



Port Moody Times

Thursday
June 19, 2025
Day 1

LOST & FOUND

If you have any of these items, please stop by the office to see if it belongs to you.



There are tables set up with all the Lost & Found items by the front entrance near the MPR. Please take a look during lunch or after school. Any unclaimed belongings after June 26th will be donated.



Could the following students please see Mr. Straumford in the PE office ASAP:

Michelle L.
Hiren T.
Cindy C.
Simon L.

Hanyong J.
Wei Wei L.
Chris B.
Matthew L.

JE L.
Joanne P.
Miku O.
Clarissa C.

YEARBOOKS

Purchased yearbooks for Gr. 9-11 will be distributed at lunch in the MPR. Please bring your ID to collect your yearbook.

HOMEROOM / LOCKER CLEANUP / AWARDS CERTIFICATES

Today after lunch (12:45-1:05pm), students will to their homerooms. They will clean out their lockers and return their locks (with the orange tags) to their homeroom teachers. Awards/ certificates for Grade 9-11 students will also be given out during this time. Homeroom directory is posted around the school for reference. Grade 12 students will receive their certificates in their commencement portfolios at the Orpheum on June 25th.

Attention Grade 9 – 11 Students! Schedules were handed out on Monday. **These schedules are subject to change and are NOT FINAL.** Counsellors and the IB Coordinator will receive course corrections through the online form [HERE](#) . USE the form to make the request and then be patient. This process takes time, and updates will be shared via the MyEd Portal only, we will not reprint schedules. Any students who try to see us for course changes will be redirected to complete the form. We encourage you to check the MyEd portal in the last week of August, as changes over the summer are expected. There are many full classes which means that we will not be able to accommodate all changes. Priority will be to fix schedules that have errors.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

In case if you’ve missed the homeroom walkthrough on Monday, please come to the office to pick up your course schedules for next year.

COMPASS GRADPASS

Grade 12 students who did not receive their complimentary COMPASS GRADPASS tickets, please come to the office at lunch or after school to pick them up. Each pass gives you one free day of unlimited travel on bus, SkyTrain, SeaBus and West Coast Express. The Compass GradPasses must be used in conjunction with your valid school ID or government issued photo ID. COMPASS GRADPASSES are valid until June 30.

PARKING PASS

Your PMSS student parking pass is now overdue. Please return it back to the office to avoid a \$5 fee in your cash online account.

LAST DAY FOR CAFETERIA FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

The last day for cafeteria service is Friday, June 20th. The Cafeteria will NOT be open next week.

The Tri-Cities
Enchantment Project



Dress & Suit Donations Request

The Enchantment Project was created to ensure all our young people can attend their high school graduation celebrations. Your donations of modern and stylish grad dresses and suits are vital to the continuation of this project.

Grad dresses and suits can be donated at Terry Fox, Riverside, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, and CAFE. Donations are accepted now until June 25th and again January to March 2026.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please email Erin with any questions - ewatkins@sd43.bc.ca

¡VAMOS A COSTA RICA! We are excited to announce that Port Moody Secondary's Languages Department is planning a trip to Costa Rica for Spring Break of 2026. This trip is open to all current Grade 9-11 students, and is an exciting opportunity to visit a beautiful country, learn, grow, and have fun. Costa Rica boasts beautiful nature, exquisite coastlines, and rich culture. The trip will take us through a cloud forest, up a volcano, through a chocolate farm, and straight to the best surfing waves. Students will experience travel without their families in a safe and structured setting, and will have the opportunity for fun and learning both academically and for life. The trip will span 10 days and 9 nights, and the cost, which covers everything including airfare, food, and hotels, is \$4,405 if you pay the \$499 deposit by June 13th through School Cash Online. For more information and updates, join our Teams through the QR code. Contact Sara Whittaker at swhittaker@sd43.bc.ca if you have further questions, or want an application form. We hope to see you in Costa Rica next year!

WE'RE GOING TO

Costa Rica

Join the Team through the QR code below and stay in the loop on all the latest updates about the trip!



JOIN US!

TRIP INFO:

FOR: PMSS Modern Languages Department

DATES: March 16-25, 2026

WE'LL SEE: A volcano, a waterfall garden, hanging bridges, a chocolate farm, and MORE...

