



Port Moody Times

Friday
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Day 1

PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY:

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NEW NEWS

FOUND: Did anyone misplace their Seymour Ski/Snowboard pass? If so, please come to the office to claim.

FINAL DAY FOR COURSE CORRECTIONS: All course changes must be completed by **4pm today**. All students will receive their timetables next **Wednesday, January 15th** during a walk-through Homeroom. The Course Correction Request form is found on-line on the PMSS school website.

ASSEMBLY FOR NUMERACY & LITERACY PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS: There will be a mandatory assembly for all grade 10 students on **Wednesday, January 15th** during flex. We will be discussing the two Provincial Assessments - Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 - that ALL grade 10's must write this year. Any grade 11's or 12's that are writing the Numeracy Assessment are also welcome to attend. See you in the small gym at 8:30 next Wednesday.

YEARBOOK: Attention all students and parents! This is your last chance to order a yearbook! Order now online or in the office. Every spring there are students who miss out and wish they would have ordered a book, but we must put our final order numbers in by the end of the month, so order now!

PORT MOODY DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS AN INTERACTIVE MURDER MYSTERY: The Curious Case of Hammerlock Academy: This interactive murder mystery begins with detective academy candidates ready to learn what it takes to be a true detective; tensions arise when the daughter of the city's most famous detective reveals herself to be a student at the academy. Some adore her, some can't stand her, and some want to be her. Come see our show! Tickets are \$5 and will be sold in the foyer during lunch on **Thursday, Friday, and next Monday**. **Where:** Drama Room, **When: Monday, January 13th, Doors open** at 5:30pm, **Show starts** at 6:00pm. See you there!

VANCOUVER AQUARIUM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to gain volunteer hours, please see Mr. Sabot during Flex or lunch time for information (room 324).

BC HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION ABORIGINAL BURSARIES - HSA provides two \$1000 bursaries to Aboriginal students from BC who will enter a public post-secondary institution in an HSA-related field. More details on the App, Indigenous Education NEWS. Fillable application forms and more details are [online](#). Applications and transcripts may be submitted by email and must be received **by January 22, 2020**.

ONGOING NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS: There are only seven days remaining in semester one. To celebrate, the Port Moody Secondary Library Learning Commons will become a study only zone before school, in flex, at lunch and after school. Please help us help you finish this semester strong.

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, Ms. Mehai, 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.

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

MATH COMPETITION CLUB: Interested in one of the biggest math contests taken each year! The Math Competition club will be starting the Pascal (Grade 9), Cayley (Grade 10) and Fermat (Grade 11) registration next **Tuesday, January 14th and every Tuesday until February 4th** in room 220 after school. Bring \$5 and we'll see you there!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

REMINDER! UBC ADMISSIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS - Students who submitted their UBC online application **after December 2** must provide UBC with their Personal Education Number (PEN) and order a transcript via StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca **by JANUARY 31**. When ordering a transcript, applicants should select "Send my transcript now and allow this Post-Secondary Institution to request transcript updates" and choose the default date (one year from the date of their order), so that UBC can receive their interim and final grades continuously.

UBC VANCOUVER SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS - TOURS & INFO SESSIONS - Sign up for a Sauder BCom Information Session to see if a Bachelor of Commerce degree is the right fit for you. Choose from info session & building tours on **Monday, January 20**, or **School Closure Day, Friday, February 14**, both from 12:30 – 2 pm, or **during Spring Break, Friday, March 27**, from 1 – 2:30 pm. Find more information and register at: sauderundergraduateoffice.eventbrite.com.

2020 UBC ENGINEERING PHYSICS HIGH SCHOOL INFO SESSION AND TOUR - UBC's [Engineering Physics](#) program is one of the top engineering programs in Canada. Register for the 2020 information event on **Sunday, January 19th** for tours of labs, a talk by the Program Director, and a chance to meet students and see some of their projects. Registration for students **and no more than 2 family members**:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSff8BeCU9JEy8cwLptc2KBmyxfIWvlhUohOhfaxT8dNKtseLA/viewform>

2020 STEAM HORIZON AWARDS: \$25,000 - Are you often described as a leader, an achiever, or an innovator? Successful applicants will have achievements in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) - a science fair win, a published app, or less formally recognized such as founding a local coding club, developing a course for kids, creating a local interactive art installation. The achievement(s) must reflect passion and demonstrate a positive impact on the community. STEAM Horizon Awards are supported by Ingenium (Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada; at least 5 awards are available for graduating students (2 will go to indigenous students) for their post-secondary education. More details and the application form at <https://steamhorizonawards.ca/> **DEADLINE APPROACHING SOON: JANUARY 15/20**

JIBC EMERGENCY AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT INFO SESSION – **January 22, 7 – 8:30 pm** - Learn what it takes to be a leader in preparing communities, governments & private companies for 21st century challenges at this info session for the Diploma and the Bachelor's degree programs at the JIBC New Westminster campus. More detail on the App: Post-Secondary Info channel NEWS

CTA SCHOLARSHIPS IN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE – The CTA application form for all CTA scholarships listed in the package are now available in limited quantities at the Career Centre, downloaded from the Career Centre section of the school website or on the App: Scholarships channel. If you are intending to apply for the CTA Merit Award, the CTA Cam McKenzie Award, and/or a CTA Student Bursary, you must also complete and return a **CTA Application** with your Local Scholarship Form & other documents by **March 6/2020**.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Apply for the National Scholarship Program if you have a Grade 12, 90% average/35 IB points, and have **ALREADY** applied for admission to Western through the OUAC. Scholarships offered in the program range from \$2,500 to \$72,000. You must be nominated to apply. **To be considered for nomination**, check the App: Scholarships/Bursaries Channel NEWS. **Deadline to apply for nomination: JANUARY 17/20**

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Library
New parents welcome.

PMSS GRAD 2020

AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT AFTERGRAD MEETING: Wednesday, February 5th 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 3rd Thursday of each month (dine in, delivery or take out until May 21st. 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: *January 16th, February 20th, March 19th, April 16th and May 21st.*



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 and KKNW 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

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>