



Port Moody Times

Thursday
October 23, 2025
Day 2

Every Friday is Blues Friday!



Tomorrow, October 24th is a
Pro D Day (no school)

STUDENT ID CARDS

Student ID cards are now available for pick up. Please come by the office during lunch or after school to pick up.

OFF BLOCK STICKERS

Gr. 12 students who need an off block sticker can pick it up in the office during lunch or before/ after school.

YEARBOOK

On a whiteboard in the MPR, you'll find a list of student names as they will appear in the 2025–2026 yearbook. Please take a moment to review your name and make any corrections if needed. The deadline is November 15.

Thank you! – The Yearbook Team

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS

Delta School District is again offering Language Challenge Exams for students fluent in a (selected) language other than English. The exams are held in Delta. Posters are up around the school with Delta School District's website - where you can access more information as well as the online application form. For further information go to their website:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

1. The **deadline for applications** to the 2025/2026 Language Challenge Exams is **October 24, 2025**.
2. Exams will take place on Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1, 2026. Your exam will take around three hours – you will be informed whether your exam is scheduled for the morning or afternoon.
3. In the Challenge Exam Application Package, **Page 9 is to be filled out online before you print the package**. You will see the highlighted areas and drop boxes where you should type.
4. Confirmation emails will be sent out by December 13, 2025. If you have questions after you have looked at the website, please contact your school counsellor: Ms. Campbell, Dr. Maierle or Ms. Sidhu."

PROGRAMMING CLUB

Programming Club is hosting the BCC (Beaver Computing Challenge) from Waterloo University. It is a 45 minute algorithm-related contest, which is open to Grades 9s and 10s, which does not require any previous programming experience! The contest fee is \$5 and it will be written after school. Please use the link below to register

Registration deadline: October 23

Payment deadline: October 30

Contest write date: November 14

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/27yjsndz>



Monday, October 27th is BC School Library Day

To celebrate libraries and literacy we invite you to Drop Everything And Read in Block 3 on Monday.

Come prepared to read on Monday by coming into the library today to pick out a book. Ask the librarians what they would recommend for you. They love to match readers with just the right book.

We will make an announcement to remind you all to Drop Everything and Read in Block 3 on Monday.

CADETS WANTED

Any cadets interested in participating in the Remembrance Day Assembly, please see Mr. Fraser for a brief meeting at lunch in Room 310 on Wednesday Oct. 29/25.

PMSS HOCKEY NIGHT

PMSS Hockey Night at Poirier Sports Complex with the Coquitlam Express will be on November 14th. It will be open to everyone!!

PORT MOODY
SECONDARY SCHOOL HOSTS

Gathered

A VINTAGE MARKET

OCT 25

10AM - 4PM

300 ALBERT ST
PORT MOODY
GYM ENTRANCE

Over 60
vendors!

ALL PROCEEDS TO FUND
2026 AFTER GRAD

@gathered_vintage_market

Spanish 11 and 12 presents you with...

JOIN US FOR A

DAY OF
THE DEAD

Face painting, pinata, food,
crafts and more!

AT LUNCH IN
MPR

October 30, 2025 – Thursday

SPIRIT WEEK

Hey PMSS! Leadership is bringing you to another spirit week! Don't forget to participate!

- Monday, October 27th** - Performative Day (iced matcha, labubu, baggy jeans, thick book, wired headphones and glasses)
- Tuesday, October 28th** - Teacher Student Switch: dress as your favorite teacher
- Wednesday, October 29th** - 2000s Day: throwback to Y2k Era
- Thursday October 30th** - Twin Day
- Friday, October 31st** - Costumes for Halloween!

BOO BASH- OCTOBER 31ST

Calling all club leaders and PMSS students. On Oct. 31, there will be a Boobash fashion show! This is your chance to show off your spooky Halloween costumes to the school. Feel free to sign up with friends or even have a solo moment! The **deadline to sign up is Oct. 24**, which is this Friday, so make sure to lock in and sign up now! The QR code is available on the Leadership Instagram. Additionally, ATTENTION all club leaders. Oct 31 is your moment to promote your club and engage in school spirit. We want all clubs to be a part of a scavenger hunt where students compete for grand prizes. Again, the deadline to signup is Oct. 24 and the QR code can also be found on the Leadership Instagram.



FASHION SHOW COLLABORATOR LINK

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS8xgmFHQ4BFBsln0IQBv_mhUNEVWRUtZSktQNTFGRINEQkINTzZaVUNNWC4u

CLUB SIGN UP UNTIL OCTOBER 24th

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THE BLUES ARE GOING TO COSTA RICA!

GREAT FUN! WOW FACTS! NEW FRIENDS!

Join this Educational Trip of a lifetime:

MARCH 16-25, 2026



More details in: *Portable 4

***The trip site on TEAMS**

***The QR code on the bulletin board by the Learning Centre**



VAMOS A COSTA RICA!

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. Please also remember not to use the upper teachers’ parking lot to drop off/ wait for their children and/ or to use as a turnabout.