Get your application in to P4 by June 7th

888.270.8851 | explore.ca | 

JOURNALISM CLUB

Are you interested in reading the works of your peers? Learn and engage in various topics you love - or maybe learn something new! Check out our website, where you can interact with articles already published by club members.
Website link: <https://surl.li/jgchuy>
If you're interested in writing your own work, visit us in Room 217 on Thursdays, Bi-Weekly @ Lunch!

TUTORING CLUB IS BACK!

Looking for some help with your classes? The student tutors at the Tutoring Club would love to help. We are available Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch, Block 5 and after school. Lunchtime tutoring sessions take place in room 311, and Block 5/after school sessions are in the Youth Worker room—directly across from the Library Learning Commons. It's a drop-in program, you don't need to sign-up for tutoring! If you're interested in being a tutor, please see Ms. Nembhard in the office.

ONGOING

MORNING STUDENT DROP OFF

This is a reminder to parents and students that drop-off and pick-up is to take place only in the lower parking lot - regardless of time of day or weather conditions. If you are dropping off for an early morning class or team practice, please do so in the lower parking lot.

PMSS TIMES: The PMSS Times will be distributed on *Tuesdays* and *Thursdays*. Announcements will not be read over the PA. You will find copies of the PMSS Times outside the office, in the Cafeteria under the clock, and outside the Library Learning Commons.

TRANSLINK

- As Translink is increasingly busy, please keep the following in mind when you are taking public transit.
- Be mindful of where you are standing when the bus is coming to a stop. Moving away from the curb allows the driver to pull in safely.
 - Remember that other students want to get on the bus. Pushing your way to the front of the line makes everything slower for everyone.
 - With construction, the bus stop locations have changed. Check the signs or your app carefully to make sure that you're at the right bus stop.
 - Other bus riders may not want to hear your conversation—keep the volume down.
 - You might miss the bus, or it might be full. Another one will be along soon.
 - If you see something unusual when you're on public transit, report it to a uniformed attendant, or text 87.77.77

We all need to work together to make a transit system that it safe for everyone!

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORMS

This is a reminder for parents/ guardians to log onto their MyEd parent portal to view their student information verification form. If any changes are to be made, please make corrections on a printed form and return it to the office.

CAREER CENTRE

Post-Secondary Information, Admissions Updates, New Post-Secondary Programs, Scholarships, Volunteering, Employment, Career Programs & Training, Leadership and Enrichment Programs

PMSS Career Resource Centre

Main Office. Open from 8:00am – 3:30pm Monday-Friday.
Questions? Email Ms. Chang at mchang@sd43.bc.ca or call 604-939-6656 ext. 2013.
How to keep up with the news? Join the Port Moody Secondary Career center TEAMS page! Code to join: 46n1w80 or follow the Career Centre Instagram @pmsstransitions! Don't forget to check out the [PMSS Online Career Centre website](#)

Post-Secondary workshops and info sessions

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit [HERE](#)
***NEW* EducationUSA Essay Writing Boot Camp (3 session Intensive)** is happening August 7th, 12th, and 14th from 11:00am - 12:30pm PST online for FREE. The EducationUSA Essay Writing Boot Camp is a 3-session intensive that will help you conceptualize and begin writing your Common App essay for US admissions. It is recommended that you attend all 3 1.5 hour long sessions. By signing up for this "Series", you will be registered for all sessions. If interested, [REGISTER HERE](#).
Capilano University – Paralegal Diploma & Degree Info session is happening on June 24th, 2025 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm virtually! Looking for a career in law? CapU's School of Legal Studies is the only university in Western Canada to offer a degree program for paralegals and graduates of the program and graduates of the program are in high demand across the legal profession. Join us [HERE](#) for a virtual Paralegal Diploma and Bachelor of Legal Studies Degree Information Night to learn more about the program and meet instructors.

