

Dear Students,

We hope you are adjusting to this new learning environment and some aspect of a routine this week. Please remember to be kind to yourself, as it will take some time to work through the newness of it all. There will be issues to work through, and questions with uncertain answers. When you do have questions or are in need of support, know that we are available by phone, email and through the various online platforms teachers have created. We have many resourceful people within our school who can be of considerable assistance, and we have access to many other people and services in the community.

Two reminders while we repeatedly reference "online learning":

- 1. You are not expected to be on a screen at all times. Computers continue to be just one tool in the tool kit of teaching and learning. We should utilize it when it makes sense. Pen to paper, physical activity, reading a book, exploring the arts, service to others, and getting outside (where appropriate) remain valuable and encouraged endeavours.
- 2. Please consider the appropriateness of the time of day, and what day, you communicate with us and with your peers. At the best of times, an email world has created a common social behaviour of immediacy, that leaves many of us feeling always connected. This alone has created considerable stress in our communities and now, more than ever, we very much need to be mindful of self care and patience with others. From the feedback and conversations we have had with you this week, your collective spirit, flexibility and compassion is once again shining through.

In looking at the revised school calendar, here are some notable dates for the remainder of April/ early May:

Date	Event
April 10 – 13	Easter Long weekend
April 17	District Professional Development Day
April 20	Deadline: IB students IA's uploaded by teachers
April 27 – 30	Term 5 Report Cards distributed by mail and email
May 4	Summer Learning District Update*
May 5 - 22	Cancelled: IB Exams

* PMSS students have already identified on their course selection sheets, and through our March course verification process, their intentions for summer learning. In May/ June we again review courses for the year ahead with each student prior to summer vacation.

** School level April events (ex. concerts, and parent teacher conferences) and field trips have been cancelled. At this time, refunds will be processed for only those students who paid for April field trips and other April events with costs associated.

April Valedictorian application timeline and Dinner / Dance seat selection are postponed.

May 1^{st} PMSS Day: Grade 9 – 11 activities are currently postponed. Grade 12 Capstone (exit interviews format) are currently being revised. Revised Capstone requirements for CLC 12 (and CAS for IB12s) will be shared with students in the last week of April.

Reminder: The Locker Access for Essential Items form is available on our website under Quick Links.

ACCESS TO NELSON AND PEARSON TEXTBOOKS:

Both Pearson and Nelson Publishing have made a number of their texts available to students and families. To access Pearson resources please follow this link <u>https://tinyurl.com/uhwhlre</u>. For Nelson resources please follow this link <u>https://tinyurl.com/w4hslcc</u>.

JANUARY ASSESSMENT RESULTS:

Students who completed a Numeracy and/or Literacy assessment in January 2020 can access their results from the "Graduation Assessment/Provincial Examinations" link after logging in to their account on the Student Transcripts Service at: <u>www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca</u>.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS IN MS. CARRUTHERS CLC CLASS:

First off, I am sorry... I hope this passes soon so we can see you graduate.

Please make sure you are: 1) up to date with your CLC assignments in OneNote. Please also make sure that you have 2). accessed your CLC class via TEAMS. Updated marks will be shown in OneNote by next week. 3). All students should have their assignments completed up to the Capstone. Further information will be coming next week. 4). Please email me if you were in the middle of your work experience hours or have any other questions: mcarruthers@sd43.bc.ca

Please click on this link: <u>https://sway.office.com/bwNtm52u5hszZfF8?ref=Link</u>

Be safe. Be patient with yourself. And this too shall pass.

<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>COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS EDUCATION AWARDS – COVID-19 UPDATE!</u> Offered to BC grads of 2020 who will be attending a Canadian university, college or technical school in the fall: *Standing Tall Awards* of \$2500 for youth who have not only risen up against the odds but are demonstrating a commitment to continue their education. PMSS will submit school-nominated applications to the District for final adjudication. Visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/PMSS-Scholarships</u> for eligibility details and *the fillable application*. EMAIL completed application to Ms Truax (<u>ftruax@sd43.bc.ca</u>) or to Ms Campbell (<u>cicampbell@sd43.bc.ca</u>) by the DEADLINE of APRIL 24/2020

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS – COQUITLAM OPTIMIST CLUB – Robert Simms Memorial Scholarship – UPDATED DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION PROCESS - Students intending to apply for this \$500 'External Scholarship' (listed in the Local Scholarship Package) should download an UPDATED application form from the Career Centre Scholarships page on the school website. Criteria: service to others in the community, need for financial support, & are planning to attend postsecondary after graduation. COVID_19 update: applications must be submitted by e-mail this year: NEW DEADLINE May 8, 2020.

<u>GET A HEADSTART IN ART WITH EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY</u> – Register for Emily Carr's degree credit "Drawing & 2D Language" – a degree-credit first-year Studio course, with classes 6-9 pm at Gleneagle Secondary from **Sept. 15 – Dec 8/20.** Available to this year's grads **OR current Grade 11-12 students**. Application form at <u>http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/TransitionPrograms.aspx#/=</u>. Only 20 spaces available! Note: <u>EMAIL</u> applications DIRECTLY TO EMILY CARR UNIVERITY by **May 22/20.** Questions about the application form and document submission? Email Ms Truax at ftruax@sd43.bc.ca

ONGOING NEWS

COVID-19 PROVINCIAL SUPPORT AND INFORMATION:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincialsupport?utm_campaign=20200319_GCPE_AM_COVID_4_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC__NOTIFICATION

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: SAFE & HEALTHY SCHOOLS:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT 43:

https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/COVID-19.aspx#/=

https://www.sd43.bc.ca/faq/Pages/default.aspx#/=

PMSS:

Please make sure to stay connected by downloading the My School Day App <u>https://myschoolday.app/</u> for the latest updates and by following us on twitter @pmss43.

PMSS TIMES:

The PMSS Times will be distributed on Mondays and Wednesdays.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

PARENTS

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

PMSS GRAD 2020

AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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: <u>April 16th</u> and May 21st.

\$2,000 CASH RAFFLE FUNDRAISER:

The winner of the \$250 early bird draw on April 1st was Rob Nevalainen, ticket #100.

