February - June).

COAST combines academics with wilderness adventures. We strive to develop powerful and stimulating learning environments where challenges are created and overcome, where students can discover a sense of self, come to understand their community, and explore the natural world.

COAST is committed to preserving and protecting the environment that we all enjoy. Along with experiencing different ecosystems, our students become stewards for the environment as they learn about how the natural environment has an impact on their daily lives, and in turn, what kind of impact their daily lives have on the environment.

Our aim is to enable students to make wise choices, initiate action, turn dreams into reality and take personal responsibility for who they become.

Please visit Gleneagle Secondary Schools website at <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/gleneagle> for more info.