



Port Moody Times

Thursday
December 10, 2020

PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY:
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DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Please complete this daily, prior to coming to school.

If you have not already signed this health check and submitted this to the school, either online or on paper, please complete this as soon as possible. This only needs to be submitted once per student.

NEW NEWS

Calendar	
Monday December 14	Food Hamper Last Day: Last day for students to bring in non-perishable food items to their first period class.
Monday December 14	Spirit Week Starts: Monday – Accessory Day / Tuesday – Tropical Tuesday / Wednesday – Ugly Sweater Day / Thursday – Christmas Character Thursday / Friday – Pajama Day
Thursday December 17	Mid-Quarter Report Cards: Available on the Student and Family MyEd portals at 2pm.
Friday December 18 <i>(Last Day of Classes prior to Winter Break)</i>	Talent Show: PMSS students will show off their talents in a pre-recorded show to be shared during first period.
Monday January 4	Second Quarter Flip Date: On this date second quarter classes will flip, with the second (hybrid) class of the day becoming the first (learning group) class and the first (learning group) class becoming the second (hybrid) class.

MATH COMPETITION CLUB: Hey PMSS! Interested in math contests? The Math Competition Club is excited to announce that we will be offering the American Mathematics Competition 10 and 12 (AMC 10/12) remotely on **February 10, 2021**. Registration is \$5 and will end next **Thursday, December 17th**. Follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS9n2Z6qaLI9HpQF5uFCO68dUNUY3WDQ2WTM2RTdBUDVOU1M2SFVRNTdJOS4u> to register. All grades are welcomed. If you'd still like to sign up for the Math Competition Club, be sure to do so here: <https://bit.ly/PMSSMCC2020>. We hope to see your names on the form!

ONGOING NEWS

PMSS' FIRST FRENCH WRITING CONTEST!: Parles-tu français? Submit your best piece of French writing for consideration in PMSS' first ever French Writing Contest. Texts could include essays, poetry, or short stories with categories for Grade 9, Grade 10, Senior. There will be prizes! Maximum length one page, double spaced or 400 words. Upload submissions to <https://bit.ly/2JxCxqF> by **January 15, 2021**.

ACTIVE LIVING: PMSS students, are you engaged in physical activity outside of school? Are you participating in volleyball, kick boxing, dance, hockey, soccer, basketball, mountain biking, archery...? It doesn't matter what it is, are you living an active life? If so, send us what you are doing, include a picture with a brief 1-2 sentence description, don't forget to include your name. We are planning an active living section for this year's yearbook. Send pic and info to Mr. Straumford (dstraumford@sd43.bc.ca). "Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude and your mood."

WANT A PERSONALIZED DECORATION ON OUR HOLIDAY TREE? WANT TO WIN A PRIZE? Follow the PMSS Library Learning Commons on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/CITwWf9hAYT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link Comment with your favourite book/movie of the year. Not on Instagram? No problem. Just visit <https://sd43bccs.sharepoint.com/sites/PMSSlibrary> and fill in the form. We'll turn it into a tree decoration and enter your name in our draw. Draw open only to members of the PMSS student community. One entry per student. On display until **Friday, December 18th** in the Learning Commons.

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 ULoadIt" 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!

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.

CLUBS

PMSS UNICEF IS HAVING A TRIVIA NIGHT! Come join us next week on **Wednesday, December 16th at 4:30pm** to learn about violence against women and children. It's a great opportunity to learn and win prizes and points! Look for our blue poster around the school and scan the QR code with just the camera on your phone or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5jmvrmq>. See you there!

CAREER CENTRE

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

LAST CALL FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRE FIGHTING ACADEMY:

Deadline: December 11th

You can earn 4 grade 12 credits towards graduation!

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

RYERSON UNIVERSITY FUTURE STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION - WESTERN CANADA:

When: Thursday, December 10th, 2020 @ 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Please check-out PMSS Career Centre Teams page or PMSS Career Centre website for more info & links!

WORLDWIDE COLLEGE TOURS (ONLINE):

When: December 7th @ 9:00am - December 11th @3:00pm

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

SFU BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INFO SESSION FOR SD43:

When: December 10th at 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INFO SESSION (ONLINE):

When: Tuesday, December 15th at 5:00pm

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre calendar for link!

FORKLIFT TRAINING:

When: December 22 & 23

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

SIMBI FOUNDATION: SCHOOL READ-A-THON NARRATORS NEEDED:

Who: All high school students can participate

When: Month of December 2020

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

BC STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE:

The StudentTranscripts Service (STS) allows you to view and order transcripts or certificates from B.C. secondary schools. All students applying to Post-secondary institution must complete this!

More info on this process is on Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80), PMSS Scholarship Information Team (code: eaca16K) and PMSS Career centre website.

BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Applications are open – **Deadline:** Wednesday, January 13th, 2021

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre website for more info!

CMOLIK SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are open - **Deadline for school nomination:** Wednesday, January 13th, 2021

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre website for more info!

CANADIAN WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP:

Who can apply: open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council

Prize: \$1000.00

Deadline: Friday, January 15th, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for details!

FIRST AID FOR SD43 STUDENTS:

When: December 11, January 8 & January 23

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

SFU INDIGENOUS PREVIEW DAY 2021:

When: January 14th @ 10am, January 20th @ 1pm & January 26th @ 10am

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST:

Who can apply: students under the age of 19 as of October 1st, 2020 who are not enrolled as degree-seeking students of a post-secondary institution

Prize: up to \$2,500 college scholarship

Deadline: Sunday, January 31st, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for details!

