



# Port Moody Times

Thursday  
November 21, 2019  
Day 1

PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY:  
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## NEW NEWS

### Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

**Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.**

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

**STUDENT CALL TO THE OFFICE:** Would **Amber L** and **Setayesh G** please come to the office to pick up your copy of last year's yearbook.

**PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS:** Report cards were sent home with the students last Friday. The PMSS online Parent-Teacher Interview Appointment Booking System is open for parents to create accounts to book AFTERNOON (1:30-4:00pm) APPOINTMENTS ONLY on **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Instructions have been sent out through School Messenger and My School Day App. Evening interviews will be held in our school gym on **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6:00-8:00pm, no appointment necessary.

**GRADE 12s – IMPORTANT ASSEMBLY:** Grade 12s are REQUIRED to attend an important assembly during FLEX in the small gym on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> OR Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Counsellors will introduce and review the process for Grade 12s to access the Student Transcript Service and order final transcripts for post secondary applications. This is an important step, and must be done in order to complete you application process. Grade 12s will only need to attend one of the assemblies.

**GRADE 12s - STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE SUPPORT:** Counsellors will be available to help you complete the student transcript request process on **Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** during FLEX in the Library.

**SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION:** It's that time we know you've all been waiting for Port Moody, no, not Santa squeezing himself down chimneys, it's the School Spoken Word Competition for grades 9 and 10 on **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the drama room. We've got 10 presenters who have all battled out of their English classes to compete in front of our panel of esteemed judges. We also have a 6'3 presenter named Eric who promises to be funny. Now, all we need is you Port Moody, come watch some great performances tomorrow in the drama room at lunch!!!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Friendly Forest Preschool is looking for volunteers for their annual Santa Breakfast. Volunteer duties will include set-up/take-down all of the Christmas decor, helping children with the craft table/clean up of the craft table, clearing plates, and general cleanup. Breakfast for all volunteers included. If you are interested in helping, contact Yula (who is organizing the event) at - [social@friendlyforestpreschool.com](mailto:social@friendlyforestpreschool.com) . You will be signing up with her directly. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Campbell (counsellor, in the Main Office).

**Details:**

**Date:** *Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>*  
**Time:** 8am - 1pm  
**Location:** Anmore Elementary School

**SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB:** Final notice to join the Ski and Snowboard club. Also, it is important for the following students to see Mr. Kirby **TODAY** after school in the Auto Shop:

<b>George Li</b>	<b>Cameron Tomilin</b>	<b>Cady Liu</b>
<b>Tiger Xiao</b>	<b>Hannah Tso</b>	<b>Chris Zhao</b>
<b>Archana Joshi</b>	<b>Henry Chen</b>	<b>Allan Xie</b>
<b>Kimi Liang</b>	<b>Edward Marakhov</b>	<b>Rachel Wu</b>

**SOCCER INTRAMURALS:** Hey Port Moody! On behalf of Athletic Leadership, we would like to announce that we are beginning soccer intramurals. The sign-up form is at the bulletin board next to the gym. After teams are signed up, we will have a meeting to give further information about the tournament.

**TRYOUTS FOR ALL GIRLS BASKETBALL** (senior girls come to whatever you can): Please email [ssands@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ssands@sd43.bc.ca) with questions.

- **Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** 3-4:30
- **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** 3-4:30
- **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** MORNING 7 am

**MSF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS CLUB:** Attention all MSF members! Make sure to come to room 310 at the start of lunch **today** as we will be having our club photo for the yearbook taken!

**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA PMSS INFO SESSION** – Join advisors from Alberta's 'flagship university' as the university visits PMSS on **Monday, November 25** at lunchtime in the Drama Room for an informative meeting – learn about the [University of Alberta's](#) 200 undergrad programs and find out why the U of A ranks in the top 5 medical/doctoral & research universities in Canada.

**RYERSON UNIVERSITY VISITS PMSS NOVEMBER 26**– Students are invited to the Drama Room on Tuesday at lunchtime for an informative presentation on Toronto's **RYERSON UNIVERSITY**, home of 60+ undergrad, experiential programs in the heart of Toronto.

**SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS** – Students interested in a STEM post-secondary program (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) are invited to apply for the PMSS nomination for a **Schulich Leader Scholarship**, awarded at each of 20 Canadian universities to a student enrolling in a STEM program: 50 available at up to \$100,00 each. Nomination application deadline: **NOV. 29/19**. Details and the nomination form on the App: Financial Aid/Scholarship Channel NEWS, or visit the Career Centre on the PMSS website: Financial Aid/Scholarships.

## **ONGOING NEWS**

**FALL PLAY TICKETS:** Tickets will be sold in the MPR at lunch for \$5. Performances are **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7pm and **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 8pm! Get your tickets before they sell out!

**ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS:** Your next assembly for Digital Learning 10 will take place on **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am in the Small Gym. You will be receiving your next assignment for DL at this assembly. You will also be receiving important information regarding the Grade 9 Inquiry Project.

**ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS:** Do you require assistance with your latest Digital Learning 10 assignment? Do you have questions about what you're supposed to do? Do you know how you will present your information? Are you having trouble uploading to your Edublog? If you answered YES to any of these questions, please see Ms. Nagra and Mr. Valente for Flex in room 321 on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

**DECEMBER PAC MEETING:** The December PAC meeting time and place has been changed. Mark your calendars - the next PAC meeting is **9:30 am, Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Conference Room**.

**IN-SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Want to gain volunteer hours and contribute to a good cause? The Sewciety (pronounced 'Society') project is running a recycled coat project. We will be seam ripping logos off ski jackets to donate them as winter is approaching. If interested, we meet Tuesdays and Fridays in Mr. Roque's room (305) during flex or email us at [thesewcietyproject@gmail.com](mailto:thesewcietyproject@gmail.com).

**OFF BLOCK STICKERS:** Any students who would like an off-block sticker please come to the office during your off block with your student ID card and student schedule.

**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.

**COMPASS CARDS:** 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.

## **CLUBS**

**PAWS FOR A CAUSE – BROWNIE SALE:** Take a pause for a cause! We will be selling brownies until **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. All profits will be going to RAPS, a no kill animal shelter. For every dollar, you will receive a brownie! Every dollar helps!

**REACH FOR THE TOP CLUB – TRIVIA NIGHT:** Reach for the Top is hosting our first trivia competition on **Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**. Whether you're a serious quizzer or just want to learn some new facts, everyone is welcome to participate. Sign up in groups of 4 at the Library or via the QR codes posted around the school by **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. All grades are welcome!

## **CAREER CENTRE NEWS**

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

**SFU PROGRAM FAIR, 2019** – Planning your post-secondary journey? Students and parents are invited to join faculty and current students at SFU's Program Fair on **Wednesday, November 27 – 5:30 – 8 pm** at SFU's Surrey campus ([250-13450 102nd Avenue, Surrey](https://www.sfu.ca/250-13450-102nd-Avenue-Surrey)). Explore program options, tour the campus and attend presentations. Register to attend at [www.sfu.ca/students/program-fair](http://www.sfu.ca/students/program-fair)

**UBC CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARDS** – UBC's entrance award program is designed to financially support academically qualified students entering UBC from high school who would not otherwise be able to attend without significant financial assistance. This program offers entering students one-time & renewable awards of up to \$80,000, to cover the full cost of a degree and living expenses. Students and families or guardians must complete an application to demonstrate financial need. Application forms and criteria are online at [you.ubc.ca/centennialscholars](http://you.ubc.ca/centennialscholars). Applications & documents must be received by **December 1/2020**.

