

STUDENTS (JP-NEB)

Students with the last names ending in Jp-Neb who had Mr. Gibney as their counsellor are asked to refrain from emailing Mr. Gibney as he is and has been on leave since before winter break and unable to answer your messages. Kindly direct your emails to Dr. Maierle as she is currently filling in for him until further notice.

Attention ALL GRADE 9s (including IB Pre-Diploma 9s): There will be a Programming Assembly will be on January 30th, in the main gym during FLEX. This is an important required assembly for counsellors to review the Course Selection Process with you. Bring your QUESTIONs as we welcome them during this time.

<u>Programming Process for Grade 10 & 11</u> Dogwood students: Counsellors will be having programming assemblies during block 2 on January 30th. It is essential that you attend these to review the process, have some insight on post-secondary requirements, and ask questions. This process will be completed on the MyEd portal, and your decisions on what to take may be influenced by what programs you are interested in after high school. Your block 2 teachers will bring you at the appropriate time (First half of block 2, grade 10s & Second half of block 2, grade 11s). IB grade 10/11 students have already completed their programming, so IB grade 10/11 students need to attend their scheduled classes.

<u>ATTENTION PARENTS!</u> Save the Date!!! Counsellors will be providing a Parent Programming Information Evening on January 29th between 7 – 8 pm. All grade 9 – 11 parents are welcome to attend, to learn more about the programming process, graduation requirements, and post-secondary opportunities.

CAFETERIA SERVICE JANUARY 20-24

The school cafeteria will be closed January 22-24. It will reopen with regular service Monday, January 27th.

<u>ART</u>

You are invited to the SD43 Grade 12 Exhibit showcasing artwork from across the district. This free public exhibit is on now through to March 12th. It includes art from several PMSS grads.



Exhibitions

On view at Place des Arts: January 17 - March 13, 2025* Online at placedesarts.ca: January 24 - March 13, 2025* Opening Reception: January 17, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



SD43 Grade 12 Art Students

Emerging Talent 27

Image: Dopapills, Kayla Kim (Class of 2024)

*Emerging Talent 27 is on view at Place des Arts and online until March 12

SPARCS WORKSHOP FOR GRADE 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

Greetings from the <u>Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing (CEMC)</u> at the University of Waterloo. We are delighted to inform you that the CEMC is now accepting applications from grade 9 and 10 students for the <u>Seeing Possibilities and Rewards in Computer Science (SPARCS)</u> workshop.

SPARCS is a week-long, immersive workshop, designed to ignite enthusiasm for computer science in students who have little or no previous exposure to the subject.

Audience: Students belonging to gender identities under-represented in computer science. Applicants must be in grade 9 or 10, interested in mathematics and computer science, and currently attend a Canadian high school or middle school.

Dates and location: May 4 to May 10, 2025, in-person at the University of Waterloo.

Application deadline: February 12, 2025 Click to download the SPARCS poster.

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.

BLUES RUN CLUB (SUN RUN)

Are you an amateur runner or wanting to break a new personal best? Join the Blues Run Club 10k Sun Rype Youth Team Challenge with Port Moody Secondary next April! Students + friends and family welcome! (signing up with us is cheaper than individual pricing). Contact 088-jryu@sd43.bc.ca for more information.



Gathered Vintage Markets at Port Moody Secondary School:

We are hosting two special Vintage Markets in our school gym on March 15th & May 10th. Entry is by donation, and all funds raised will support the After Grad celebration for our graduates. Join us for this fabulous event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Port Moody Secondary School Gym March 15 & May 10, 2025 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We're currently accepting vendors! For more details and an information package, please email jhcherish@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

<u>PMSS TIMES:</u> 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

NEW Understanding Art & Design Schools in the US (online webinar) is happening on February 13th, 2025 at 4:15pm. This session will provide valuable insights into the wide range of opportunities available at art and design schools across the U.S. We'll be joined by experts from several Arts institutions, who will present on key topics such as program offerings, the admissions process, and what students can expect at these schools. To register, click <a href="https://example.com/hereit

BCIT Big Info Night is happening February 19th from 4pm – 7pm at BCIT Burnaby Campus! Big Info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. It's your chance to find out about all our programs - from business and media, computing and IT, engineering, health sciences, trades and apprenticeships, and applied and natural sciences. It's free. It's lively. It's a night of possibilities. Have a chance to win one of three \$1000 tuition prizes by completing the registration. Registrants will be emailed a post-event survey after the event to complete in order to enter. If interested, click <u>HERE</u> to register!

Vancouver Film School Open House is happening Saturday February 8th from 10am – 1pm at 151 W Cordova St! Vancouver Film School invites you to learn more about their programs, connect with industry professionals and potentially secure a scholarship to study at VFS. There are also opportunities to sign up for auditions and portfolio review during registration. For more info, click <u>HERE</u>!

