

- Teachers have been communicating with students and families and scheduling times for those who require additional information to support quarter 1 progress. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if they wish to book an appointment.
- Meet the School @ 6:00 7:30pm on *Wednesday, October 21st*. A series of videos and presentations will be posted for viewing followed by a live Q n A with administration, counsellors and program coordinators.
- To support our programming of the evening presentation, please submit questions to the <u>Parent & Student</u> <u>Questionnaire</u>
- A schedule will be sent tomorrow afternoon by School Messenger.

POST-SECONDARY AND CAREER ADVISOR: As previously announced, last Friday was the last day before retirement for Ms. Fern Truax. Currently the position is vacant and we thank everyone in advance for their patience as we transition personnel.

REMINDERS:

- **Thursday, October 22nd** Student Council election results will be shared Thursday afternoon on the StuCo Instagram page.
- Friday, October 23rd Provincial Professional Development day. Students are not in session.
- Saturday, October 24th Provincial General Election. Ways to Vote!

ATTENTION GRAD CLASS OF 2021: Artona's mobile trailer will be on-site for grad photos from **November 16th-27th**. Please note that you must pre-book your photo time. Bookings can be made here: <u>https://artona.com/schools/PMOD/programs/graduation</u>. Artona's approved safety protocols can also be found at the same site.

ATTENTION GRAD CLASS OF 2021: Make sure to subscribe to our Grad 2021 channel on the App. Posted this week: information on how to book your grad photos.

ATTENTION ALL GRADS: Please follow this link to submit your grad writeup for the Yearbook: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS4f0IRqab9MvSrC6pl25wBUOFFQUjdYR1FXMFE3OU5JOU1VMjNaSkROVi4u All baby photos and writeups must be submitted by *Friday, October 30*th so do not delay!

<u>CHALLENGE EXAMS</u>: The Delta School District is offering Language Challenge Exams for Grade 11 and 12 Language Courses. This year they will be offering Language Challenge Exams for the following courses: French 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 11/12.

The purpose of Challenge is to permit students to obtain credit for a Grade 11 or 12 course who have already acquired the appropriate learning elsewhere. A successful challenge results in a student receiving credit for the appropriate content as well as a school mark.

To APPLY: students must access and complete the online form available here--<u>https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/</u>

Once the student has typed the application online, they must print pages 7 to 10 inclusive of the application and bring to Mr. Gibney at lunch in the MPR who confirms student eligibility and approves the request. Students must also be advised that a deposit is required, only refundable if the student completes the exam. Students must also be able to travel to Delta to complete the exam on *January 23 or 24, 2021*.

The deadline for applications is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020 at lunch break.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: You can now be a contributor for the **YEARBOOK**! With all of the social distancing this year, we are going to be calling on you, the student body to make our Yearbook great. We need your help getting outstanding photos of your friends and classmates. And don't worry, we've made it easy for you! Just follow these steps to get started:

- 1. Download the "Friesens UPloadIt" app from the Play Store or Apple Store.
- 2. Enter the School Code 267346 to be connected to Port Moody Secondary.
- 3. Start uploading or taking photos from the app. Note: You will need to add a name to each photo before you upload keep these simple so we can sort the photos better (i.e., Math Class, Grade 10, Halloween, etc...)

The more creative and unique photos we receive the better the Yearbook will be, so get out there and start taking pictures!

MATH COMPETITION CLUB: Hey PMSS! Still waiting for math contests? The Math Competition Club is excited to announce that we will be offering the Canadian Intermediate Mathematics Contest (CIMC) and the Canadian Senior Mathematics Contest (CSMC) remotely on *Wednesday, November 18*th. Follow the link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS9n2Z6qaLl9HpQF5uFC068dUN04xSTdHSEIDNExOOUNQVzRUVTRSUFZOTS4u to register or email pmssmathcompetitionclub@gmail.com for more information. The CIMC/CSMC will be **\$15** and registration will end this *Friday, October 23*rd. All grades are welcome. We hope to see your names on the form!

