PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY:
S. Prevost, M. McKee

NEW NEWS

<u>ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:</u> Programming assemblies will occur this week during FLEX. Each grade will meet on a different day to receive information from counsellors and the IB coordinator regarding next year's course selection process. This is a **REQUIRED** assembly for all students to attend. At the END of the assembly the course selection forms will be handed out.

Here is the schedule/room:

Date	Time	Grade/Class	Location
Friday, February 7 th	FLEX BLOCK	Grade 9	Small Gym
Friday, February 7 th	FLEX BLOCK	IB Grade 9	Drama Room

GRAD COUNCIL: A reminder to Grad Council that we have an important meeting *today* at lunch in Room 309.

SENIOR STING: Hey Port Moody Seniors, Senior Sting sign-up is **today** at lunch in room 309. There is a \$5 admission fee and the winner will receive a gift card of their choosing at the end. If you can't make the meeting or you're not sure what Senior Sting is, message Alexander Turpin.

<u>CANADIAN COMPUTING CONTEST:</u> Would **Denis Albu**, **Ryan Coghill** and **Iris Xu** please see Mrs. LaBranche in the office at the beginning of lunch *today* to make payment for the Canadian Computing Contest. Please pay in cash and complete the permission form to participate.

Attention all participants of the Canadian Computing Contest - There will be an important meeting in room 320 at lunch on *Monday, February 10th*.

<u>ATTENTION GR. 9 HOMEROOM 9 STUDENTS:</u> Grade 9 Homeroom 9 (Ms. Mehai and Mr. Straumford) - We have moved our next meeting from February 7th to *Tuesday, February 11th* during FLEX in room 321. Bring your finalized inquiry question to share with us. Please see Ms. Mehai or Mr. Straumford if you have any questions.

<u>ATTENTION GRADE 9's:</u> The Digital Learning Team will be introducing Assignment 4 - *My Digital Portfolio*. Please attend this mandatory DL 10 Assembly on *Wednesday, February 12th* from **8:15**-8:55 in the small gym. All Homerooms must attend! Any questions, please check in with Ms. Nagra, Ms. Mehai or Mr. Valente.

<u>ACCESS TRADES PROGRAMS:</u> There is an opportunity for Indigenous Students to explore the trades and apprenticeships through the ACCESS Trades Programs. This information session will be held on *Thursday, February 13th* from 9:30 -11:30 am at the Winslow Centre, 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam. Both students and parents are welcome to attend. Please see Alanna in room 208 for more information.

<u>UECC WINTER INVITATIONAL</u>: Interested in a 3v3 basketball tournament with a huge prize pool? We're back with UECC Winter Invitational. Grab two friends and compete for \$55 for first place and \$35 for second! Sign up sheets available in room 315 starting *Friday, February 7th*. The tournament will be on *Tuesday, February 25th*. Limited spots available. Admissions is \$5 per person. See you then!

WORLD VISION CLUB – CHOCOLATE GRAM: PMSS World Vision club is hosting a Valentine's chocolate gram sale! Buy one for only \$2. Come find us at lunch from *February 7th* – *12th* and get your friends and your Valentine a SWEET gift!

<u>COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARY</u>— If you are a Tri-Cities grad planning on post-secondary, with demonstrated financial need, good grades and a history of school and community involvement, visit https://coquitlamfoundation.com/2020-scholarship-and-bursary-application-form/ for details on 9 different scholarships/bursaries. Deadline to submit by email: before 4 pm, February 14/20

<u>SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS</u> – SFU is recruiting **350+** student volunteers to help run their children's summer camps from June 29 – September 4. Positions are available for students who will be 14 years old by June 29/20 (required commitment: 2 full weeks of volunteering). More details on the App: Volunteering Channel. **DEADLINE: APRIL 26/20.**

<u>VANCOUVER AQUARIUM YOUTH VOLUNTEER TEAM</u> – A FINAL reminder that the Aquarium is recruiting ages 14-18 for Spring Break volunteers. Group interviews are scheduled for **February 15.** Spaces fill quickly; check the App/Volunteering NEWS channel for more details & application instructions.

