



# MOODY MATTERS NEWSLETTER

January 19, 2024



**\*\* Please note: New and changed items are in Red \*\***

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## The Next Two Weeks At A Glance

Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ski &amp; Snowboard Club trip to Mt Seymour</li> <li>Student Leadership Meeting</li> <li>Grade 9 Parent Night at Pinetree Secondary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 9 Parent Night at Terry Fox Secondary (via Teams)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMSS visit for Grade 8's</li> </ul>
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PRO D Day (no school for students)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMMSOTA Hoedown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit &amp; Veggie Day</li> <li>Ski &amp; Snowboard Club trip to Mt Seymour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black History month begins</li> <li>Term 2 Explorations end</li> </ul>	

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Important Dates 2023-2024 calendar that was included in our September 8<sup>th</sup> newsletter has had some changes. Please always refer to the calendar on our Moody Middle website or the newest version of Moody Matters for updated information.

Please check our website regularly for current announcements, important dates, school sports and clubs, teacher email addresses and other important information. The website address is:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/moody/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

## **REMINDER – PLEASE COMPLETE SCHOOL POLICIES AND STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES**

If you have not done so already, please complete the following on SchoolCash Online:

- District School Policies Form 23-24
- Student Activity Fees

The District School Policies covers things like walking field trips and photo permissions so we can include photos of student activities in the Moody Matters newsletter!

To log in, go to this website and click the blue Sign In button: [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.com/)

If the student activity fees present a financial hardship, please contact our principal Mrs. Banks.

## **SCHOOLCASH ONLINE TO-DO**

Please check your SchoolCash Online account for required fees and forms to be completed and permission forms for upcoming field trips.

PLEASE NOTE – it is best to access SchoolCash Online using a laptop or desktop computer to avoid any errors or issues.

## **2024 CROSS CATCHMENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**

It is that time of year when families may be thinking about Programs of Choice and/or applying for cross catchment. Information regarding the various K-12 opportunities throughout the district can be found by clicking on the links below. Deadlines arrive quickly; please make sure to be aware of all upcoming deadlines regarding these programs.

**Cross-Catchment:** [CROSS CATCHMENT - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\) \(sd43.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/cross-catchment)

### **Parents should:**

- ensure that any changes to student data, especially address changes, are in the current school's student record system.
- ensure they have the correct information to be listed as their child's "catchment" school by utilizing the school district school locator using their current address, which should be the address on file with the student's current school
- ensure they have their child's personal education number (PEN) which is required on both the Programs of Choice and the Cross Catchment applications. The PEN number can be located on their child's report card or by accessing their MyEd parent portal.

## MPR HOLIDAY BREAKFAST DECORATIONS

The infamous Division 12 paper chains made an appearance in the MPR for our Student Holiday Breakfast on Friday December 22. Great job!!



## ATHLETICS



Current sports: Wrestling and Basketball

Please check the school website under Programs & Services > Sports/Athletics for practice schedules.

If your child is participating in athletics, please be sure to log into your SchoolCash Online account and complete the "Student Athletic Fees and Registration" item. If you do not complete this item, your student will not be able to participate. If the fees present a hardship for your family, please contact the principal, Mrs. Banks.

## 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 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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

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](http://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>

## STUDENT ABSENCES / LATES / EARLY DISMISSALS

If your student is going to be absent, please complete the 'Absence/Late/Early Dismissal' online form available on Moody Middle's website home page under 'Quick Links' or call the office at 604-461-7384. **If submitting an online form for an early dismissal, please remember to include the time that the student will be leaving.** Please remind your students that when they are feeling ill or want to go home, they should go to the office to have staff call home for parent permission to leave. Students should not be calling or texting parents directly as the office staff must speak with a parent or caregiver.

## PHONES AT SCHOOL

Cell phones are important tools of communication. They are not, however, necessary for the day-to-day happenings at school. To help minimize distractions during learning and school time, EMMSOTA school policy asks students to leave their phones safely tucked in their lockers during school hours. This includes the morning nutrition break and lunch.