INDIGENOUS NEWS: The Aboriginal Youth Leadership Club (AYLC) is starting once again. The aim of the AYLC is to explore and celebrate Indigenous cultures and perspectives while developing leadership skills, confidence and sense of belonging. In the past there have been such activities as canoeing, weaving, nature walks for medicines and cultural teachings such as Medicine wheel, and as well, opportunities for youth to do volunteer activities for our community events. Meetings will be monthly, and the duration will be 90 mins. For those interested in joining the AYLC, please send your name to <u>awaunch@sd43.bc.ca</u>. Space will be limited due to Covid restrictions and as set out by the Provincial Health Authority.

ATTENTION GRADE 12s: Get the facts on Scholarships! Ms. Campbell will be setting up a grade 12 Teams and sharing three pre-recorded student presentations starting this week. The first will be general information on Scholarships. For those who want to get a jump start on Scholarships, see the Fact Sheet: Scholarship attached to today's times. This fact sheet will give you important tips and links to access information on student loans, BC awards/scholarships, and scholarship search engines.

Fact Sheet: Scholarships



Tip: Scholarships and

bursaries are open to

all

These scholarship

search engines will help you find

scholarship opportunities! Scholarship packages for local and district scholarships and bursaries will be distributed in December. A more detailed presentation will be posted soon, check the announcements!

Universities like UBC and SFU have Entrance Scholarship with deadlines early in **December**. Visit the university websites to find out how to apply for entrance scholarships.

Scholarship Sites:

www.schoolfinder.com www.scholarshipscanada.com www.canadian-universities.net www.canlearn.ca www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards

U.S. Financial Aid/Scholarships:



www.collegeboard.org www.finaid.org www.edupass.org/finaid/ www.iefa.org www.bestschoolsusa.com (American University Rankings)



Scholarships and Financial Aid

Students who plan to apply for scholarships and bursaries need to check Career Centre section of the TIMES for new opportunities. There are <u>100s</u> of scholarships available each year, and they all have different application dates and criteria. Students must make themselves aware of these.

Government student loan should be processed online at www.studentaidbc.ca.

ATTENTION GRADE 11 AND 12 STUDENTS: Post Secondary BC will be hosting Virtual Fairs for students and parents. You must register online: <u>https://postsecondarybcvirtualfair.easyvirtualfair.com/</u> and set up an account/password to access the fair. There will be 30 different booths that you can visit with presentations.

<u>UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY 2020 INFO SESSION- Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 – 7:30 pm</u>– Grade 11 & 12 parents and students are invited to join university recruiters and advisors for a PMSS-specific virtual info session. Registration details on school site: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Career-Centre-Post-Secondary</u>

<u>UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Virtual Info Session for PMSS</u>– TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6 – 6:45 pm_–Student Ambassadors from the UBC Sauder School of Business present an overview of the program and what to expect as you pursue a degree at Sauder. Registration details on school site: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Career-Centre-Post-Secondary</u>

ONGOING NEWS

TERRY FOX – MARATHON OF HOPE: This year is the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and **Port Moody Secondary** is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest heroes. Please join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to:

<u>http://www.terryfox.ca/PortMoodySecondary</u>. Together, we can all make a difference!

#terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation



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.

PMSS TIMES: The PMSS Times will be distributed on *Tuesdays* and *Thursdays*. Announcements will not be read over the PA at this time. The Times will also be posted in the Cafeteria under the clock.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

<u>UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO 2020 INFO SESSION- Monday, October 26, 7 – 8:30 pm</u> – Grade 11 & 12 parents and students are invited to join university recruiters and advisors for a PMSS-specific virtual info session. Registration: <u>https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/?id=91a98216-189d-4d07-8fd5-5701db61191f</u>

<u>UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA 2020 INFO SESSION- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7 – 8:30 pm</u> – Grade 11 & 12 parents and students are invited to join university recruiters and advisors for a PMSS-specific virtual info session. Registration details on school site: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Career-Centre-Post-Secondary</u>

BC POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION INFO FAIR – The annual Post-Secondary Fair is now virtual! **Tri-Cities students in GRADE 11 & 12** will register for one of two online events: Wednesday Nov 4th 2 pm – 6pm and Thursday Nov 5th 3 pm – 7pm. Three Community Fairs open to anyone are also available. Find complete details **and the registration link** on the PMSS website/Career Centre: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Career-Centre-Post-Secondary</u>

