

**ACCESS TRADES PROGRAMS:** 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 13**<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UECC WINTER INVITATIONAL:** 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 7<sup>th</sup>*. The tournament will be on *Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>*. Limited spots available. Admissions is \$5 per person. See you then!

**MSF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS CLUB – ROSE GRAM:** Attention all students! **Today** is the very last day to buy rose grams. A single rose for \$3 and 2 roses for \$5. In addition, a handmade Valentine's Day card also comes with any purchase. Please come by and check it out! Last chance!

**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* 7<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> and get your friends and your Valentine a SWEET gift!

# **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.

**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.

**<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**

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

## <u>CLUBS</u>

**<u>GREEN TEAM CLUB – ELECTRONICS AND BATTERY RECYCLING DRIVE:</u>** Hey PMSS! The Green Team is running our annual Electronics and Recycling Drive until *Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>*. 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.

## **CAREER CENTRE NEWS**

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

**DOUGLAS COLLEGE PMSS INFO SESSION, Wednesday, February 12** – 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.

**BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS - \$5,000** – 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.

<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 <u>https://coquitlamfoundation.com/2020-scholarship-and-bursary-application-form/</u> for details on 9 different scholarships/bursaries. Deadline to submit **by email**: **before 4 pm, February 14/20** 

**SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS**– 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.** 

**VANCOUVER AQUARIUM YOUTH VOLUNTEER TEAM** – 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.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS – COQUITLAM OPTIMIST CLUB – Robert Simms Memorial Scholarship- APPLICATION NOW

<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**.

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS PACKAGE, EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** 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 <u>school website/Career Centre/Scholarships</u>. **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 <u>www.bcit.ca/finaid</u>

<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.

# **PARENTS**

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

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

# <u>PMSS GRAD 2020</u>

## **AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NEXT AFTERGRAD MEETING**: Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>:

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



#### 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 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: *February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>*.

## **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: Location: July 2-August 7 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.

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.



#### Advanced (High School) Credit

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

Dates: Locations: Cer Gle

July 2-August 7 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.

> Parents' comments from Summer 2019:

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

"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.



Skill Building and

Remedial

Centennial Secondary

GleneagleSecondary

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

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

grade issued nor will it be recorded

Courses: English, English for School Success, Jazz & Concert Band, Science,

take in the future. No final letter-

on their transcript.

3:00pm

Location:

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

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.* 

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