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NEW NEWS

<u>STUDENT CALL TO THE OFFICE:</u> Would all **students in Homeroom 29** please come to the office to pick up your Student Information Verification form for your Parent/Guardian signature.

<u>SCHOOL FEES</u>: Would any students who have paid fees by cheque or cash please pick up your receipt from Ms. Labranche in the office.

ARTONA SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Photos will be uploaded to <u>artona.com</u> 24 hours after photo day. For more info visit your school page on <u>artona.com</u>

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ATTENTION GRADE 12'S AND 11'S: The Senior Sail is coming up! Join your fellow Grade 11 and 12 classmates at the Harbour Cruise Dinner and Dance, *Friday, October 4, 2019*. Ticket price includes a 3 hour harbour cruise around beautiful Vancouver with a pasta dinner, dessert, bottomless soft drinks followed by dancing.

Parents and guardians are asked to make arrangements to have their child dropped off and picked up at the Harbour Cruise docks, 501 Denman Street, Vancouver. Please arrive between 6:45 and 7:05 pm, the boat loads at 7:15 pm, all students will go through Harbour Cruises Security Screening. The boat departs at 8:00 pm and returns at 11:00 pm. Students are required to bring picture ID (PMSS student ID or Driver's License to gain entry) along with their receipt of payment.

There is a coat-check on board at no cost – however there is very little room. Only bring what is absolutely necessary, no big bags/purses.

Reserve your space on the boat now! Tickets are limited to 335! *Sales run from September 11 – 25 for Grade 12 students, September 17 – 25 for Grade 11 students* starting at 10 am. Tentative guest approval forms are available at the office and may only be approved IF there are extra tickets available.

Thank you for respecting our PMSS school expectations and Code of Conduct as well as demonstrating social responsible behaviour during the duration of the cruise and while travelling to and from the dock.

If you have any questions please contact Vice Principal Sharon Starr, <u>sstarr@sd43.bc.ca</u>.

FALL PLAY: PMSS is once again putting up a fall play this year and wants you to audition for it! Auditions will take place *today.* Any questions, see Mr. Meredith in flex in 218!

ALL GIRLS AND JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL: Volleyball tryouts are today at 3:15.

<u>GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY</u>: All girls interested in playing field hockey this year, please come to the gym at lunch *today* for sign-up.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED IN CROSS COUNTRY: *Tuesday, September 17th* during FLEX Block. 8:45 in small gym. See Ms. Sands directly if you miss the meeting.

<u>CLUB APPLICATONS</u>: Club applications are due in the main office by 3:15 on *Thursday, September 19*th. If you have any questions or need help preparing your application, please see Mr. Taylor.

VANCOUVER LAW SCHOOL FAIR 2019: Is a joint project organized by the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and University of British Columbia. It is open to all ages, including high school students and their parents. Present at the event will be representatives from over 30 North American schools. Interested students are able to find more information and register at www.vanlawfair.com<http://www.vanlawfair.com/>.

Vancouver Law School Fair 2019 Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 Location: Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver Time: 1PM - 6PM Register at www.vanlawfair.com<http://www.vanlawfair.com/>.

ONGOING NEWS

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION: Please see our school website under Programs & Services, Aboriginal Education, with respect to Aboriginal Self Identification. Ensuring students and families self identify as having ancestry allows us to better address the diverse needs of all our Aboriginal students. Coquitlam School District 43 is committed to the academic success, cultural connection and socio-emotional development of all Aboriginal Learners. We have one of the highest Aboriginal graduation rates in the Province and are very proud of the work of all our educators and the Aboriginal Education Department. We wish to continue this excellent work and improve even more. As such, self-identification is important.

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 12'S: Our first Grad Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 17**th. Come join in to talk about Grad wear, grad fundraising, our harbour boat cruise on October 4th and all things grad. Your voice is important! Meeting takes place in the office conference room. See you there.

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 9'S: Please meet in the Small Gym on **Wednesday, September 18**th during Flex (8:30am) for your next Digital Learning assembly. You will be receiving your first assignment and important information on Flex meeting times by homeroom.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FIELD TRIP: International Students- don't forget to submit your forms for our Rocky Point Picnic coming up on *Tuesday, September 24th*! Forms must be submitted to Ms. Woldring in Portable 2 by *Thursday, September 19th*. Didn't get a form? Pick one up in Portable 2!

EUROPE 2021: What do the Eiffel Tower, beautiful beaches, and authentic Italian pasta have in common? You can check them all out on the Spring 2021 Europe Trip! Bring your friends and learn more on **Wednesday, September 25**th at lunch in room 207.

