



Port Moody Times

Tuesday
April 22, 2025
Day 2

STUCO DANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Hi PMSS!

Get ready on **May 1st** for the annual SPRING DANCE: Carnival! Come dressed to impress get ready to dance under the big top with carnival-themed vibes, dazzling lights, and unforgettable memories.

Tickets:

- \$20 Early Bird
- \$25 Regular
- \$30 Late

Grab yours before they vanish like a magician's rabbit!

TEDX YOUTH @ PMSS SPEAKER APPLICATION

What's your take? What's your story? We're looking for passionate and interesting speakers to come speak at the PMSS TEDx event! Have questions? Email 088-okapadia@sd43.bc.ca. Sign up on <https://forms.office.com/r/BeQHkYE9UR>

MUSICAL THEATRE 2025/2026

Interested in being in next year's musical? Fill out this form to express your interest and have your say in what we perform next year! See Mr. Meredith if you have any questions! <https://forms.office.com/r/KhxURvAPk8>

ATTENTION GRADE 12's! Did you win an Award, Bursary or Scholarship? If so, a huge congratulations!! Please complete this [Microsoft Form](#) by June 11th, 2025 to let us know so that we can acknowledge your achievement in the commencement program! *ONE scholarship, bursary, award per form please! If you received more than one, complete another form* If you have any questions about this, please contact Ms. Chang (mchang@sd43.bc.ca)!

MATH CHALLENGERS PROVINCIAL FINALS

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for the Math Challengers Provincial Finals. We will have a grade 9 team and a grade 10 team representing Port Moody Secondary this year on Saturday, May 3rd. Wish them luck!


Grade 9 Team: Wilson H., Justin K., Ian K., Kevin W., Owen Z.


Grade 10 Team: Hyobeen A., Sean H., Richard L., Jesse M., Sheldon N.

GRAD DINNER & DANCE TICKETS

Tickets for the Grad 2025 Dinner Dance are on sale from Tuesday, April 8th until Friday, May 2nd. They are \$175 each and can be purchased on Cash Online or in the office.

Written in the Stars – PMSS After Grad 2025

 Science World, Vancouver

 Saturday, June 21st | 11:00 PM – 4:00 AM

Price - \$65 each

Payable via Cash Online under "Written in the Stars-PMSS After Grad 2025" or exact cash in office

After the big Grad celebration dinner, the night isn't over — it's about to begin.

Written in the Stars is the official PMSS After Grad event: a night designed for students to unwind, celebrate, and make memories together. From 11:00 PM to 4:00 AM, grads will take over **Science World**, enjoying an exciting, supervised experience filled with food, games, a DJ, photobooth, prizes, and more.

Your Ticket Includes:

- Transportation to and from Science World returning to PMSS by 4:00 AM
- Food and refreshments throughout the night
- DJ, photobooth, games, and awesome prizes
- A safe, fun environment to celebrate your grad night together

What to Wear:

Come comfy! PJs, hoodies, grad gear — whatever feels like you.

School rules apply — responsible choices help make the night unforgettable, for all the right reasons.

This is a **parent-organized event**, planned with care to ensure grads have a safe and memorable After Grad celebration. **If any parents are interested in volunteering**, please email pmssaftergrad2025@gmail.com for details.

💡 It's been years in the making — maybe even written in the stars. We can't wait to see you there.

Important Grad Dates

March 31 st	Guest Forms available
March 31 st	Valedictorian Applications
April 8 th - May 2 nd	Dinner/Dance and After Grad Tickets on sale online or see Ms. Tetangco in the office
April 9 th	Grad Guest Forms submitted by 4:00 pm
April 10 th	Valedictorian Nominations submitted by 4:00 pm
April 15 th – 17 th	Dinner/Dance Seat Selection at lunch in MPR
April 23 rd	Valedictorian Speeches – Block 4
May 2 nd	Last Day for Dinner/Dance and After Grad ticket sales
May 29 th – June 9 th	Commencement Tickets on sale—online, or See Ms. Tetangco in the office
June 21 st	Grad Dinner/Dance – Pinnacle Harbourfront Vancouver Hotel
June 21/22 nd	AfterGrad following Grad Dinner - Info TBA
June 18 th	Mandatory – Grad Assembly/Cap and Gown pickup
June 25 th	Commencement Ceremony at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver @ 7:00pm

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).

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.

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.

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!