Simon Fraser University is coming back to Port Moody Secondary to host drop-in advising! It will take place February 5th, 2025 at 12:00pm (lunch) at the MPR. Their main focus will be Beedie admissions, supplementary application, program details, but they are also open to answer questions about self-reporting from general applicants as well! If you are interested, please let Ms. Chang know (in person, TEAMS, email) of your interest so that your name can be added to the sign-up sheet!

General Learning Opportunities

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit HERE!

NEW UBC – Archimedes Talk Speaker Series – is back on February 2nd, March 2nd, and April 6th from 10:30am – 1:30pm at UBC – Rm 261 of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre! The fee is \$20 (which includes all 3 talks and lunches), but scholarships are available in case of financial hardship. This is an opportunity for students in high school to hear from researchers about Math and STEM and to consider topics they might want to study in university. For more info, click HERE, and to register, click HERE!

NEW The Yes (Youth Excellence Society) Summer Camp is open for registration to all Gr. 9-12 students! The YES offers Vancouver Island, BC summer camp programs for 14-18 year olds that range from July 6 to August 23. Expand your leadership and team building skills while connecting with youth from around the province. We look forward to providing community spaces that focus on building leadership, resiliency, connection, mental wellness and more! Total camp fees will be \$1025 for one week. For more info or to register, click HERE!

NEW LaSalle College – SWEAT 2025 is back on for March 24-27 2025 from 9am – 3pm! Gain new skills and receive 30 hours of collaborative, hands-on work experience in one of the following creative programs: Animation and 3D modeling, Culinary & Baking and Pastry Arts, Digital Media Content Creation, Fashion Design, Game Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Jewelry Design, and Professional Recording Arts. This program is open to students in Gr. 11 & 12 and will be located at LaSalle College in Vancouver. If interested, click HERE to register (application fee is \$150)!

Dream It, Be It Girls Conference 2025 is happening on February 28th from 10am – 3pm at Kwantlen Polytechnic University for students 13-18 who identify as a woman, transgender, or non-binary. This conference is a unique opportunity for you to explore their dreams and discover their potential. Through interactive workshops, engaging speakers, and empowering activities, we aim to inspire and support girls in pursuing their passions and achieving their goals. To register, click <a href="https://example.com/heres/here

Youth4Action – Think Global, Lead and Act Local – From Source to Sea Leadership Program is looking for high school students across Metro Vancouver who are interested in making a positive impact and taking action for sustainability for a fun, experience-based leadership program! This program will take place from March 17-19 from 9am – 3:30 at either Metro Vancouver Head Office or Creekside Community Centre. If you want more information, or to register, click <u>HERE!</u> Please register by February 26th, 2025.

UBC [CAP] Sauder Youth Case Competition is being held on March 2nd 2025 for Gr. 10-12 students at UBC Sauder School of Business! Learn from the Best: Participate in interactive workshops led by UBC Sauder students and master the art of analyzing and solving business cases. Early bird cost is \$5.50, and regular is \$7.00. For more information, or to register, click HERE!

New West Student Police Academy is happening March 24-28, 2025 from 8am – 4pm! The New Westminster Police Department is looking for students aged 16-18 who have a desire to learn about a career in policing. The Student Police Academy is a week-long program designed to provide students with an unforgettable and educational experience in law enforcement. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities, learn from experienced professionals, and develop valuable skills that extend beyond the classroom. This program is ideal for students who are looking to expand their knowledge and get a behind the scenes look at all aspects of policing. From physical conditioning and self-defense tactics, to scenario-based simulations and firearm safety, you will receive the most up to date police training. This is your opportunity to see what it takes to be a police officer! The cost is \$150. Please apply HERE by January 29th 2025.

McGill Summer Academy is open for applications to Gr. 10 & 11 students! MSA is a two-week academic summer camp held on McGill University's downtown campus. We offer two streams: Pathways to Neuro and Health Sciences and Understanding Migration, Global Citizenship and Diasporic Resistance. Participants will develop their academic interests through coursework, skill-building activities and experiential learning, all led by McGill faculty and graduate students. We are proud to offer <u>full scholarships</u> (including transportation to and from Montreal) to a limited number of Indigenous students, Black students, and students facing financial barriers. Regular fees are \$4,950 - More information on what this fee covers can be found <u>HERE</u>. If interested, please apply at the <u>McGill Summer Academy website</u> by March 1st 2025.