<u>LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS – COQUITLAM OPTIMIST CLUB – Robert Simms Memorial Scholarship- APPLICATION NOW</u>
<u>AVAILABLE</u> – Students intending to apply for this 'External Scholarship' (listed in the Local Scholarship Package) can now download an application form from the App, **SCHOLARSHIP CHANNEL** or the Career Centre on the school website. Criteria: service to others in the community, need for financial support, planning to attend post-secondary after graduation. **Deadline:** submit applications to the Career Centre by **April 30/20**.

<u>LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS PACKAGE, EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS:</u> Pacific Coast Terminals – PCT and K + S Potash has now launched this year's scholarship program: four scholarships of \$1,500 each to students enrolled in either Port Moody, Heritage Woods, or Gleneagle Secondary Schools. Details and the application form on the App: Scholarships Channel, or visit the school website/Career Centre/Scholarships. **DEADLINE TO APPLY:** *April 7/20*

<u>BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS</u> – 25 President's Entrance Awards valued at \$4,000 are offered **ONLY** to graduating high school students entering programs between *April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021*. More than 125 additional BCIT Entrance Awards are also available, at \$6,000 each. Award package at www.bcit.ca/finaid

<u>BCIT BIG INFO SESSION</u> – Explore your career options at BCIT's Big Info session & Program Expo: an opportunity to meet faculty & current students, plus get information on over 300 full-time, part-time, and degree programs. **WEDNESDAY**, **FEB. 19** *4-6:30 pm.* **Details on the event and where to register on the App/Post-Secondary Info Channel.**

ONGOING NEWS

<u>FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA:</u> The theme this year is "Going Forward, guided by the past". The Library Learning Commons has many books by prominent black authors and books which commemorate and create awareness around this topic. Come by the Library Learning Commons this month and check out books from our display. <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, 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.

<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.

SPORTS

BADMINTON TEAM TRYOUTS: Come down to the gym for badminton tryouts! Seniors will be after school on *Thursday, February 6th* and juniors will be after school on *Friday, February 7th*. See you there!

CLUBS

<u>DEBATE & SPEECH CLUB:</u> PMSS Debate & Speech club members participated in district level tournament in Maple Ridge on Saturday, February 1st. Congratulations to **Audrea**, **Sophie** and **Emma! Audrea** received 6th position in the Senior category and **Sophie** received the 2nd position in the Junior category. **Sophie** and **Emma** will advance to the Provincial tournament in March. PMSS Debate & Speech club would like to say thank you to the supporting teachers....Ms. Linares, Mr. Birch and Mrs. Phull.

GREEN TEAM CLUB – ELECTRONICS AND BATTERY RECYCLING DRIVE: Hey PMSS! The Green Team is running our annual Electronics and Recycling Drive until *Friday, March 6th*. This is the perfect opportunity to recycle your unwanted electronics and batteries. Bring them to a green box around the school or in the Library for collection.

MSF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS CLUB – ROSE GRAM: Valentine's Day is coming up faster than you think! Surprise your significant other or your friends on this special day. A single rose is \$3 or 2 for \$5. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Remember all proceeds go to an international humanitarian non-governmental organization, "Doctors Without Borders".

STUDENT COUNCIL – FREE HOT CHOCOLATE EVENT: Hey Port Moody! Student Council is hosting a free hot chocolate event during Flex on *Friday, February 7*th in the cafeteria. You need to bring your own mug. 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

<u>DOUGLAS COLLEGE PMSS INFO SESSION, Wednesday, February 12</u> – Douglas College visits PMSS for an info session at lunchtime in the **Drama Room.** Grade 11 & 12 students are invited to explore their options with Douglas's small class sizes and university transfer pathways.

OPERATION – THIS IS YOU! Search and Rescue, & Environmental Response with the Canadian Coast Guard: FOR GIRLS ONLY! A free, hands-on experience on FEBRUARY 22 to encourage girls to consider careers in STEM-based fields such as Marine, Aviation, Aerospace, and Defence. Registration details on the App: NEWS/Opportunities/Careers channel

<u>UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FREE TRIP – BOARDING CALL FOR GRADE ELEVEN STUDENTS!</u> If you're a Grade 11 student thinking about post-secondary, consider applying for this UNIQUE award. Offered <u>only</u> to 20 lucky Grade 11 students outside Alberta, this award covers the cost of food & accommodations, provides you with \$500 to cover the cost of travel, allowing you to experience a weekend of exciting events exploring the university and the city of Edmonton, May 29-31/2020. Apply by *February 17/20* at *UAB.CA/BOARDING*.