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* #KnowYourSFU Event** is happening on Thursday April 24th, 2025 from 5pm – 8pm for all students who have received an offer from SFU -whether or not you've accepted – along with their family, guardians and friends as guests. Get to know the SFU community in person and connect with other new students beginning their journey with you this September! Speak with faculty representatives and connect with current SFU students about their experiences. Come see SFU Housing residence for yourself, chat about career paths, supports available and student life! For more info, or to register, click [HERE](#)!

***NEW* OzTrek: Australia and New Zealand options to Medicine & Dentistry** is having an online info session on April 29, 2025 at 5pm. OzTREKK is a Canadian-based company partnered with 16 top-ranked universities in Australia and New Zealand who supports students through every step of the application process – for free! Many of the programs they support – Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Law and more – offer direct-entry pathways right from high school! If interested, register [HERE](#)!

***NEW* University of Pennsylvania – Intro to UPenn: Canada** is hosting an online interactive info session on Wednesday April 30th, 2025 from 4:30pm – 6:00pm PST to any students and parents interested in considering UPenn as one of their college options. If interested, click [HERE](#) to register.

University of Toronto – Gr 10 & 11 Prospective Student Info Session is happening on Saturday, April 26th from 10am - 11:45am at the Vancouver Convention Center. Join us for this free information session and discover what makes U of T one of the world's top universities! To learn more, or register, click [HERE](#)!

General Learning Opportunities

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

SFU STEM Speaker Series: Using Sound Waves to Inspect Cracks in Train Systems is happening ONLINE on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 from 1:00pm – 2:00pm. In this presentation, the speaker will share their academic journey from their undergraduate studies in Mechatronic Engineering to their PhD research. They will also talk about their research – surface damage on railway components caused by wheels rolling on the rails and how sound waves can be used to detect these tiny cracks. For more info or to sign-up, click [HERE](#)!

University of Waterloo – GeoX Summer Camp is a one-week (Sunday August 10th, 2025 to August 16th, 2025) summer camp for high school students interested in learning more about earth and environmental sciences at the university level. Students who attend this camp and subsequently accept an offer of admission from a program in the Faculty of Science at the University of Waterloo will receive a guaranteed \$1000 scholarship as part of the [Faculty of Science Contest Award](#). The program cost is \$700 which includes 5 full days of programming and residence fees for 6 nights. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by April 25th, 2025.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Community Leadership Initiative (CLI) program empowers youth to design and lead their own civic engagement projects that promote inclusivity and reconciliation. We aim to support participants as they gain a better understanding of themselves and the needs of their communities through interactive workshops and field trips. We provide workshops, microgrants of \$2000, 1:1 guidance and short-term certificates and trainings. If you are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or refugee between 15-30 that can commit to this 10 month program, click [HERE](#) for more information or to register. There is an info session on Zoom this Wednesday April 16th at 4:00pm. Please email lulu.lam@success.bc.ca for the link!

XD Hacks Mini Vancouver – Privathon 2025 Hackathon is happening on Saturday May 24th – Sunday May 25th 2025 at Vancouver Independent School for Science and Technology and is open to all high school students! Privathon 2025 is an in-person Hackathon that encourages high-school students from BC to try and develop prototypes that will help improve Digital Privacy. There will be workshops, keynote presentations, interactive activities, and mentors to assist your creation along every step of the way. 3 non-cash prizes for top 3! The registration fee is \$10 (until May 3rd 2025). For more information, or to register, click [HERE](#)!

TEDx Youth @PMSS is happening soon! If you are interested in levelling up your public speaking skills or want a platform to express yourself and your ideas, sign up [HERE](#) by April 26th, 2025. Speakers will be posted onto the official TEDx YouTube channel!

BCIT – Spend a Day with the BCIT Women in Engineering Club is happening on Thursday May 1st, from 9:00am – 3:00pm at BCIT Burnaby Campus! Join BCIT's inspiring women and gender-diverse engineering and engineering-related students. Explore our labs, take part in interactive experiments, and discover the possibilities of a future in engineering. This free

event is open to all women and gender diverse high school students and recent graduates. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn, connect, and get inspired! If interested, register [HERE](#)!

WORTH: Women in Orthopaedics Workshop for High School Students (hosted by UBC and BC Children's Hospital) is happening on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10:00am – 11:30am. This workshop is open to all young women in high school (Gr. 10-12), including women-identifying individuals and non-binary non-conforming students interested in pursuing a career in healthcare and engineering, specifically in orthopaedics. The focus of this workshop will provide insights into how the spine team at BCCH works together in the care of the spine patients. For more info, click [HERE](#)! If interested, sign up [HERE](#) by April 24th, 2025!

