



Port Moody Times

Tuesday
March 4, 2025
Day 1

TODAY - Tuesday, March 4th - Grad 2025 Meeting

All grads MUST attend a meeting during Flex on Tuesday, March 4th in the large gym. The meeting will start at 9:00 am. Please be on time. We will be providing important information regarding all grad activities. Thank you!

~ PMSS Admin Team

Wallet Missing/Taken from Girls Changing Room on Friday, Feb 14:

On Friday, a backpack was removed from a locker in the Girls PE Changing room. The backpack was searched, and a wallet was taken. Although it would be nice to have the contents of the wallet returned, the wallet itself has sentimental value to the student (someone they care about gave it to them and it means a lot). If anyone knows who may have this wallet or if the person who took it still has the wallet, please drop it off in the 'Lost and Found' box near the office so that it can be given back to its owner—no questions asked.

GR. 12 OFF BLOCK STICKERS

Gr. 12 students who need off-block stickers can pick them up at lunch in the office. Please bring your student ID Card and a copy of your schedule.

For emergency evacuations, students who are at school during their off block must report to the Off Block Station (students' parking lot roundabout).

ART

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.

home to our
arts community

**PLACE
DES
ARTS**

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

CHARTED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING BC COIN COMPETITION 2025

This competition is for all BC High School students with either accounting 11/12 or not.

Exam Date and Time: Saturday, April 12, 2025, 1 pm to 2 pm.

Location: Virtually on Chatter High. Students will be set up with a Chatter High account before the exam date.

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025 at 9 am.

Please follow the link provided for registration, study resources, Media Consent Form, and the prize amounts.

Register: <https://www.bccpa.ca/become-a-cpa/events/cpabc-coin-competition-2025/#:~:text=COIN%20provides%20students%20with%20an,top%20schools%20in%20various%20categories.>

SD43 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Please click [HERE](#) for info

UBC CALCULUS CHALLENGE EXAM 2025

The UBC Calculus Challenge exam will take place on June 11, 2025. You can find details and information, as well as register for the exam at the site

https://outreach.math.ubc.ca/calc_challenge.html/

We look forward to seeing you at UBC in June!

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 in April! Students + friends and family welcome! (signing up with us is cheaper than individual pricing). Contact 088-jryu@sd43.bc.ca for more information.

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.

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 is safe for everyone!

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 @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* SFU: Communication in Action Spring Break Workshop** is happening on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 10am – 12:30pm at SFU's Burnaby Campus! This free workshop, led by one of our faculty members, introduces students to a key topic in Communication Studies, followed by a mini-campus tour with a student ambassador followed by a free lunch. For more information, or to register, click [HERE](#)!

Langara Biology Tour is happening on March 6th, hosted by the PMSS YouthMD club! All PMSS students have the chance of touring campus and labs and get their questions answered with a Q&A at the end. Pizza is included! To register, click [HERE](#)!

General Learning Opportunities

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

***NEW* 2025 Elevate Aviation** is happening on Thursday March 27th, 2025 from 8:30am – 2:30pm at BCIT Aerospace Technology Campus. Elevate Aviation's 2025 Cross Country Tour invites youth aged 12-18 to explore the exciting world

of aviation and aerospace. Designed to inspire and educate, this immersive event showcases a variety of career opportunities within the industry. Students will experience an engaging airport tour, which may include walking between locations and/or a brief bus ride. Lunch is provided, and participants are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated. For more information or to register, click [HERE](#)!

City of Coquitlam – Standard First Aid Full Course (Cost: \$190) is available for students to register. They will be happening from 8:30am – 5:30pm at Pinetree Community Centre. Click [HERE](#) to sign-up for May 3-4, and [HERE](#) for June 14-15.

SFU STEM Speaker Series: My Journey as a Computing Science Undergrad is happening for free virtually (Zoom) on Saturday March 15th, 2025 from 1pm – 2pm for all interested high school students! This presentation will cover Jin Song (4th year computing science student at SFU) and their perspective as a CS undergrad student at SFU. They will delve into why they went into CS, what they've been learning in their courses, and some projects that they've done. They will also talk about how CS is a really broad field with applications in pretty much every industry in modern times since we are living in a "digital era". If interested, please register [HERE](#)!