DIGITAL LEARNING 10: All Digital Learning 10 students are required to subscribe to the Digital Learning 10 Channel on the My School Day app as soon as possible.

MUSIC COURSES SCHEDULE:

- Concert Band 9/10: Monday, Wednesday 7:20-8:20 am
- Concert Band 11/12: Tuesday 7-9 pm, Thursday Block 6 (3:10-4:25 pm)
- Junior Jazz Band: Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Fridays Block 3 (lunch time)
- Senior Jazz Band: Monday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays Block 3 (lunch time) (Note to all Jazz students: until Friday, September 13th, all students attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunch time)
- Choir: Tuesday, Thursday Block 3 (lunch time)
- Strings: Tuesday 4-6 pm, Thursday Block 6 (3:10-4:25 pm) in the Drama Room)
- Guitar: Block 2

As you might have noticed, music courses are NOT on the Day 1-Day 2 system.

Please note: Lunch time classes allow students to leave their Block 2 classes ten minutes before Block 2 ends in order to eat lunch (Monday 10:39 am and Tuesday-Friday 11:25 am).

Class schedules are posted to the left of the Band Room entrance.

OFF BLOCK STICKER: Stickers will be given out when Student ID cards arrive.

STUDENT PARKING PASS: If you will be parking in the lower parking lot please come to the office at lunch to pick up a Parking Registration form.

<u>COMPASS CARDS</u>: A few Compass Cards have been found and turned in to the office. Please come to the office if you have misplaced your card. Would students please write your name on the back of your card for easy identification in case your card is misplaced.

PMSS TIMES: Announcements will be read over the PA at the start of Block 2 on Mondays (or Tuesdays if there's no school in session on Mondays) and Thursdays. Teachers will read announcements to their classes at the start of Block 2 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You will find copies of the PMSS Times outside the office and it will also be posted in the Cafeteria under the clock.

SPORTS

<u>ALL STUDENT ATHLETES</u>: Please add the new ATHLETICS channel on the school app for all the latest and updated information with athletics.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

Post-Secondary Information, Admissions Updates, New Post-Secondary Programs, Scholarships, Volunteering, Employment, Career Programs & Training, Leadership and Enrichment Programs

BC RCMP NOW RECRUITING MEMBERS OF YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE! - The BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee will bring up to **30 youth** together in an online, social media-based committee to provide guidance to the RCMP from October to June 2020. Applications due **Sept. 20/19**; details on the App: **CAREER CENTRE-VOLUNTEERING** channel.

ELITE U.S. UNIVERSITIES INFORMATION SESSION, 7 PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17/19 – Students and parents are invited to explore the exciting possibility of studying at **Dartmouth, Harvard, Stanford or UPENN.** You must RSVP to attend: details on the Mobile App/Career Centre – Post-Secondary Info & Events.

LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS -UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO - Offered to *International Students* <u>ONLY</u>, the <u>Lester B. Pearson International Student Scholarship</u> is a FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP for 4 years at the U of T. You must be nominated to apply; details on the App/Career Centre/FINANCIAL AID + SCHOLARSHIPS Channel. Deadline to submit Nomination application to Ms Campbell or Ms Truax: *November 4/19*

<u>QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY QUARMS PROGRAM NOMINATION – BIG CHANGES THIS YEAR!</u> – Students who were thinking of applying for a PMSS nomination for the QuARMS medical program should check the announcement on the App and school website: Career Centre – Post Secondary Info!

<u>2019 MOREHEAD CAIN SCHOLARSHIP</u> – The Morehead-Cain is a four-year merit scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The scholarship provides full tuition for all 4 years, all student fees, housing & meals, books & laptop, and a 4-year Summer Enrichment program. Students apply by school nomination: 3 permitted. More details on the App: *Scholarships Channel NEWS*, and the school website: *Career Centre/Financial Aid & Scholarships*. Deadline to apply for sponsorship: MONDAY SEPT. 30, 3pm.

THE LORAN AWARDS PROGRAM offers up to 36 awards valued at up to \$100,000 for 4 years, including a \$10,000 yearly stipend and access to funding, mentorship and annual forums. Students may apply directly for the award <u>or</u> as one of PMSS's 3 sponsored candidates. Details on the App: Career Centre: Scholarships NEWS channel, & the school website: Career Centre: Financial Aid & Scholarships. Deadline to apply for school sponsorship: Oct. 3/3 pm.

PARENTS

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

FIRST PAC MEETING: Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in the Library

New parents welcome.