



Port Moody Times

Tuesday
October 22, 2024
Day 2

STUDENTS GO CARDS

Student photo ID (Go Cards) from both the September photo day and retakes are now available for pick up at the office. Please come by the office during lunch or after school to pick up.

STUDENT PHOTO PACKAGES

Purchased photo packages are ready for pick up at the office. Please come by the office during lunch or after school to pick up.

GR. 12 OFF-BLOCK STICKERS

Gr. 12 students who need an off-block sticker can pick them up at lunch or after school at the office. Please bring your Go-Card and a copy of your schedule.

GSA/RAINBOW CLUB

There is a meeting today at lunch. Room 201 (Ms Howard's film room).

YEARBOOKS

The PMSS 2024-2025 yearbooks are now available for purchase. They are \$60/ yearbook and can be purchased on Cash Online. They sold out very quickly last year so don't delay in getting one before they sell out.

Yearbook Name Verification. Please check the spelling of your name, and if incorrect or if you prefer a different name for the yearbook, make the changes next to your name on the list. Last name first, first name last. The list is found in the MPR room, and you have until the first week of November to make the changes.

ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE

Teacher Conference

THURSDAY, OCT. 24, 2024

Block	Schedule
1	7:40 – 8:35
2	8:39 – 9:34
3	9:38 – 10:33
Lunch	10:33 – 11:12
4	11:12 – 12:07
5	12:11 – 1:06
Teacher Conferences	1:30 – 3:20 (Online Booking) 4 – 6 (Drop In -Gym)

OCTOBER 2024 TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teacher Conferences will occur on Thursday, October 24th from 1:30 – 3:20 pm (online booking) and 4 - 6 pm (drop-in in the gym). Booking a Teacher Conference between 1:30 and 3:20 pm can be done through

<https://portmoody.schoolappointments.com/>. Please make sure that you know teachers first and last name from the Report Card to ensure you book with the correct teacher. The booking system will close on Thurs. Oct. 24th at 12 pm. No appointments are required to attend the Teacher Conferences between 4 - 6 pm in the gym. These will operate on a drop-in, first-come basis; however, conferences should adhere to 10 minutes in duration to ensure all caregivers get the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher.

POST SECONDARY BC FAIR

Post Secondary BC Fair is coming to Port Moody Secondary on **October 24th** from 12:40 – 1:50pm. There will be 18 participating BC post-secondary institutions and programs. This is your opportunity to have access to local recruiters and to ask some questions – programs, admissions, applications, financial aid, transfer pathways and more! Parents are welcome and encouraged to come check it out when classes end at 1:00pm! All students are welcome!

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 2024/2025 Language Challenge Exams is **October 26, 2024**.
- 2. Exams will take place on Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2, 2025. 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, 2024

If you have questions *after you have looked at the website*, please contact your school counsellor: Ms. Campbell, Mr. Gibney or Ms. Sidhu.

BAILE DEL DIA DE LAS BRUJAS -

The Spanish classes will be presenting a dance on Halloween day.

LOST ITEM

A turquoise / Green pouch like wallet with photos of porcupines on the front was lost in the female bathroom on Thursday at lunch. If you find it, please return to the office as soon as possible!

ONGOING

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!

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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](#)

University of Fraser Valley Open House is taking place on Saturday, October 26th from 10am – 2pm at their Abbotsford campus! Come chat with faculty, current students, tour the campus, attend a workshop, connect with student services and recruiters and win great prizes (including a \$500 tuition credit, AirPods, first-year starter packs and more! For more information, and to RSVP, please click [HERE](#)!

Port Moody Secondary Post-Secondary Info-Sessions: Check out the time/date/location for when you can learn about each school and ask representatives questions!

School/ Program/ Event	Date	Time	Location
University of Alberta	October 22 nd 2024	11:56am-12:36pm (lunch)	Drama Room
Post Secondary BC Fair (PSBC)	October 24 th 2024	12:36 – 1:52 (Blk4)	Small Gym
Western University	October 28 th 2024	11:06 – 11:40am (lunch)	Drama Room
Queen’s University	October 29 th 2024	2:00- 2:30pm (Blk 5)	Library
EducationPlannerBC – Parents as Educators and Career Coaches SD43	October 30 th 2024	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Virtual Webinar
McMaster University	November 6 th 2024	8:56 – 9:22 (Flex)	Drama Room
University of Victoria – Gustavson School of Business	November 13 th 2024	8:56 – 9:22am (flex)	Drama Room
University of Waterloo	November 19 th 2024	8:56 – 9:22am (flex)	Drama Room
UBC MD Faculty of Medicine	November 26 th 2024	7:00pm – 8:00pm	ZOOM LINK
SFU Beedie	November 28 th 2024	11:58 – 12:40pm (lunch)	Library
Langara	December 4 th 2024	11:56 – 12:36pm (lunch)	Drama Room

General Learning Opportunities

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

NEW UBC Women in Engineering High School Mentorship Program is open to any females from Gr. 10-12 that would like a space where they can explore what engineering has to offer. Mentees will be supported by mentors through the program curriculum and various mentorship events. If you are interested, and would like to learn more, APPLY by November 4th!