2D & 3D Character Animation at VanArts is happening on Thursday June 12th, 2025 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm online via Zoom! In this info session, we will unpack our full-time 1 year programs designed to train animators for success. This session will be hosted by Wayne Gilbert - who worked on STAR WARS to Care Bears at Disney and EA - and Fernando Gil

- who worked on films at Atomic Cartoons and Titmouse and with clients including Disney, DreamWorks, and Sony Imageworks. Exclusive scholarship offers for info session attendees only! If interested, register [HERE!](#)

General Learning Opportunities

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit [HERE!](#)

***NEW* RCMP – National Youth Advisory Committee** is open for applications from youth across Canada. We're proud to include voices from each province and territory, each offering unique perspectives that enrich the RCMP's understanding of youth experiences. Students can potentially obtain a reference letter and 20 community service hours. Students must commit to 2-4 online hours per month from October – June. If interested, click [HERE!](#)

***NEW* 2025 Visual Arts Exhibition – Call for Artists** is inviting artists 16+ to [submit an application](#) to have their two-dimensional visual art pieces on display at Town Centre Park Community Centre from September 2025 to March 2026. This year's exhibition themes, "Elemental Forces - Exploring the power of earth, water, fire, air" support the City's commitment to fostering equity, diversity and inclusion. These themes inspire dialogue and foster an understanding of the significance art plays in our community. Artists may choose to explore one, several or all of the elemental themes in their submission. If interested, the deadline to submit an application is July 4th, 2025.

University Canada West – NextGen Business Experience is looking for students in Gr. 11 (transitioning to Gr. 12) to join UCW for a unique behind the scenes look at how different business department operate. You'll work alongside professionals, take on hands-on-tasks, shadow staff and make new connections – all while getting a taste of life at a downtown Vancouver university. The program wraps up with a Mini Fair where you can share what you've learned to celebrate your experience! This is a great opportunity to build your resume, grow your confidence and start thinking about your future. This experience will happen every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am – 2:30pm July 22 – August 15 and cost \$99 for all short-listed applicants. To apply, email hs@ucanwest.ca. More info can be found [HERE!](#)

All Ages Poetry Slam is happening on Saturday June 28th, 2025 at 7pm at Bevees! Compete for prizes, join our open mic or just come for the poetry! Tri-Cities poetry is an arts organization that is dedicated to inclusivity and creating welcoming spaces for artists. They are now starting an ALL AGES event in Port Coquitlam that they would love to get youth involved in. This event is free! If interested, register [HERE!](#)

Gr. 9&10 – YMCA Bettie Allard Red Cross Babysitting course (cost: \$85) is happening on Monday July 7th, from 9am – 5pm for youth 11-15 years old. Learn about: Responsibility and leadership skills, decision making and behaviour management, child development strategies, feeding, diapering and dressing, safety awareness and prevention, First Aid for babysitters, Business of babysitting. To register, contact: Tracey.Korotash@bc.ymca.ca.

Trades and Apprenticeship Information

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit [HERE!](#)

Volunteer/Employment Opportunities

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit [HERE!](#)

***NEW* WorkBC – Youth Job Fair** is happening on July 17th, 2025 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at 3030 Lincoln Ave #221 in Coquitlam. Are you looking for a job this summer? Meet employers actively hiring youth aged 16-30 for positions in retail, food service, construction, and more! Bring your resumes and be prepared for possible on-the-spot interviews. To attend or ask questions, please contact: [rnawar@ywcavan.org!](mailto:rnawar@ywcavan.org)

Community Volunteer Connections is looking for a **Recyclable Bottle Collection Coordinator**. This is a short-term, self-directed activity with a flexible schedule. They are looking for a volunteer to reach out to their local community to help raise funds through a bottle drive campaign; *Cans and Bottles for Change*. Organize bottle collection efforts to support CVC in raising funds and to bring awareness to the value of volunteering. This is a good fit for a busy student to satisfy volunteer hours or a family that wants to volunteer together. For more info or to apply, click [HERE!](#)

Canuck Place Children's Hospice is looking for volunteers for their **YVR Kids Charity Gala** on Wednesday, July 30th 2025 at Sheraton Vancouver Airport. Shift times are between 4:00pm – 10:30pm. Duties include registration/ check-in and break relief, raffle ticket sales and/or wine pull and supporting the silent auction. If interested, please email ivolunteer@canuckplace.org. For more info, click [HERE!](#)

Community Volunteer Connections is searching for an **Event Outreach Coordinator**. This is a short-term remote work opportunity with a flexible schedule. Volunteers must be ages 15+ with a computer and reliable internet access at home and available for meetings once a week during the weekday. Volunteers support our volunteer Fair team by researching local non-profits, update a master list with information gathered from research and use the master list as a communication resource and track progress. Training is provided. This is a great opportunity to build your work skills! If interested, [Click HERE!](#)

