



Port Moody Times

Tuesday
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Day 1

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

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NEW NEWS

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION: The Provincial Health Officer has provided the following letter to school districts to share with parents and guardians regarding the novel coronavirus:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20200207/letter-to-parents-via-edufeb-7.pdf>

COURSE SELECTION FORMS: Students are to return completed, signed course selection forms to their BLOCK 2 Teachers **TODAY**. Please ensure that you hand them in.

GRAD COUNCIL: There is a Grad Council Meeting **today** at lunch in room. 309. See you there!

ATTENTION GRADE 9's: 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. Mehaj or Mr. Valente.

GRADE 9 HOMEROOM 12 STUDENTS WITH MRS STOCKLEY AND MR OLINYK: Due to the DL assembly, we will meet during flex *next* week, **Wednesday, February 19th**.

GIRLS RUGBY: Any girls interested in playing rugby this spring, please come to a brief meeting in room 310 at lunch on **Wednesday, February 12th**.

GRAD COUNCIL – VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER: Support Grad Council and visit the MPR at lunch time this week. Candles and cute stuffies are for sale and are priced at \$5-\$10. Gift wrapped for free!

SEND A SERENADE: Hey Port Moody! Have you been stressing out on what to get your best friend or significant other for Valentine's Day? Well why not send them a serenade? For only \$2 choose between 'Can't Take My Eyes Off of You', 'I Just Called to Say I Love You', and 'Stand by Me' and Music Council will serenade them in their block 2, 4 or 5 class on **Thursday, February 13th**! You can purchase them in the MPR at lunch from **today through Thursday**.

ONGOING NEWS

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 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.

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. Mehaj, 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.

SPORTS

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 7th**. The tournament will be on **Tuesday, February 25th**. Limited spots available. Admissions is \$5 per person. See you then!

CLUBS

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!

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.

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

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FREE TRIP – BOARDING CALL FOR GRADE ELEVEN STUDENTS! If you're a Grade 11 student thinking about post-secondary, consider applying for this UNIQUE award. Offered **only** 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*.

UBC ENGINEERING EVENTS FOR GIRLS - 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.

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARY– 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**

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 AVAILABLE – 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 [school website/Career Centre/Scholarships](#). **DEADLINE TO APPLY: April 7/20**

BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS – 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

BCIT BIG INFO SESSION – 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 <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 11th 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 tyness@telus.net or Joleen Mills at v.joleen.m@gmail.com



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AFTERGRAD FUNDRAISER

PUB & TACO NIGHT AT THE NEW LEGION

Tickets \$25
Door prize and 50/50 draw



Saturday, Feb 22
6-11 pm
(taco bar 6:30-8:30)

Everyone welcome!

Buy tickets at
www.eventbrite.ca/e/89494423229

Organized by
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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.***