NEW UBC Women in Orthopaedics Workshop is open to any Gr. 10-12 female students that is interested in careers in healthcare and engineering. They aim to empower young women in the orthopaedic field through early exposure, vital resources, and mentorship. To register, click [HERE](#)! Apply by November 4th 2024.

NEW UBC Faculty of Medicine Youth Outreach Mentorship program is open for any high school students interested in medical school in the future. It connects high school students with UBC medical students to learn more about being a university student, learning about self-care and applying to UBC medical school. Click [HERE](#) to register!

Trades and Apprenticeship Information

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

Volunteer/Employment Opportunities

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

NEW **Autism Support Network** is looking for volunteers on November 21st from 3:45pm – 6:15pm at Crash Crawly’s (1300 Woolridge St, Coquitlam) to provide 1:1 supervision of the children with ASD as they play so that parents can have a support meeting. Their parents will be nearby and available to step in if challenges arise. If interested, please contact zahra@autismsupportbc.ca!

NEW **Aunt Leah’s Tree Lot** is looking for students 14+ to volunteer in a fun, outdoor, all-weather activity! We have positions for cashiers, customer service representatives and individuals who can safely lift up to 50 Lbs. For more info or to apply, click [HERE](#)!

NEW **House of Commons Page Program** is looking for Canadian/ Permanent Resident Students who be starting full-time or part-time post-secondary studies in September 2025 at the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, St Paul University, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Collège La Cité or Algonquin College to participate in the House of Commons Page Program. Pages work directly on the floor of the House of Commons and are responsible for a wide range of tasks related to Chamber activities. This provides them with the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Parliament by playing a role in the rich traditions of the Canadian parliamentary system. Pages make \$18,400 annually with additional \$1200 given at the end of the employment period for successful completion of the contract. If interested, or want more information, please click [HERE](#). Application deadline is **November 10th 2024**.

Scholarship / Awards

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

***NEW* Burger King Scholars Program** (value: range from \$1000) is open for any high school seniors with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 + and plan to enroll full-time at an accredited two-or four year college! If interested, apply [HERE](#) by December 16th 2024.

***NEW* Gulf & Fraser Million Dollar Bursary** (valued at \$1000) is open for any graduating students that are members of Beem Credit Union that will attend full time studies in a trade, diploma or degree program in post-secondary. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by February 28th, 2024!

***NEW* Jonah Christensen Memorial Scholarship** (valued at \$1500) is open for any graduating high school students intending to attend post-secondary in the upcoming academic year that is a registered charity. Submit a 750 word essay about “Tell us about a time that made you think “this is the best day ever!” If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by March 31st 2024!

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>

COMMUNITY

Hey, are you considering studying either medical or computer science at your university? Many students believe that advanced technology will reduce manual labor and leave only highly educated jobs. This future might not be closer than we think: In Canada, there is a shortage of medical services employees. Mark Holland, the health minister of Canada, is advocating for a pharmacare agreement and promoting a pharmacare plan. The Pharmacare Act is the first step in a broader pharmacare regime that will expand to include other medications in the future.

Curious about how they will restore this issue? You can find out more here:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/holland-pharmacare-deals-by-spring-1.7349874>

B.C.’s first-ever francophone health centre to open this fall:
<https://globalnews.ca/news/10570065/bc-first-francophone-health-centre/>

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There is a donation box by the Lost & Found if you have any items to donate.



Join the YCP and Celebrate National Child Day!

1. Join the Young Canadians' Parliament (YCP)

Children First Canada invites your students to participate in the Young Canadians' Parliament (YCP), a non-partisan 12-week civic education and leadership development program. YCP educates and empowers young people about their rights, Canada's political and democratic system, and nurtures their leadership skills. This program offers unique opportunities for youth to directly engage with Members of Parliament, Senators, and other Parliamentarians.

The YCP is a valuable experiential learning opportunity, closely aligning with the curriculum by fostering responsible and active civic participation. It welcomes youth under 18 from all abilities and backgrounds, regardless of prior experience.

Youth can register for YCP [here](#). Registration is limited so we encourage youth to sign up prior to the October 25th deadline.

2. You're Invited to National Child Day 2024!

This year's National Child Day (NCD) on November 20th offers students the chance to be educated and inspired by iconic Canadian leaders and organizations dedicated to helping children reach their full potential. Engaging students from early years, elementary, and secondary schools across Canada, the celebration will feature virtual field trips, creative workshops, book readings, and dance performances. Last year, nearly 40,000 students participated, making it the largest NCD in history!

This celebration, marking the 35th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, is part of a movement to make Canada the best place for children to grow up.

This year's theme, #8MillionEmpowered, focuses on empowering all 8 million children in Canada by defending their rights, with a special focus on the rights of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and youth involvement in reconciliation.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, November 20th

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM ET

- Early Years (Kindergarten-Grade 3): A 30-minute program with a sing-along by Raffi, a virtual field trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, a book reading by Onome Ako, and dancing with Gurdeep Pandher.
- Elementary (Grades 4-6): A 45-minute session featuring a book reading by Kim Spencer, creative activities with 6ix Academy, dance, and messages from special guests.
- Secondary (Grades 7-12): A one-hour event with a presentation by the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, an interview with the Young Canadians' Parliament, creative projects, and insights from young changemakers.

[Register for National Child Day HERE!](#)