Inlet Skating Club is looking for 2-3 **volunteer photographers** at their upcoming skating competition on Friday, June 20th, 2025 from 3:30pm – 7:30pm at Port Moody Recreation Centre (300 loco Rd). Volunteers will need to bring their own camera equipment and be able to share photos with us via a link to a shared drive following the event. They are happy to provide volunteer hours to meet school requirements. If interested, please email [jennvjarvis@gmail.com!](mailto:jennvjarvis@gmail.com)

Kamino Race Series – Canada Day 5+10km is looking for volunteers who want to earn 4-6 volunteer hours on July 1st 2025 from 8am – 2:00pm at Gates Park, Port Coquitlam! Duties include helping with bag drop off, bib pick-up, set-up, and finisher medals to our runners. If interested, sign up [HERE!](#)

Golden Spike Days is an annual family event held in Rocky Point Park to commemorate the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the city and the Confederation of Canada. The festival is looking for volunteers for June 28 – July 1st 2025 for a variety of positions including: Gate greeter, stage hand, family zone, traffic/ parking control, environment supporter, bike valet, information tent, volunteer supervisor and more! For more information, or to sign-up, click [HERE!](#)

Caribbean Days Festival 2025 is taking place July 26 -27, 2025 at Town Centre park, Coquitlam and requires volunteers! This event draws a crowd of exuberant fun-lovers for a weekend of parading, dining, socializing, and dancing in the sunshine. This is a weekend of tropical rhythms, cuisine, carnival and culture as only the Caribbean islands can offer. Volunteers receive a small meal and other benefits depending on the number of hours or shifts worked. To sign-up, click [HERE!](#)

Port Moody RIBFEST 2025 is happening again this year on July 17th – 21st, 2025 at Rocky Point Park! By joining RIBFEST, volunteers help us create an unforgettable event while supporting the Port Moody Rotary Club’s fundraising efforts. Proceeds directly benefit local clubs, organizations, and charities that make a difference in our community. For more information, or to sign-up, click [HERE!](#)

PoMo Arts – Art Out Side is looking for volunteers for their multidisciplinary arts festival that transforms Port moody this summer July 21 – Aug 10th, 2025! Arts will fill the streets, from waterfront to commercial hubs, alleyways to park benches and secret locations. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support outdoor festival activities this summer. If you love art and being outside, this is a great opportunity to make your summer unforgettable! Youth volunteers are eligible for our annual Visual Arts Scholarship if they accumulate 30+ hours between Jan 2025 and Oct 1, 2025! To sign-up, click [HERE!](#)

Scholarship / Awards

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit [HERE!](#)

Registered Nurses Foundation of BC Bursaries (value: varies depending on bursary but most are \$1500) is open now until September 15th, 2025! Applicants must be enrolled, recently accepted or completed studies in 2025, Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents and have BC Residency. Each individual bursary may have their own specific criteria as well. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by September 15th, 2025.

Icelandic Canadian Club of BC Scholarships (value: \$1000) is awarded to students of Icelandic ancestry who are residents of BC and are beginning or continuing full-time programs of post-secondary education (academic or technical studies). Applicants, parents or grandparents must be members of good standing of the Icelandic Canadian Club of BC. Awards will be given to scholastic achievement with consideration given to member’s activity in the Icelandic Club. For more information, or to apply, click [HERE!](#)

Looking Glass Foundation for Eating Disorders – Reflections Scholarship (value: \$1000 - \$3000) is open for Canadians and permanent residents that will be enrolled in their first undergraduate degree. Applicants must be full-time students enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada, who are commencing or returning to a university or college program starting between Sept 2025 – Jan 2026. Applicants must be currently accessing or have previously accessed support for an eating disorder and are far enough along in recovery to be able to meet the demands of their chosen degree. They must also demonstrate a strong need for financial assistance in order to achieve their academic goals. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by July 15th, 2025.