UBC Black Futures is welcoming any Gr. 11 & 12 students who identify as Black to apply for this program! The Black Futures program is a unique opportunity for Black students from across Greater Vancouver to be introduced to post-secondary options and discussions about higher education. With a slogan of "if you can see it, you can be it", it allows students to envision their academic future. Often, students don't get to see someone who looks like them when they are researching post-secondary options, and that becomes another hurdle for Black students to jump. The program consists of in-person meetings at UBC (there are no on-line sessions this year). High school students work with UBC students, as well as a variety of faculty and other professionals. There is no cost for students to attend—they will be bussed to and from UBC. Raquel Chin, a teacher at Riverside, will be chaperoning the trips. Interested students should contact Ms. Chang for a Field Trip consent form and return in by January 21st. 2025.

UBC Engineering Without Borders: Youth Venture Case Competitions is happening on Saturday, February 1st, 2025 from 9am – 2pm at UBC Vancouver. This case competition is for high school students Gr. 8-12 interested in going to university for engineering. This program will allow you to learn more about the engineering design process and apply it into a fun and exciting real life scenario. For more information, or to sign up, please click <u>HERE</u> and register before January 24th, 2025.

BC Children's Hospital – Women in Science is inviting Gr. 10-12 students of all genders to celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science at BC Children's Hospital Research Institute on February 11th 2025 from 6pm – 8:30pm. Participants can expect to hear more about the latest in health research during our keynote lecture, meet incredible leaders in research who are shaping the future of health science and be part of the discussion! For more information, or to register, click <u>HERE</u>!

Global Game Jam Vancouver (cost: \$33.28) is coming to Douglas College - New West on January 24-26, 2025! This is a yearly event where game makers come together and make a game in a few days! No experience is necessary – come learn new skills – programming, 2D + 3D artistry, sound, music, writing, project managing! You can come with a team or form a team with others! For more information, or to register, please visit <u>HERE!</u>

Port Moody Interact Program is hoping to restart and is searching for members which can be any high school student. This is a service club program for, and run by high school students. The projects are chosen by the members and are carried out by the members with guidance and support of the Rotary clubs in the area, mostly the Port Moody Club. A brief overview of Interact can be found <u>HERE</u> and how clubs operate and what they do can be found <u>HERE</u>! Any opportunities for students to participate in community projects of our club would involve volunteer hours! If interested, please contact gdjbroderick@gmail.com for more information or to inquire about restarting the club.

Trades and Apprenticeship Information

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit <u>HERE</u>!

Volunteer/Employment Opportunities

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit **HERE!**

NEW Rainforest Adventure Spring Break Camp is looking for volunteers 13+ for their non-profit spring break camps. They are looking for patient, kind, fun, and respectful people who enjoy recreation, games and working with kids and youth. Activities include swimming a few days a week, games, sports, arts & crafts, and more. For more info, or to apply, click HERE!

NEW City of Port Moody – Aquatic Leader I is looking for enthusiastic, energetic individuals to provide swim lesson instruction and lifeguarding, for all age levels at either of our outdoor aquatic facilities from approximately mid-June to September 2025. Applicants must have related experience with swimming instruction, life guarding, computer, and cash handling, National Lifeguard Pool Option, Lifesaving Society Swim Instructor, Standard First Aird and CPR-C and AED and

excellent communication and customer service skills. Compensation for this role is \$27.63/ hr. If interested, please apply HERE by February 3rd, 2025.

Young Women in Public Safety is a Federal Student Work Experience Program for girls 16+ (priority given to Gr. 11's) that are interested in a career in safety and security. Students will work 37.5 hours the week of July 7-11. 2025 and earn \$18.27/ hour along with gain experience about the field, connect with experts and visit different departments (such as Canada Border Services Agency, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Correctional Service Canada, Public Safety Canada, and RCMP) and learn about their daily operations. For more information, or to apply, click HERE. The deadline to apply is February 12, 2025.

Scholarship / Awards

For current and ongoing opportunities, please visit **HERE!**

<u>ATTENTION Gr. 12's – Scholarship Meeting #2 (PMSS Scholarship Package launch) will be happening February 12th, 2025 at Lunch in the Gym! All interested domestic graduating students are welcome to attend a presentation that will cover the PMSS Scholarship Package including what is in it, how to apply, and other details such as: the \$1250 District Authority Awards, PMSS specific bursaries/ scholarships/ awards, SD43 specific awards, community (external) awards. The scholarship will be launched after this presentation. Hope to see you all there!</u>

NEW BC Scholarship Society – Indigenous Awards (value: \$1000 - \$5000) is open until April 2nd 2025! If you are a Canadian or Permanent Resident or Refugee First Nations (status or non-status), Inuit, or Metis who is a resident of BC and is planning to study full-time a BC public post-secondary institution or Indigenous post-secondary institution, consider applying HERE!