<u>BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS - \$5,000</u> – 55 awarded to Canadian residents or landed immigrants; students must demonstrate evidence of community service, leadership in school and community, and commitment and aptitude for your chosen career path. To be considered, you must be nominated by the school (one allowed). **UPDATED DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR NOMINATION: FEB. 7/20.** More details, <u>and</u> the Nomination Application Form on the App, *Scholarships Channel*, and the school website: Career Centre. A limited number of application forms are also available in the Career Centre

<u>UBC ENGINEERING EVENTS FOR GIRLS</u> - UBC Engineering exploration programs encourages young women to explore engineering as a career option. Choose from a list of events beginning February 1 and extending to April 17. More details and how to apply on the App's Career Centre/Opportunities Channel, or on the Career Centre/Opportunities section of the school website.

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Library New parents welcome.

PMSS GRAD 2020

AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT AFTERGRAD MEETING: Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm in the Library

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

NEW EVENT:

PUB & TACO NIGHT FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd:

Port Moody AfterGrad Committee is asking for your support with our Pub & Taco Night Fundraiser. Any questions? Please contact Lisa Sumner at typess@telus.net or Joleen Mills at v.joleen.m@gmail.com



Link for the Pub & Taco Night: www.eventbrite.ca/e/89494423229

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: *February 20th, March 19th, April 16th and May 21st*.

COMMUNITY NEWS





Please visit our website for details: www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca
Phone: 604-936-4261



Secondary Skill Building Advanced (High School) Credit Fast Track (Online Blended) Credit

Registration begins in late April

Fast Track

Blended Model of Instruction; Face-to-face classes twice a week (3 hours each) & online instruction. Morning or Afternoon classes.

Dates: July 2-August 7
Location: Gleneagle Secondary

Biology 12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11; English 10,11,12; Mathematics 10,11; Physics 11,12; PE 10; Fitness & Conditioning 11/12; Social Studies 11.

Completion of course is within a 6 week timeline. These are full credit courses.

Advanced (High School) Credit

Students who complete these courses will receive full credit and a final mark on their transcript.

Dates: July 2-August 7
Locations: Centennial Secondary
Gleneagle Secondary

Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses in English, Mathematics & Sciences; Social Studies 10/11; *EAL 10 Academic Strategies for Learning; *EAL 10 & 11 English Language Development

* EAL courses are by referral open, not open for public registration. Referral forms available starting in April.

Skill Building and Remedial

Dates: July 7-24 Times: 8:30-11:30 & 12:00-

3:00pm

Location: Centennial Secondary GleneagleSecondary

Skill Building - Grades 8, 9 &10
Courses are non-credit. Students may take these courses to review previously covered course content OR preview a course that they will take in the future. No final lettergrade issued nor will it be recorded on their transcript.

Courses: English, English for School Success, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Financial Literacy, Tech Ed, Math, PE, Coding (Info Tech).

Remedial - Grades 9 &10

Courses provide a path for students who achieved 40-49% in a course to attain a passing grade. For grade 9 & 10 remedial courses only. Students will be able to upgrade their mark to 50% (C-)

Courses: Grades 9 & 10 courses in English, Math, Science & Social studies. Centennial Secondary only. Remedial courses are by referral open, not open for public registration. Referral forms available starting in April.

Registration begins in late April. Check our website for exact registration dates.

Were you a student in Summer 2019? Watch for emails in March for registration instructions.

Will you be a new student to Summer Learning this year? Check our website for instructions in March.

Parents' comments from Summer 2019:

"My kids loved their summer learning experience. We will most certainly register again!"

"My daughter loved her class"

Courses are tuition free for BC residents. A \$100 textbook deposit is charged upon registration for courses that use textbooks.

International students will be charged tuition after registering.

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