CENTRE FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY - DIGITAL BOOTCAMP:

Who is eligible: Gr. 11s & 12s

Deadline to apply: Sunday, February 28th, 2021

Early application: December 31st - **Early bird application fee:** \$225.00

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm

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.

GRAD 2021

Grad 2021 needs the support of all families in our Port Moody Secondary School community!

ME-N-ED'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

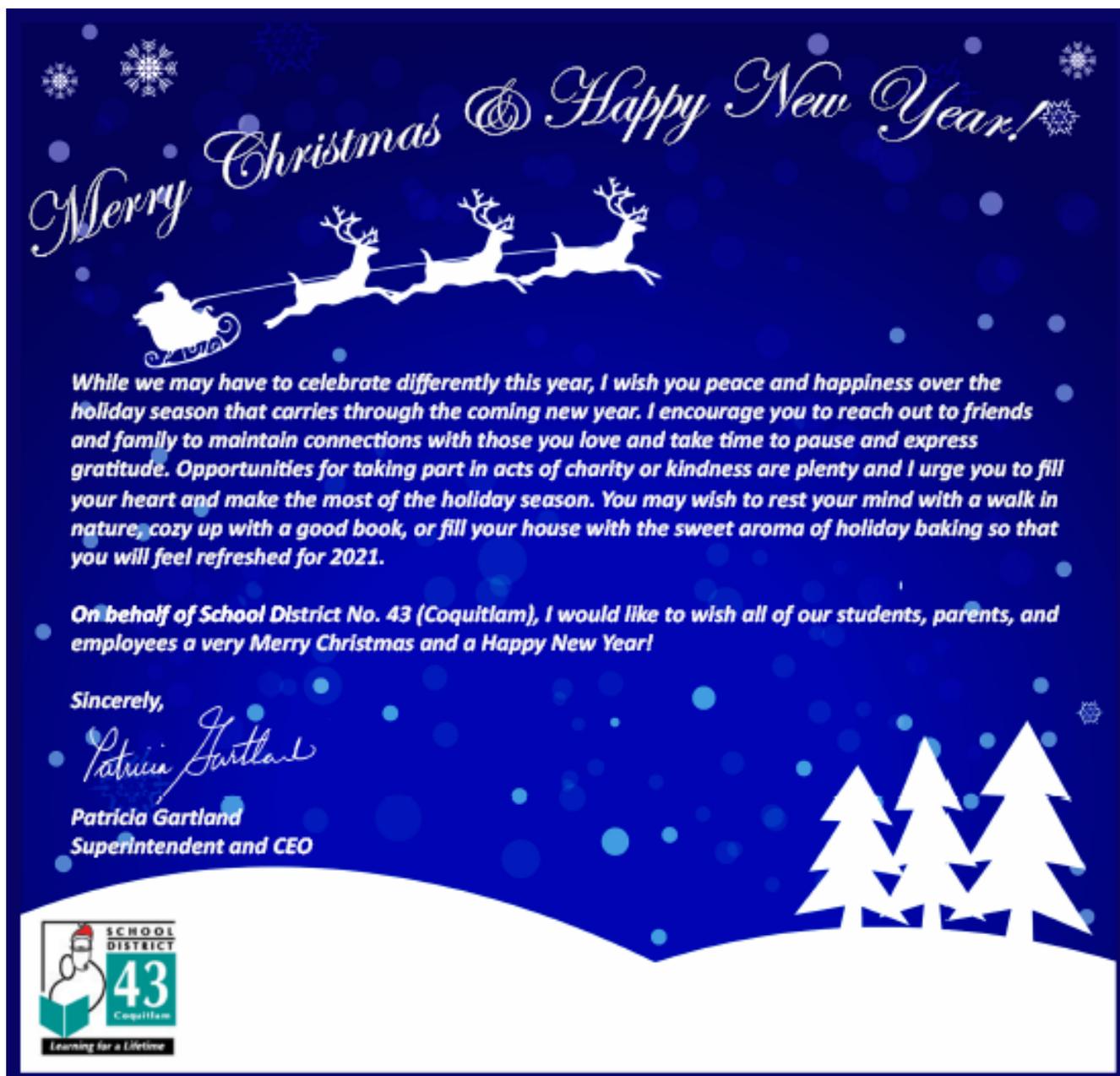
Port Moody Grad 2021 Committee is asking for your support with our Me-n-Ed's Pizza Fundraiser. On **Thursday, December 17th** you can dine in, have delivery or take out from the Coquitlam or Port Coquitlam locations of Me-n-Ed's.

We earn 20% from each order but you **MUST** mention that it is an order to support **Port Moody Secondary 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 date: **December 17th!**

PORT MOODY LIQUOR STORE FUNDRAISER

Attention all Parents - Port Moody Grad 2021 Committee is asking for your support with our Liquor Store Fundraiser. Please mention Port Moody Secondary AfterGrad when making a purchase at PoMo Liquor store (by 7-11 on St. John's Street). We earn 4% of sales from every purchase. Anyone can support this fundraising effort, please tell your neighbours and relatives. Thank you for your support!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

While we may have to celebrate differently this year, I wish you peace and happiness over the holiday season that carries through the coming new year. I encourage you to reach out to friends and family to maintain connections with those you love and take time to pause and express gratitude. Opportunities for taking part in acts of charity or kindness are plenty and I urge you to fill your heart and make the most of the holiday season. You may wish to rest your mind with a walk in nature, cozy up with a good book, or fill your house with the sweet aroma of holiday baking so that you will feel refreshed for 2021.

On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I would like to wish all of our students, parents, and employees a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland

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Superintendent and CEO