Trades and Apprenticeship Information

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

SD43 Trades Hiring Fair is a great opportunity to meet employers and find out about career pathways in the skilled trades. Bring your resume if you're looking for a job! The skilled trades are in demand jobs. Apprentices complete their training with little or no student loan debt. The hiring fair is happening on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 from 5pm – 7pm at Centennial Secondary School (570 Poirier St, Coquitlam). For more info, click: [HERE](#)!

Volunteer/Employment Opportunities

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

***NEW* SFU Science ALIVE Summer Academy** is looking for Gr. 10-12 volunteers who are interested in STEAM and want to join their team playing a crucial role in inspiring the next generation of innovators and problem solvers. Whether you are skilled in coding, robotics, engineering, or science communication, there is an opportunity for you to make a significant impact! Dates are available July through to August with multiple shifts available from 9am – 5pm. This opportunity takes place on SFU's Burnaby Campus. If interested, please apply [HERE](#) by April 30th!

***NEW* Spirit Triathlon** is looking for volunteers on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 from 8am -3pm at Hyde Creek Recreation Centre. No experience is needed – training is provided. Whether you can give a few hours or the whole morning, your help makes a huge difference. Volunteers can expect a reference letter for anyone who asks, a crepe voucher for anyone who completes 2 shifts, a swag bag, a volunteer tshirt for the first 50 people who sign in on race day, volunteer service hours and be part of a welcoming, energetic event supporting local kids and families. Read more about the triathlon [HERE](#) and [SIGN UP HERE](#) to see the various volunteer positions available!

UBC Phenomenal Summer Camp is looking for volunteers! This is an annual summer camp program run by UBC Department of Physics & Astronomy on UBC campus. Volunteers are expected to commit to at least one week of volunteering for our summer camp program (Volunteer hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm) and are required to attend a training day prior to volunteering. Any student completing Gr. 10-12 can apply. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by Monday May 19th, 2025!

Rainforest Adventure Camp is looking for Summer Camp volunteers from June 27 – August 29, 2025 (shifts between 8am – 6pm). We are looking for a patient, fun, kind and respectful people who enjoy recreation, games and working with children and youth. Activities include swimming a few days a week, games, sports, arts and crafts, and more. To apply, fill out the form found [HERE](#) and submit to info@rfcamps.com.

Hike for Hospice is looking for volunteers for Sunday, May 25th, 2025 at Mundy Park! There are a variety of roles available including registration, trail marshals, and assistance with the BBQ, among others. Additionally, students can be provided letters to verify their volunteer hours! Students are welcome to email Kristen.Peck@crossroadshospice.org and cc Shalon.Morrison@crossroadshospice.org. Kristen will work with students to confirm a position and will also ensure they are provided with appropriate resources and training that will equip them for event day. More info about the event can be found [HERE](#)!

Scholarship / Awards

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

***NEW* Metro Vancouver Housing Bursary Program** (value: \$2000) is open for Gr. 12 students attending post-secondary in the Fall that live in Metro Vancouver Housing (Chateau de Ville, Park Place, Inlet Centre, Moray Place, Le Chateau, Meridian Village and others listed [here](#).) If interested, apply [HERE](#) by May 4th, 2025!

AI Grist Scholarship Award (value: \$500) is open to any SD43 Gr. 12 student who will continue to study environment stewardship in university. These studies may include forestry, agriculture, fisheries, environmental management, or any similar studies. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by May 1st 2025.

Susan and Steven Rubin Educational Scholarship Fund (value: \$1800) is open to all B.C. Canadians or landed immigrants that lives with his or her parent in Canada and is enrolled in post-secondary located in Canada or Israel for the Fall. Applicants must have maintained an average between 60% - 79% in the last two years (Gr. 11 & 12) of his or her secondary school education. Averages outside of this range will not be considered. Applicants must also demonstrate involvement in community service activities. To apply, complete the [Susan and Steven Rubin Educational Scholarship Application](#) and email it to ssrub2022@gmail.com by May 1st, 2025.

Strike Group Scholarships (value: \$2000) currently has their Indigenous category and LGBTQ2S+ categories open. Students in either category must be pursuing trades or post-secondary specific to Energy and/ or Construction Industry (e.g. electrical, instrumentation, pipefitter, welder, millwright, project management, administration, finance, accounting, safety, marketing, human resources, etc.). Applications for both are due June 30th, 2025 and applicants can apply [HERE](#)!