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

PARENT FORMS & STUDENT FEES: School District 43 uses the KEV School Cash Online for both fee statements and District Policies forms. Relevant fees have been uploaded with email notifications.

STUDENT PARKING PASS: If you will be parking in the lower parking lot, please come to the office during lunch or before/ after school to pick up a Parking Registration form.

LOCKERS:

Please use the QR code below to request a locker.



Students will receive an email in their 088 district email account with the locker number and combination.

LIBRARY

The library currently has over 100 books overdue. Check your school email every Monday to see if you have any overdue library material. Please remember that our loan period is 3 weeks for most things except technology. Technology loans are for one class only and are due back at the end of the day. Thanks for helping us by bringing back your overdue library materials so others can enjoy them!

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 or X (Twitter) account @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](#)

2025 Fraser Valley Arts & Design Fair is happening on Wednesday, November 5th from 6pm – 8pm at Meadowridge School Gym (12224 240 St, Maple Ridge). We understand that not all students can make their way downtown for the National Portfolio Day, or perhaps they do not have the capacity to speak to all of the schools they wanted. Thus, this local event will run in a similar manner where students may not only explore art and design schools and programs, but they are also encouraged to bring their work to receive feedback. For a list of participating schools, please check the Career Centre To register, click [HERE](#)

InfoWeek at Langara is happening on October 20-24 at Langara College or online! This is your opportunity to explore programs, meet instructors, and experience college life, all in one week! When you attend InfoWeek session, you'll receive a waiver for your Langara College application fee. You will also have an opportunity to win \$1000 toward your tuition. If interested, or want more information, click [HERE](#)!

List of Important Post-Secondary Events & Info Sessions

School Program/ Event	Date	Time	Location
University of Victoria	Thursday, October 23 rd , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	Drama Room
UBC – Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Monday October 27 th , 2025	5:00pm – 6:00pm	ONLINE LINK
McMaster University	Tuesday October 28 th , 2025	2:00pm – 2:30pm	Library
Queen’s University	Wednesday, October 29 th , 2025	2:00pm – 2:30pm (Block 5)	Library
Simon Fraser University – Next Steps booth	Thursday, October 30 th , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	MPR (booth)
Western University	Monday, November 3 rd , 2025	5:00pm – 6:00pm	ONLINE LINK
Student Transcript System Workshop Day 1	Tuesday, November 4 th , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	Library
Student Transcript System Workshop Day 2	Wednesday, November 5 th , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	Library
University of Waterloo	Thursday, November 6 th , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	Drama Room
EducationPlannerBC – Parents as Educators and Career Coaches – Regional SD 36, 37, 38, 40 & 43	Wednesday November 12 th , 2025	6:30 pm – 7:45pm	MS TEAMS [LINK TBA]
SFU Beedie	Wednesday, November 12 th , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	Drama Room
Post Secondary BC Fair (PSBC)	Tuesday November 25 th , 2025	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Small Gym
BCIT: Civil Engineering	Friday November 28 th , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm	MPR Booth
LaSalle College	Wednesday, December 3 rd , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	MPR booth
Vancouver Film School	Wednesday, December 3 rd , 2025	12:00pm – 12:40pm (lunch)	MPR booth
Scholarship Meeting #2 (Scholarship Package Launch)	Wednesday February 11 th , 2026	12:00pm – 12:40pm	Drama Room

General Learning Opportunities

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

SFU STEM Speaker Series – Exploring SFU Surrey’s Applied Science Programs is happening on Saturday, November 15th, 2025 from 1-2pm virtually via Zoom! Learn more about SFU Surrey’s Faculty of Applied Sciences, directly from students! The Faculty of Applied Sciences offers three innovative programs: Software Systems, Mechatronic Systems Engineering, and Sustainable Energy Engineering. Together, these programs provide hands-on experience and prepare students for impactful careers in technology and sustainability. If interested, register: [HERE](#)!

Prosper Business Case Competition is the largest high school student organized youth business conference in Canada and has hosted students from across the globe. Since our inception in 2017, Prosper has always provided an environment of growth and stimulation for those of varying business backgrounds. There are awards available up to \$2000 for the winning team! The event will take place on April 25-26, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Vancouver. Fees are as follows: Early bird (until Nov 10) - \$229, Regular (Nov 11- Jan 12) - \$259 and Late (Jan 12 – March 13) - \$279. For more information, or to register, click [HERE](#)!

Vancouver Film School – All Access Pass is hosting three free events – unique opportunities for students to explore creative industries firsthand, connect with VFS faculty, and experience what it’s like to study at one of Canada’s leading creative schools. These immersive experiences are designed to help students discover career pathways in film, design, animation and beyond. For students interested in Digital design (branding, motion and interactive design) on October 25th, register [HERE](#). If interested in Foundations (game design, animation, film) on October 25th, register [HERE](#). And for those interested in Make-up design (special effects, prosthetics and character creation) on November 8th, click [HERE](#)!