<u>SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS</u> – Grade 12 students interested in a STEM post-secondary program (Science, Technology, Engineering <u>or</u> Mathematics) are invited to apply for the PMSS nomination for a *Schulich Leader Scholarship*, awarded at each of 20 Canadian universities to a student enrolling in a STEM program: up to 100 available at up to \$100,00 or \$80,000. Nomination application deadline: NOV. 27/20. Criteria details and app form on PMSS/Career Centre website: <u>https://tinyurl.com/PMSS-Scholarships</u>

<u>UBC CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARDS</u> – UBC's entrance award program is designed to financially support academically qualified students entering UBC from high school who would not otherwise be able to attend without significant financial assistance. This program offers entering students one-time & renewable awards of up to \$80,000, to cover the full cost of a degree and living expenses. Students and families or guardians must complete an application to demonstrate financial need. Application forms will be online on NOVEMBER 1/20 at <u>https://you.ubc.ca/financialplanning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/entrance-award/</u>. Applications & documents must be received by December 1/2020

TD CANADA TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP—valued up to \$70,000 each; awarded to Grade 12 Canadian students who have demonstrated community leadership. Details on the school website/Career Centre/Scholarships. **Deadline for submissions: November 13/20**

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – DEADLINE: NOV. 5/20- Students planning to attend Queens U with a 90% + average who wish to apply for the Chancellor's Scholarship <u>must be nominated</u> by their high school. Port Moody is permitted **two** nominations; submit a completed School Nomination application form + required documents to Ms Truax or Ms Campbell <u>before</u> **3 PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5.** Complete details & forms are on the Career Centre Online/Financial Aid & Scholarships page.

2020 UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – University of Toronto National Scholarships are awarded to outstanding Canadian students who will attend the U of T in September 2021, covering tuition, fees and residence for 4 years, and more. Scholarship criteria: Canadian citizens or permanent residents or protected persons who demonstrate original and creative thought, are committed to school and community and high achievement in academic and creative pursuits. Details and the application form link are online at https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/ . **DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCT. 22/2020**

Future Student Virtual Events/Information Sessions

KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

October 3, 12 pm – 2 pm Virtual Open House kpu.ca/openhouse

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

September 21-25 Connect with current Ryerson students November 9-13, 16-20 Connect with Ryerson faculty and staff for program -specific sessions <u>https://www.ryerson.ca/admissions/undergraduate/at-home/virtual-open-house/</u>

SFU

September 23, 8:00-9:00am https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours.html Prospective Undergrad students

U of Alberta

September 22, 29 https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/index.html?v=canadian

UBC

Future students Live Virtual Vancouver Campus tours throughout *September and October*, listed on the Undergraduate Future Student Portal: <u>https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events</u>

U of Calgary

October 14 (for BC students) 10-11am MST https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events

U of Manitoba

September 21-October 29 http://umanitoba.ca/admissions/recruitment-info-sessions

U of T Webcast for Prospective Students	U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, September 21 at 6:00 PM	Monday, November 2 at 6:00 PM
U of T Webcast for Prospective Students	U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, September 28 at 8:30 AM	Monday, November 9 at 8:30 AM
U of T Webinar for Prospective Students	U of T Webinar Prospective Students
Monday, October 5 at 6:00 PM	Monday, November 16 at 6:00 PM
U of T Webinar for Prospective Students	U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, October 26 at 8:30 AM	Monday, November 23 at 8:30 AM

U of Saskatchewan

September 24 3:00-7:00

https://admissions.usask.ca/tours-and-events/open-house.php?mc_cid=10722f22dc&mc_eid=de4d49eda6

UVIC

September 22, 29, October 6, 27, November 12, 17, 24 https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/index.php

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: The link will be posted at a later date.

Hello PMSS parents. Would you like to help run the PAC by attending once a month meetings and make decisions on what the students need or what the student budget money goes towards? Please join us via Zoom.

We are looking for someone to be the **PAC Secretary** as well as **Grade 12 parents** that would like to plan the **2021 Grad**. It is ONE HOUR of your time a month until the actual month of the Graduation, where you may be asked to put in more volunteer hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be part of our planning and committees, please feel free to email <u>Sherry@Gearforce.com</u>.