PARENTS

PMSS 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Please click [HERE](#) for the 2024-2025 School Calendar

For information regarding **PAC**, please visit <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/Parents/PAC/Pages>

2025-2026 Calendar

Port Moody Secondary and School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

School Calendar 2025-26 Designation

Schools Open
 Pro D Day
 Truth and Reconciliation Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Pro D Day
 Remembrance Day
 Pro D Day – School Based
 Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)
 Winter vacation period
 Schools re-open after Winter vacation
 BC Family Day
 Pro D Day
 Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)
 Spring vacation period
 Schools re-open after Spring Break
 Good Friday
 Easter Monday
 Pro D Day
 Victoria Day
 Pro D Day – School Based
 Last day of school for all students
 Administrative day – Schools closed

Date(s)

Tuesday, Sept 2
 Friday, Sept 19
 Tuesday, Sept 30
 Monday, Oct 13
 Friday, Oct 24
 Tuesday, Nov 11
 Friday, Nov 21
 Friday, Dec 19
 Monday, Dec 22 – Friday, Jan 2
 Monday, Jan 5
 Monday, Feb 16
 Friday, Feb 27
 Friday, Mar 13
 Monday, Mar 16 – Friday, Mar 27
 Monday, Mar 30
 Friday, Apr 3
 Monday, Apr 6
 Friday, Apr 24
 Monday, May 18
 Friday, May 29
 Thursday, Jun 25
 Friday, June 26




ELEMENTARY 8 LOCATIONS

July 8 – July 25, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Courses: K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!

Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply.

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MAR

Registration
6:00am

MIDDLE 3 LOCATIONS

July 8 – July 25, 8:45am - 11:45am

Courses: Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated Studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more!

Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply.

Registration
6:00am

07
MAR

SECONDARY SKILL BUILDING 2 LOCATIONS

July 8 – July 25, 8:30am - 11:30am OR 12:00 - 3:00pm

Courses: English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 for Science and Math is only available by school referral.

Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply.

07
MAR

Registration
6:00am

SECONDARY FULL CREDIT 2 LOCATIONS

July 2 – August 7 (6 weeks)
 8:00am – 11:30am OR 12:00pm – 3:30pm

Face-to-Face or Online Blended Fast Track
 Courses: Life Science 11, Anatomy & Physiology 12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11,12; EAL 10,11; English 10,11,12; English First Peoples 11,12; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PHE 10; Socials 10,11, Science 10.
 Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply.

Registration
6:00am

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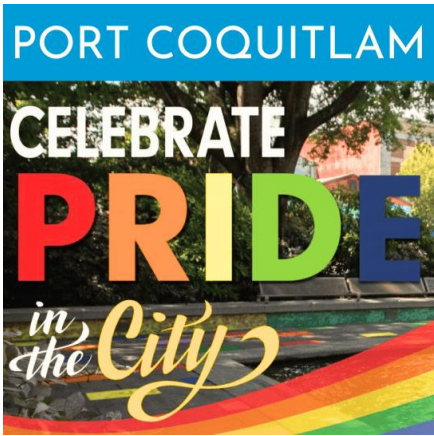


www.sd43SummerLearning.ca / Phone 604-936-4261

COMMUNITY

The Tri-Cities Pride Society's Pride Festival is July 18-20 this year!

- Port Moody YOUTH Pride is July 18 (4-6pm) at the PoMo Arts Center
- Coquitlam Pride is July 19 (12-5pm) at the Evergreen Cultural Center
- PoCo Pride is July 20 (2-5pm) at Leigh Square



Port Moody's LGBTQ+ Youth Committee is excited to be helping organize an event to celebrate queer youth, as well as their families, friends and allies. Come out to enjoy a queer youth art exhibit, music, food and so much more. More details about this event as well as other local Pride info, check out the Tri-Cities Pride Society's website <https://tricitiepride.ca/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

COQUITLAM CRUNCH CHALLENGE

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Join the Coquitlam Crunch Challenge crew Saturday
June 21 and help make the event amazing!

Sign up today:
Signup.com
2025 Coquitlam Crunch Challenge





\$25 summer drop-in pass

Children and youth ages 0–18 get unlimited access to drop-in activities!



pools



drop-in preschool, children & youth activities



weight room



walking track



drop-in fitness



steam room and hot tub

PORT MOODY
CITY OF THE ARTS

SCHOOL'S OUT PASS

**Only
\$25**

Get unlimited drop-in access to Coquitlam pools, gyms, and rinks during summer, winter, and spring breaks for just \$25 with the School's Out Pass! *Valid June 28, 2025 – March 29, 2026.*

Available June 2.

coquitlam.ca/SchoolsOutPass