## EMMSOTA PAC

### WINTER 2024 HOT LUNCH DATES!



The poster features the EMMSOTA PAC logo in the top left, the title 'WINTER 2024 HOT LUNCH' in the center, and a 'order NOW' graphic in the top right. It lists lunch dates for January, February, and March, each with a restaurant name, a 'WED' label, a date, and the last day to order. Logos for the restaurants and the 'toby' logo are also included.

Month	Restaurant	Date	Last day to order
JANUARY	Dominos Pizza	WED 10	Jan 2
	Subway	WED 24	Jan 16
FEBRUARY	A&W	WED 7	Jan 30
	Chopped Leaf	WED 21	Feb 13
MARCH	Red Robin	WED 6	Feb 27
	Subway	WED 13	Mar 5

PLACE ORDERS: [emmsota.parentcouncil.net](http://emmsota.parentcouncil.net)

**The next EMMSOTA PAC Meeting will be held on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 pm via ZOOM. ZOOM link will be provided prior to the meeting.**

The Parent Council Site is the EMMSOTA PAC's Communication platform. This is the parent hub for information regarding fundraising, school updates, hot lunch ordering and more. You will also find information for our PAC meetings like agendas and meeting minutes. It's a one-stop shop for all things PAC. On-line Registration is currently open and hot lunch ordering has begun for the school year.

To register for the PAC website, visit the Moody Middle website, click on the PARENTS link and then the PAC link – full instructions are available there.

If you have any questions about the Parent Council site, please email us at [emmsotahotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:emmsotahotlunch@gmail.com)  
Questions about the PAC? Our email is [emmsotapac@gmail.com](mailto:emmsotapac@gmail.com)  
And please join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EMMSOTAPAC>  
"Like" our page to receive updates on events, meetings and fundraising initiatives.



## 2023/2024 PAC Year-Round Fundraisers

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**COBS Bread - Suter Brook Village**

When you visit COBS Bread in Suter Brook Village, please mention Moody Middle when you make a purchase, and COBS will donate 5% back to our PAC.



**Return-It Express**  
(104 - 2560 Barnet Hwy, Coquitlam)  
Or at any Return-it Express Kiosk

No sorting required, and **ALL** money from your returnables comes back to Moody Middle PAC! Bag your returns in see-through plastic bags and drop off at the address above or ANY Encore Return-It Express location. Enter the school's phone number – (604) 461-7384 – at the Express kiosk, print out the label(s) and place one on each bag you return.



**Port Moody Liquor Store** (2929 St. John's Street (near 7-11).  
Mention "Moody Middle" when you make a purchase at Port Moody Liquor Store or online (put 'Moody Middle' in the "notes" when checking out), and 5% will come back to the PAC.





Purchase **Tru Earth** laundry products through our PAC online store and 20% of your purchase comes back to the PAC. Keep watch on our PAC Facebook page and Parent Portal for sales throughout the year.  
[tru-earth.sjv.io/MoodyMiddle](http://tru-earth.sjv.io/MoodyMiddle)

If you have any questions, please email us at  
[emmsotapac@gmail.com](mailto:emmsotapac@gmail.com)

Join us on the Parent Portal - PAC's Communication Hub and where to order Hot Lunch:  
<http://emmsota.parentcouncil.net/>  
To create a new account: Click "register". School Code: EMMSOTA1

Request to join our PAC's Facebook Page so you can stay updated all year round!

Moody Middle PAC Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/EMMSOTAPAC>

Thank you!

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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**



# What's Happening

## Aide Aux Devoirs Homework Club

Ages 10-13yrs

**Tuesdays 3:30-5:00pm**

**Maillardville Community Centre  
1200 Cartier Avenue, Coquitlam**

Join us for a French-led homework club for students in FSL, late immersion, or French immersion programs at school. Participants will start by burning some energy in the gym, followed by a snack and then get the opportunity to receive help with their homework. Any time that is left will be spent playing French language games.