NEW Optimist International Essay Contest (\$2500) is open for all students under 19 who have not completed secondary school or its equivalent yet. Contestants must submit essays of 700-800 words in length on a pre-assigned topic. The topic for 2024-25 is "How Optimism has paved my road to success". If interested, apply HERE by Jan 31st, 2025.

Shashi Assanand Bursary (value: \$1000) is open until May 15th 2025. If you are a female student in a Metro Vancouver school who is completing Gr. 12 and is a child of refugees or immigrants and is interested in pursuing a career in social work, education, psychology, nursing or social service and possess academic grades sufficient to allow admission into their chosen area of study/ educational facility and demonstrate financial need, please see the PMSS Career Centre TEAMS page or website for the application forms needed in order to apply.

Haywood Hunt Annual Scholarship (Value: \$1000) is open until August 31st, 2025. If you are a Canadian citizen or Permanent resident that has been accepted or enrolled in a Canadian college or university for the 2025/ 2026 school year and is willing to write a 500-1000 word essay that expresses your top 6 ideas about "How professional private investigators assist various types of legal professionals with their cases", then click <u>HERE!</u>

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes (Value: \$10,000) is open until April 15th 2025. If you are between the ages of 8-18, is a Permanent Resident of and currently residing in the USA or Canada, currently working on an inspiring service project (or have done so within the past 12 months), then consider applying <u>HERE!</u>

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

GRAD



AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISERS

After Grad Fundraising

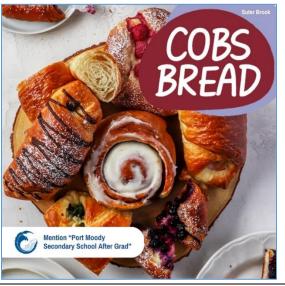
Growing Smiles Plant Sale & Neufeld Farms: A Big Thank you!!

We had a great pickup event this week and thank you to everyone who placed orders and who volunteered to make this a success! We raised just over \$1600 towards After Grad with your support!!

The After Grad Committee is excited to offer a variety of easy ways to support our After Grad fundraising efforts year-round! Each of these local businesses generously donates a portion of their sales. Simply make mention when you make a purchase, and you'll be contributing to a fantastic cause. Here are a few great options:



FlipGive Online Shopping & Gift Cards – Shop at participating stores year-round using our team code KVJN6X. A percentage of each purchase supports After Grad. This is the perfect opportunity to support After Grad whether shopping for gifts or everyday essentials.



Cobs Bread at Suter Brook – Enjoy delicious fresh-baked goods, and a portion of your purchase will go towards our fundraising efforts when you mention "Port Moody Secondary School After Grad".



Port Moody Liquor Store – Pick up your favourite beverages and support After Grad at the same time by mentioning "PMSS After Grad" at checkout when shopping at Port Moody Liquor Store on St. Johns Street.

Return It Express – Recycling bottles and cans at any Return It Express is a great way to support PMSS After Grad throughout the year. Simply use account "604-928-1421" when you drop off your recyclables, and this will go towards After Grad fundraising efforts.



PMSS 2025





Available Now on School Cash Online

Support by using

Acct # 604-928-1421

School Cash Online – Parents can now donate directly to After Grad.

The school will also accept cheques made payable to 'Port Moody Secondary School After Grad' from friends and family.

Like & Share After Grad posts on **Instagram & Facebook** to help spread the word about our fundraising initiatives.





ELEMENTARY

July 8 - July 25, 9:00am - 12:00pm

8 LOCATIONS

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!

Registration 6:00am

Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirements apply.

Registration 6:00am

MIDDLE

July 8 - July 25, 8:45am - 11:45am

3 LOCATIONS

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.

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.

Registration 6:00am

Free to all BC residents, SD43 Residency requirments apply.

Registration 6:00am

SECONDARY FULL CREDIT

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

2 LOCATIONS

Face-to-Face or Online Blended Fast Track
Courses: Life Science11, 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.

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

COMMUNITY





Free Winter Program for Families!

Learn about healthy eating, physical activity, and building long-lasting habits as a family in Generation Health Community. This 10-week program for families with children ages 8 to 12 is FUN and interactive!

Delivered through YMCA BC starting February 2025 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

Families who join this program will receive a complimentary YMCA membership.

Register today!













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YOUTH LOUNGE & DROP-IN GYM SCHEDULE

A DROP-IN SPACE FOR GRADES 6-12 RECREATION COMPLEX







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GAMES AND

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5–8pm	5–8pm	5–8pm	6–10pm	5–9pm
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	Drop-in Gym	Drop-in Gym	Drop-in Gym	Drop-in Gym
	(\$2.25)	(\$2.25)	(\$2.25)	(\$2.25)
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