**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA IN VANCOUVER – Advising Session** – Students are invited to **register** for a free, customized 30-minute session on **SATURDAY, November 23 from 9 am – 5 pm** at the Vancouver Public Library. Spaces still available but are limited! More details on the App, POST-SECONDARY INFO & EVENTS NEWS

**COQUITLAM FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM** – If you're currently in Grade 11 or 12, and interested in a challenging experience, sign up for the **Coquitlam Junior Firefighting Program** during Spring Break 2020 in an 8-day camp at the Coquitlam Town Centre Firehall – **March 13 – 20, 2020**. Details and Application form on the **App** or the **Career Centre Online: Opportunities & Career Explorations**.

**HUMANITARIAN AID RELIEF TRUST – the HART COMPETITION** - Are you interested in global issues? Thinking about a career in the humanitarian sector? Consider competing for the prestigious annual **HART PRIZE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**. HART is a charity working in eight countries to bring change through aid and advocacy to victims of oppression and persecution. You may apply and submit in either the essay category or the creative (poetry, artwork, or sculpture) or **both**; one submission per category. Details on the App: **SCHOLARSHIPS & CONTESTS Channel. Deadline: MARCH 2/2020.**



SD43 FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY 2020

**APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

SEE YOUR COUNSELOR

The poster features a black background with two horizontal bands of vibrant orange and yellow flames. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and orange colors for emphasis.

## PARENTS

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

**NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am in the Conference Room**  
New parents welcome.

## PMSS GRAD 2020

**PURDYS CHOCOLATIER FUNDRAISER:** Thank you to all who placed orders for the Purdy's AfterGrad fundraiser! Orders can be picked up on **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 2:30-4:00 at the school in the MPR or, alternate pickup/delivery arrangements can be made by texting Marnie at 604-803-4987.

**ME-n-ED'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER:** Order pizza this **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** for the Me-n-Ed's Pizza Night in support of AfterGrad. Mention PMSS AfterGrad when ordering.

Port Moody After Grad Committee is asking for your support with our Me-n-Ed's Pizza Fundraiser. Order on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (dine in, delivery or take out until May 21<sup>st</sup>). Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam locations of Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlors are participating.

We earn 20% from each order but you MUST mention that it is an order to support Port Moody Secondary After Grad for us to earn the 20%. Anyone can order and support this - tell your neighbours and relatives. Thank you for your support! Mark your calendars on the following dates: **November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.**



## COMMUNITY CORNER

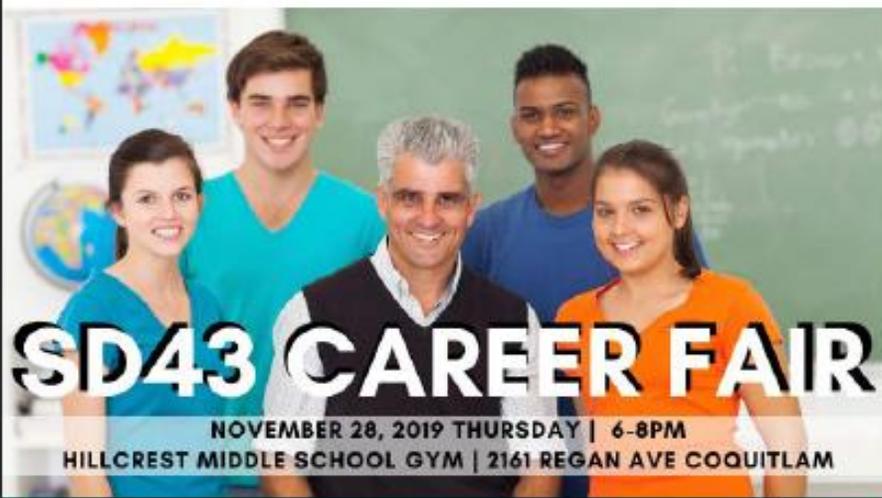
### Career Opportunities at SD43

School District 43 (Coquitlam) is hosting a Career Fair and you're invited to explore the exceptional career opportunities at one of BC's leading school districts.



Talk with HR staff, meet other employees, ask questions and explore the following career opportunities:

- Educational Assistants
- School and district-level clerical positions
- Teachers and TTOCs
- Tradespeople, Caretakers, and other positions.



To learn more, visit [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)