Minerva – Learning to Lead is a FREE virtual program for Gr. 10-12 self-identifying young women and gender diverse youth that will take place every Wednesday in April on Zoom from 6-8pm PST. Participants gain confidence through interactive workshops and activities that help them discover their authentic self and construct leadership identity. By practicing tangible skills in a supportive environment, participants will leave the program with a deeper belief in themselves and their ability to make positive changes in their lives and the lives of those around them. Students who participate have the opportunity to be awarded the \$1000 Youth Leadership Award or a full scholarship to the Shad Canada summer program! If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by March 31st 2025.

BCIT Biotechnology Career Awareness Program is open to all Gr. 10, 11 and 12 students with a strong interest in science who want to learn more about applying biology to real world problems such as human disease. It is built on a partnership between BCIT, local biotechnology companies and participating school districts. The program will take place April 28-May end and cost \$251.16 for domestic students or \$753 for international students. If interested, please see and complete the attached form found on PMSS Career Centre TEAMS > Other Learning Opportunities channel or the [PMSS Career Centre website](#) by Friday, March 21st, 2025.

University of Toronto -Summer Engineering Outreach Programs are happening at the U of T St. George Campus on July 7th – August 22nd 2025. These are for all students in Gr. 9-12. The cost is \$725/ week for domestic students and \$1100/ week for international students (note that airfare, residence, transportation and meals are *not* included in this fee). There are two programs available: 1. Deep Summer Academy is for high school students interested in learning about cutting edge graduate level research. More info about this program and to register can be found [HERE](#). 2. Create: Engineering Design Challenges offers high school students immersive engineering design challenges that mirror the diverse undergraduate programs within the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. For more info and to register, click [HERE](#)!

2025 Coquitlam RCMP Junior Mountie Police Academy will be happening from July 21st – July 25th at 8:00am – 12:30pm at Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex. This opportunity is available for students aged 10-14 years before July 1st 2025. If interested, please submit the forms found [HERE](#) or on PMSS Career Centre TEAMS > Other Learning Opportunities channel in person to one of the RCMP detachments or police stations in Coquitlam or Port Coquitlam between March 3rd and April 17th 2025.

Youth Justice Link Legal Conference is happening on Saturday, March 29th 2025 from 9am – 5pm at UBC Allard School of Law. UBC Allard and Youth Justice Link will be holding a free youth legal conference for youth on the topic of bridging the gap between youth and BC's legal system. This event will include Q&A sessions with law school admission officers and students, insights from experienced lawyers leading interactive case study activities, and information from community organizations with volunteer opportunities and legal resources for youth. This event is perfect for a student who is interested in pursuing law in their post-secondary career, or someone who wants to learn more about BC's complex legal system. Free snacks and lunch will be provided. If interested, sign up [HERE](#)!

UBC Geering Up -Engineering High School Summer Programs is open for applications! Programs run from July through August from 9:00am – 3:00pm at UBC campus. The cost per program is \$400- \$500 for Gr. 9-12 students! Our High School Programs inspire and challenge youth through fun, innovative, and hands-on projects that explore various engineering streams! There are 5 streams available: Mechanical Engineering, Robotics, Biomedical Engineering, Design and Prototype Lab, and All Girls* Explorations in Engineering. For more information, or to register, click [HERE](#)!

Trades and Apprenticeship Information

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

Jill of all Trades event is happening on April 10th at BCIT from 8:00am - 3:00pm. This is a hands-on, in-the-shop event designed for students in Gr. 9-12 who identify as female or are gender diverse. This event aims to inspire students to explore careers in the Skilled Trades. Participants will get a behind-the-scenes look at BCIT's state-of-the-art facilities, interact with industry professionals, and engage in a series of interactive workshops across various trades.

Transportation to and from BCIT, t-shirts, and lunch are included in the experience! If interested, please apply by March 7th, 2025. Applications can be found [HERE](#), and please return to Almpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca.