Women in Engineering UBC – High School Mentorship Program aspires to increase female high school students' access to UBC Engineering and to create a space where they can explore what engineering has to offer. High school students are paired with current UBC Engineering students. They are expected to meet up once a month (virtually or in person at the discretion of the group) to talk about topics such as different types of Engineering, programs, transition from high school to post-secondary and what first year UBC Engineering is like. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by November 2nd, 2025!

National Portfolio Day is taking place Saturday November 8th, 2025 from 11am – 3pm at Emily Carr University of Art & Design (520 East 1st Ave). Showcase your artistic evolution! Visit with counselors, admissions team members, and faculty from art & design for a portfolio review before applying to colleges or universities! If interested, register [HERE](#)!

Trades and Apprenticeship Information

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

Volunteer/Employment Opportunities

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

***NEW* Village Market Fundraiser** needs volunteers on Friday October 24 (2pm – 6pm) and Saturday October 25 (8am – 6pm) at our PMSS Gym. Students available anytime between those dates/ hours are encouraged to contact Alicia Purvis at portmoodyaftergrad@gmail.com or 778-388-3042 – they are flexible with any help that can be offered, and any help is appreciated! They need volunteers for set-up/ tear-down, greeting customers, directing guests, assisting with mascot bears, admission & concession. Have fun, earn volunteer hours, and support your community!

Place des Arts Pro D Day Camp is looking for volunteers for Friday October 25th. Volunteers can choose from full day (8:15am – 4pm) or mornings (8:15am – 12:45pm) or afternoons (from 11:45am – 4:00pm). Volunteers will be assisting instructors in a classroom setting, supporting children between the ages of 5 – 8 and 8 – 11. Tasks may include assisting with arts and crafts activities, helping manage small groups and generally supporting the programs throughout the day. We understand that this is a short notice, but if you or any interested students can get back to us by **Wednesday, Oct 22** (or **Thursday, Oct 23** at the latest), that would be great! Students can reach me at this email eventscoordinator@placedesarts.ca, or volunteer@placedesarts.ca.

City of Port Moody – Youth Civic Committee is looking for volunteers age 15-25 to get involved in your community. Members advise City Council on a wide variety of important topics and issues. Share your ideas and perspectives to help strengthen our community. If interested, please click [HERE](#) and apply by November 12th, 2025!

House of Commons – Page Program is open for applicants interested in supporting parliamentary democracy in the chamber and around Parliament Hill by providing a range of services to members of Parliament. This incredible work experience broadens their knowledge of the rich traditions of the Canadian parliamentary system. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident who is planning to graduate from high school this year and attend University of Ottawa, Carleton University, St Paul University, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Collège La Cité or Algonquin College in September 2026. The current salary is \$18,740 + \$1200 extra after completing your contract. If interested, or want more information, click [HERE](#)! Apply by November 9th, 2025!

Scholarship / Awards

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

Burger King Scholars (\$1000 - \$60,000) is open for all Gr. 12 applicants living in Canada and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (or equivalent), and plan to enroll full-time at an accredited 2-4 year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the US, Puerto Rico, Guam, or Canada. Applicants who do not work for Burger King would apply to the General Track. Employees, spouse of an employee or dependent of an employee of Burger King (who has been employed for 3+ months) can apply for the Employee Track. Applications are capped at 30,000 or until December 15th (whichever comes first). If interested, click [HERE](#)!

Capilano University Entrance Awards (value varies depending on scholarship) is open! March 1st is the deadline for students applying to CAPX, and March 31st is the deadline for all other Entrance Awards. Applicants must apply to Capilano University. Otherwise, eligibility varies depending on award applied for. If interested, click [HERE](#)!

French Future- National Essay Contest (<\$28,000) is open for all Gr. 10-12 students who plan to continue their studies completely or partially in French after high school. Students must write an essay (750 words) on the topic "What're more important: doing, listening, or talking?". There are two categories for this essay – French as a first language, and French as a second language. If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by December 19th, 2025.

Kin Canada Bursaries (<\$1000) is open to Canadian or Permanent Resident students that are in the process of graduating from high school. Applicants will be evaluated on their community and school involvement, knowledge of Kin Canada and financial need. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by February 1st, 2026!

PARENTS

PMSS 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Please click [HERE](#) for the 2025-2026 School Calendar

Next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, November 4th at 7pm

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

AFTERGRAD



Volunteers NEEDED

2025/26 GRADE 12 AFTER GRAD

Calling all parents!

The After Grad event is organized entirely by parent volunteers, and we need your help. No parent support means the event will be cancelled.

We're forming sub-committees to take on different parts of the planning, and we'd love for you to join in. With your support, our grads can have the safe, fun celebration they deserve.

We need help with...

- Fundraising and Donations
- Event Day Support and Logistics
- Activities
- Food
- Prizes
- Marketing and Communications

Contact us: PortMoodyAfterGrad@gmail.com