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

### **FOUND – PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO CLAIM:**

- Two gift cards were found in the MPR on *Thursday, December 5*<sup>th</sup>.
- A TD Visa debit card was found on *Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>* at the intersection of St. Johns and Albert Street.
- A Pocket Juice and an iPhone were turned in to the office last week.

<u>ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:</u> The Counsellors and IB Co-ordinator will be unavailable to respond to email or fulfill requests for documents or paperwork over the break. If you require assistance for any of these please see us prior to *Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*. We will be unavailable by phone or email until from December 21<sup>st</sup> until January 6<sup>th</sup>.

<u>WINTER MARKET:</u> Support your local entrepreneurs.\_The Marketing 9 class presents the "WINTER MARKET." Come on down to the MPR *December 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>* at lunch. You can visit <a href="https://pmssmarket.wixsite.com/w2019">https://pmssmarket.wixsite.com/w2019</a> to check out all the amazing products available.

<u>MATH COMPETITION CLUB – AMC 10/12:</u> Hey math enthusiasts! Reminder that *today* will be the last day to register for the American Math Contest 10 and 12. Registration will be \$10, after school in room 220. See you there!

<u>MEDINITIATIVE CLUB – BLOOD DRIVE</u>: Attention Grad Class of 2020! Leave a legacy at PMSS and help save a life by donating blood on *Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>* at All Saints Parish in Coquitlam, transportation provided. See the sign-up sheet in the front foyer for details.

<u>PMSS SCHOLARSHIP INFO SESSION #3</u> — The "Complete Package" meeting will be this Wednesday, **December 11**, at **3:10 pm** in the **Multipurpose Room**. This meeting will include details on the scholarships and bursaries in the **PMSS Scholarships and Bursaries List**, handed out at the end of the meeting.

# **ONGOING NEWS**

<u>GRAD CLASS 2020:</u> Attention all Grads! Did you miss out on ordering a grad hoodie? We've re-opened the store until *Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*. See the Port Moody store at <u>www.getbold.com/stores/pmss</u> to order and pay. Want to try on for sizing? See Ms. Starr to do so.

**COOKIE DECORATING - INTERNATIONAL AND ELL STUDENTS:** Join us for our holiday event on *Wednesday, December* **11**<sup>th</sup>! We will be decorating cookies and watching a holiday movie from 3:15-4:30 in Room 206.

<u>PMSS TALENT SHOW:</u> PMSS will be holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual talent show on *Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*. Please send your video auditions to <u>pmssleadership2020@gmail.com</u> by *Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*.

<u>LIBRARY - NEW BOOKS:</u> The Library has lots of NEW BOOKS to checkout, take home and enjoy. We have David Yoon's new novel, "Frankly in Love". We have Stephen Chobosky's "Imaginary Friend", Michael Christie's "Greenwood" and Joelle Charbonneau's new dystopia "Verify". For the non fiction fans we have Ziya Tong's "The Reality Bubble" and Jean Teillet's History of the Metis Nation "The North-West is our Mother".

**SENIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM:** The hip hop dance team is assembling! If you love dancing, come to tryouts on **Monday, December 16**<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30pm in the Drama Room. Bring \$5, your water bottle and wear something comfortable to move and sweat in. Tryouts will be run by the team coach and choreographer Ervinn Tangco. Please contact Mr. Podwysocki for further questions.

<u>ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS:</u> 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*.

**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.

<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.

<u>PMSS TIMES:</u> 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**

<u>KIDSPORT CLUB – EQUIPMENT DRIVE:</u> KidSport is holding a sports equipment drive which helps provide equipment and grants to kids so they can play a season of sport. If you have any used fair to good quality equipment at home just rusting away, please donate it in the yellow box in front of the school! Only until *Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*.

## **CAREER CENTRE NEWS**

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

<u>SFU INFORMATION TABLE IN THE MPR- OFFICE OF FRENCH AND FRANCOPHILE AFFAIRS</u> - Lunchtime, December 11. Celebrate Canada's two official languages: find out more about innovative programs and courses taught in French. Drop by if you're interested in the French language and the Francophone (or Francophile!) community and cultures.

<u>COQUITLAM FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM</u> – Grade 11 & 12 students are reminded of the deadline to apply for the <u>Coquitlam Junior Firefighting Program</u>, <u>March 13 – 20, 2020</u>. Applications online: Career Centre/Opportunities & Careers. Applications due to your counsellor by <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 13/19</u>.

<u>BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIPS</u> – Offered to 105 Lower Mainland students who will begin studies in September 2020 at one of 8 BC institutions. **\$40,000** is offered to students entering a 4-year bachelor's degree program, **\$15,000** for students entering a 2-year diploma or trades program. *Criteria*: minimum cumulative average of 75% (or equivalent) for grade 11 and available grade 12 marks; *must demonstrate financial adversity* and be ineligible for a BC Tuition Waiver. Complete details and the application form at <a href="https://beedieluminaries.ca/program/">https://beedieluminaries.ca/program/</a>. **Deadline to submit application: JANUARY 20/2020** 

<u>COQUITLAM CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET</u> is looking for volunteers for this one-time event on **Saturday, December 14**<sup>th</sup>, at the Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex, with shifts available from 7 am – 5:30 pm. Christmas Market Sign-Up: <a href="https://forms.gle/aepNiddmWd42zsEM6">https://forms.gle/aepNiddmWd42zsEM6</a>

<u>PORT MOODY FARMER'S MARKET VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY</u> – The Farmer's Market, running from 10 am – 2 pm every Sunday at the Port Moody Recreation Complex, is still recruiting volunteers. Find a volunteer role that suits you! More info in NEWS, Volunteering Channel.

<u>LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES?</u> – Check out the new website for CVC, the <u>Community Volunteering</u> Connections organization for volunteers in the Tri-Cities, New Westminster and Surrey, with 2 types of volunteering opportunities: *long term*, and *short-term* with a variety of local organizations. Complete details on the APP, *Volunteering and Employment Channel* 

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.



# **PARENTS**

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library New parents welcome.

# PMSS GRAD 2020

### **AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

NEXT AFTERGRAD MEETING: Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library

All are welcome to come and assist with planning AfterGrad 2020.

## **AFTERGRAD BOTTLE AND CAN DONATIONS:**

You can drop off your bottles and cans at any Return-it Depot by using the Express drop off. Just enter the school's phone number (604-939-6656) at the kiosk. Select AfterGrad 2020, then print your bag tags, stick one tag per clear bag of empties and leave in the Express bin. AfterGrad will greatly benefit from your donation and you will benefit by being rid of cans and bottles quickly and easily!

#### **ME-n-ED'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER:**

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: *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>.* 