Volunteer/Employment Opportunities

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

SD43 – Community Schools Summer Day Camp Leader is looking to hire youth for June 23rd for 7 weeks from 8am – 3:30pm at a rate of \$20/ hr + 4% for Jr Leaders and \$23/hr + 4% for Sr Leaders. Camps will take place at James Park Community School, Miller Park or at Pitt River Middle school. Applicants must be between 15-30 years old, have active First Aid Certificate, have experience working with children and/ or recreation, and be required to complete clear Police Information Checks and Ministry Criminal Records Review Program upon offer of employment. If interested, make an account and apply [HERE](#). Applications must include your resume, copies of current valid relevant certifications and 2 references.

Canucks Autism Network is looking for volunteers at Central Community Elementary on Thursdays from 5:00pm – 7:00pm from May 1 – June 5th, 2025. Provide participant support and show kids the joy of sports! Support children, youth, and adults on the autism spectrum and help welcome our community at this event. Volunteers must be 15+, no autism experience required! If interested, click [HERE](#)!

Scholarship / Awards

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

***NEW* Jonah Christensen Memorial Scholarship** (\$1500) is open to applicants in their final year of high school and intending to attend a post-secondary institution that is a registered charity. Applicants must submit an essay about a time that made you think “this is the best day ever!” and explain what made it so special, fun or silly that it stuck out in your memory. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by March 31st 2025.

***NEW* Grace Family Network Foundation Scholarships** (value: \$1000 x 3) is open to all Gr. 12 residents of Metro Vancouver who demonstrate financial need and have outstanding academic and leadership achievements. Applicants must present evidence of enrolment or application to a post-secondary school in the 2025-26 academic year and write a one page essay on “What experience has shaped your values?” If interested, apply [HERE](#) by May 31st, 2025.

***NEW* Russell Alexander Law Scholarship** (value: \$2500) is open to all high school, college and university students in Canada that have an average of 80% or higher and an interest in studying and joining the legal industry. Applicants must write an essay about *The Future of Family Law* or *The Role of Collaborative Law in Family Disputes*. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by June 30th, 2025.

***NEW* 2025 Dr. Jennifer Tong Memorial Scholarship** (\$1000) is available for any BC Canadian or permanent resident student in Gr. 12 who is on track to graduate and have applied for post-secondary program(s). The applicant ideally have overcome adversity to achieve personal success. If interest, apply [HERE](#) by April 15th 2025!

G3 Grow Beyond Scholarship (Value: \$5000) is open for any Canadian High School students graduating in 2025 that is planning to start a first-year degree or diploma program at a Canadian institution next year. Applicants must submit a 2-3 minute video describing their vision for the future of agriculture. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by April 9th, 2025.

Hebden Chemistry Bursary (value: \$1000) is open to all students who have completed or will complete Chemistry 12 by the end of June 2025. Students can demonstrate plans to continue the study of chemistry at a recognized post-secondary institution, whether it be towards a chemistry degree or a field related to chemistry such as nursing or engineering. If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by May 9th, 2025.

BC Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries Bursaries (Value: TBD – depends on donors) is open for residents of BC who are enrolled in a human healthcare program of studies in a recognized post-secondary institution. Preference is given to students who have completed 50 hours in Auxiliary sponsored program or within their community. If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by May 15th, 2025.



2025 EFMABC Bursaries (value: \$1000 x 5) are open to any secondary student completing their Gr. 12 year who will enter a recognized post-secondary educational institution in the 2025/2026 term. Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement and/ or special needs with a preference to students entering the fields of engineering, architecture, or building technology. All applicants must be dependents of school district employees in the school facilities area (i.e. maintenance or custodial). If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by April 30th 2025.

Manulife Life Lessons Scholarship (value: \$10,000) is open to any Canadian or permanent resident student who is currently enrolled in, or have been accepted to a college, university or trade school within Canada and will be attending full-time post-secondary in September. The applicant must also have experienced the death of a parent or legal guardian who had little or no life insurance coverage. For more information, or to apply, click [HERE](#)!

Kochhar & Co Scholarship (value: \$1000) is open to any Canadian or USA resident students enrolled in any field of study that will be attending college or university on a full-time or part-time basis no later than September 2026 and have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or greater during their last academic year. Students must answer one of the following essay questions: 1. What are the three most important things that an accountant does for a company OR 2. What are the three most important things that an accountant does for an individual? If interested, apply [HERE](#) by March 31st 2025!