Leavitt Machinery Scholarship Program (value: \$500) is open to students currently enrolled, or expects to be enrolled in a degree program by September with a GPA of 2.5+ and a resident of US or Canada. Applicants must write an essay about a situation you have been involved in or someone you know has been involved in where better safety procedures would have prevented an injury. Explain in detail what safety procedures you believe should have been in place to prevent the injury and how they would have prevented the injury. If interested, apply [HERE](#) by May 1st, 2025.

IWSH Essay Contest (value: <\$2000) is open for current high school seniors that answer the topic “Why should the government and private sector work together to provide improved access to clean water?” If interested, submit your entry [HERE](#) by April 30th, 2025!

Angad Hundal Society Awards is offering two awards. The first is **Angad Hundal Memorial Award** (value: \$5000) for high school students registered to join a college/ university or equivalent higher institution that embodies self-discipline, empathy, compassion, patience, tolerance, fairness, helpfulness, open-mindedness, authenticity, consistency, perseverance, and respect. The second is **“Emerge” Scholarship** (value: \$2500) for Canadian students registered in a post-secondary program and that have faced challenges – may it be from broken families, mental health, illness, loss or abuse but emerged with those challenges with persistence, resilience and determination. Both scholarships have the deadline of June 30th, 2025. The application to both awards can be found [HERE](#)!


BridesEDU Scholarship (value: \$1000) is open for all applicants enrolled in a Canadian post-secondary institution in September 2025. International students are eligible for this award as well provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. Complete application form and write a max 500 word essay answering this question"Why do you deserve this scholarship?" (Grades, extracurriculars, and your résumé don't matter. Your essay can either tell us about your past or your vision and future potential. It's your essay and your story to tell.) If interested, apply [HERE](#) by June 30th, 2025!

Horatio Alger – Vocational & Technical Scholarships (Value: \$3000 x 25) is open for Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents in BC, under the age of 35 with a household income under \$100,000 enrolled in a vocational, technical or trade program for Fall 2025! If interested, apply [HERE](#) by June 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>



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

AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISERS



Exciting Spring Raffle Fundraiser – Tickets \$10 Each

Support our exciting spring raffle fundraiser and help make **After Grad 2025** unforgettable for our students! We’re offering **three amazing prizes**, each valued at **\$500**:

1.  **Tech Smart Package** – includes an iPad
2.  **Restaurant Dine Around Experience**
3.  **Wellness Prize Package**

Tickets are \$10 each. You can purchase yours through our After Grad Committee (see details below). All proceeds go directly toward the After Grad celebration.


Draw Date: May 15, 2025 at 8:00 PM at PMSS, Room 222, Port Moody

Upcoming Ticket Sale Locations (Drop In):

- **April 14 | 7–9 PM** – School Entrance/Cafeteria (Fundraiser Pickup Night)
- **April 17 | 5–7 PM** – School Gym (Parent/Teacher Night)
- **May 1 | 7–9 PM** – School Entrance/Cafeteria (Fundraiser Pickup Night)
- **May 8 | 11–1 PM & 3–5 PM** – School Entrance/Cafeteria (Lunch + After School Ticket Returns)
- **May 10 | 11–4 PM** – School Gym (Vintage Market)

Want to Help?

PMSS Families: If you’re able to help by selling tickets to friends, family, neighbours, or coworkers, we’d love your support!

 Email us at: pmssaftergrad2025@gmail.com to sign out a booklet of tickets or to ask any questions.





Vancouver Whitecaps – Saturday, May 3rd

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:

- Saturday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM vs. Real Salt Lake for only \$30

👉 [Link to Purchase Tickets](#)



Gathered Vintage Market – Saturday, May 10th

Step into a world of treasures at our very own **Vintage Market**, just in time for Mother's Day! Bring friends, family and/or mom to explore unique finds, handmade goods, and one-of-a-kind pieces—perfect for gifting or treating yourself.

Entry is by donation, and all proceeds go toward supporting **PMSS After Grad 2025**. Come browse, shop, and support a great cause while enjoying a fun, community-driven event.

Date: Saturday, May 10th

Time: 10:00AM-4:00PM

Location: Port Moody Secondary School Gym



APRIL UPDATE: <https://tinyurl.com/MoodySecAGApril2>

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



Tri-City Youth REACH Awards

Nominate
someone
today!

The Tri-City REACH Awards recognize the generous contributions of individual youth, youth groups, businesses, organizations, and adult mentors in the Tri-Cities who empower, celebrate, and/or impact youth and the community in significant ways.

Submit nominations online at
portmoody.ca/youth
or in-person by Apr 25.



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