***January 16<sup>th</sup> to February 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 13<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup>***

***Register online, by phone or in person.***

***Online: [www.coquitlam.ca/register](http://www.coquitlam.ca/register)***

***Phone: 604-927-4386***

***In person at any City of Coquitlam facility***



SAFER  
SCHOOLS  
TOGETHER



Erase/Safer Schools Together are pleased to announce that they have opened registration for four more 60-minute Social Media Awareness Family sessions through the Ministry of Educations' *erase* strategy in January and February 2024. All sessions are online.

**Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities** – Everyone Welcome!  
Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. 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/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding the use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- January 23
- February 7
- February 28

Please click on the link below to register:  
[erase Family Sessions](#)

**GRADE 6 STAY ACTIVE PASS**

The Grade 6 Stay Active! Pass provides 12 free admissions to either drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium-based activities in the cities of Coquitlam, Port Moody and Port Coquitlam. These passes are valid Sept. 5, 2023 – Sept. 2, 2024 for the 2023/24 school year.



For Coquitlam residents, read more: <https://ow.ly/IMPi50PWBCZ>  
Apply for Grade 6 Passes online here (for Coquitlam residents only): <https://ow.ly/4eIF50PU1tz>  
For Port Moody residents, read more: <https://ow.ly/1ICx50PU2ef>  
For Port Coquitlam residents, read more: <https://ow.ly/JUtE50PU2eA>  
NOTE – You can get the Moody Middle registration letter from the Moody Middle office.



# Youth Winter Recreation



**Programs begin the week of January 15**

Cooking - 30 Minute Meals & Diners, Drive-ins and BBQ's		Chess	For youth in grades 6-12
Floor Hockey	Pickleball	Table Tennis	
Volleyball	Yoga	Standard First Aid & CPR-C/AED	



**Pro-D Day - Babysitter's Training**

Youth Weight Room Small Group Training

For ages 13-17 years

Visit [portmoody.ca/signmeup](https://portmoody.ca/signmeup) to register





## **Parent Information Sessions**



### **Creating Effective Partnerships – November 7th**

School District 43 in partnership with Kinsight Family & Individual Support Program, invites parents and caregivers of children who have developmental delays, disabilities or diverse learning needs to join us for an information session highlighting the various district supports and services available. Meaningful inclusive practices, programming, collaborative IEP development, and the importance of building an effective partnership between school, and the home team will be reviewed.

### **Planning for the Future – November 16th**

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of high school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session intended to help families think about, and plan for the transition from high school to adult life. This presentation will include a panel of guest speakers representing school district 43 programs, inclusive post-secondary institutes, employment supports, government agencies, and community supports. Entering adulthood is an important milestone, therefore taking action early will help create a smooth and successful transition plan for the future.

### **Transition into Kindergarten – January 11th**

The Learning Services Zone Coordinators and other school personnel from School District # 43 invite parents and caregivers of children with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session to discuss what to expect when your child enters kindergarten. We will also discuss how you can be involved to help make the transition successful for your child as they embark on their educational journey.

### **Stepping Up to Secondary School – February 6th**

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of middle school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session focusing on how Secondary School can provide meaningful educational opportunities that support the student's development, maturity and progress towards future goals. A successful transition to Secondary School means that students have access to classes and school experiences that prepare them for what comes after high school – post-secondary education, employment, and full participation in all aspects of community life.

### **Time to Talk About Middle School – March 5th**

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of elementary school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session discussing the differences between Elementary and Middle School. We will focus on the transition process, Middle School culture and routines, structures to support student success, and the benefits of meaningful collaboration to develop the student's program.

**When: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)**  
**Location: Education Learning Center - Room B103/B104**  
**1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam**

Questions? Please contact Colleen Lambert at [colambert@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:colambert@sd43.bc.ca)

Please note, registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register