Port Moody Secondary Scholarship Package 2025 forms and scholarship lists can all be found via [Port Moody Secondary - Scholarships Page](#) or via the PMSS Career Centre TEAMS > PMSS Scholarship Package channel (accessible to students). Please review and encourage students to apply to any scholarships that they find they are eligible for. The package in its entirety is due on March 14th, 2025 at 3:00pm. If any student or parent has any questions about the scholarship application process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Megan Chang (mchang@sd43.bc.ca) or Ms. Cindy Campbell (cicampbell@sd43.bc.ca).

UBC- Alpha Gamma Delta Entrance Award (value: \$2000) is open for female identifying secondary graduates who are planning to enter UBC-Vancouver in September 2025. Must have the values of: pursuit of wisdom, developing and prizing health and vigour of body, contributing to the world’s work in the communities we are placed, holding truth inviolable, sincerity essential, kindness invaluable, and possessing high ideals and working to attain them. If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by March 15th, 2025!



ELEMENTARY
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.

8 LOCATIONS

04 MAR

Registration 6:00am

Registration 6:00am

07 MAR

MIDDLE
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.

3 LOCATIONS

SECONDARY SKILL BUILDING
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.

2 LOCATIONS

07 MAR

Registration 6:00am

Registration 6:00am

06 MAY

SECONDARY FULL CREDIT
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 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.

2 LOCATIONS



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

PARENTS

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

Next PAC Meeting will be on Tuesday April 1st at 7pm in Room 222.

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

GRAD



AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISERS



Join us at the Gathered Vintage Market

We're thrilled to invite you, your friends, and family to our Vintage Markets! This is a wonderful community event that will help support this year's After Grad celebration. With a fantastic group of vendors, there's something for everyone!

Event Dates:

March 15th & May 10th

Time: 10 AM - 4 PM

Entry: By donation. All proceeds will go toward supporting the After Grad event.

Bring your friends & family and come enjoy a day of shopping, community, and giving back. We look forward to seeing you there!

 **Visit our website to learn more:**

<https://sites.google.com/view/pmss-after-grad-2025/home#h.90w1oyauzfqq>



Vancouver Whitecaps FC Ticket Fundraiser

Whether you're a soccer fan, looking for a fun outing with friends, or organizing a team event, we've partnered with the **Vancouver Whitecaps** to offer special ticket prices for some exciting upcoming games. **\$5 from every ticket** sold will be donated to **PMSS After Grad**.

Special Ticket Pricing:

- Sunday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM vs. LA Galaxy for \$35
- Saturday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM vs. Real Salt Lake for \$30.

 [Link to Purchase Tickets](#)



Purdys Chocolates - Easter Made Easy!

Get ready for Easter with delicious chocolates from **Purdys**! With **pickup at the school on April 14th at 7:00 PM**, it's a convenient way to stock up on treats. Orders are due by **April 5th**—perfect for gifts or enjoying at home, all while supporting **PMSS After Grad**.

 [Link to Purdy's Chocolates Online Shopping Fundraiser](#)



We Need Your Support!

Your Support Makes After Grad Possible.

Please visit our website to support our fundraisers. We're working hard to raise money for After Grad celebrations, covering costs like venue, transportation, food, and prizes.

We welcome donations, sponsors, and encourage you to **Like & Share** on Instagram and Facebook!

<https://sites.google.com/view/pmss-after-grad-2025>



COMMUNITY

EPIC Youth Spring Break Camp



Register NOW at portmoody.ca/signmeup

Monday-Friday	
March 17-21	March 24-28
• Hike	• Hike
• Extreme Air Park	• Laser Tag
• Sports/Cooking	• Rock Climbing
• Swimming	• Swimming
• Central City Fun Park	• Sports/Cooking

9am to 3pm

portmoody.ca/youth | 604.469.4556

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Youth Drop-in Volleyball


Looking to get more time on the court or to try volleyball for the first time? Grab your friends and join us for a game!

NEW!

For
youth in
grades
6-12

Tuesdays, 7-7:45pm
Recreation Complex

Bring your Go-Card for grade verification, pay the \$2.30 drop-in fee at the front desk, and you're ready to play!

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