



THE “BEST” INFORMER



MAY 11 & 12, 2021

****Please note: **All new and changed items are in red******

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING YOUR MASK EACH DAY

GENERAL

GRADE 12'S

Commencement comments and graduation hoody orders are now overdue.

You must be logged into your student account to fill out your commencement comment.

Hoody order link was sent to your school email on April 22.

DON'T MISS OUT!

ATTENTION-STUDENT PORTAL UPDATE

All students in the district will receive updated usernames for their MyEd Portals this spring.

Our school will receive these new usernames on **Tuesday, May 11th**.

STUDENTS: Please check your school email for your new username and password on that day.

The message will be from “SYS ADMIN”.

Please set this up ASAP by following the directions in your email.

All previous MyEd usernames and passwords will no longer work when accessing your student portal.

The username and password for your email and TEAMS accounts will not be affected.

2021 SD43 SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration opens at 6 am Wednesday May 12, 2021

See last page of the Informer for brochure and details.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK

Only 37 yearbooks left-don't miss out! Not sure if you have purchased one?

Log into School Cash Online, click on payment history.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Check out the May edition of the SD43 trades & career program newsletter.

Lots of opportunities are listed there. You can find the newsletter on the Best Career Centre Team, or just a listing of the positions on the [Career Centre website](#).

MORE SPORTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you like sports, recreation or kids? The [Moresports Youth Leadership program](#) trains youth through a process of leadership identification, engagement and development that supports youth as leaders within their community. Through school and community partnerships MoreSports is able to offer a variety of training experiences with recognized credentials at no cost (i.e. High Five Certification, First Aid, Autism Training).

[Apply now to start developing your leadership skills.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO – SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Panel discussions with staff and/or current students to learn more about specific programs.

Spotlight Commerce & Management: **Tuesday, May 11th at 5 pm EST (2 pm PST).**

[Register to attend.](#)

BCIT INTERIOR DESIGN INFORMATION SESSIONS

Are you considering a career in Interior Design? Join one of these info sessions to learn about the many options. **May 11th, 2021 at 5 pm** [Register here](#)

OCEAN WISE YOUTH LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

This is an **opportunity for 15-18 year olds** to increase their marine conservation knowledge while building personal leadership, problem-solving and life skills. Youth will participate in outdoor excursions; skills building workshops and will create their own ocean service project.

YouthToSea 2021 will run from **June 2021 – March 2022** and is supported by the Government of Canada, there are no costs for participants.

Application deadline is May 12, 2021. <https://education.ocean.org/youthtosea/assignments/folder/1527>

UBC MEDICAL OUTREACH – INFO SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS

Find out what it's like to pursue an education in medicine directly from a current UBC Med School student and get an idea of what this journey involves. **Wednesday May 12, 2021 at 7 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting.](#) MeetingID: 660 47391930, passcode: 123456.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INFO SESSION

This is for **keen grade 10 students** who are already looking forward to attending the U of A. Learn about the importance of the grade 11 school year in relation to your future university successes. **Wed, May 12, 6 pm MDT**. Please pre-register: <https://apply.ualberta.ca/register/?id=6a4b912a-d940-488c-9fad-9e51684af6d4>

PATH TO MEDICINE: UBC MD OUTREACH INFO SESSION

Find out what it's like to pursue an education in medicine directly from a current UBC Med School student. Get an idea of what this journey involves and join the virtual SD43 MD Outreach Information Session on **Wednesday May 12, 2021 7 pm**. For more information, please check [Best's Career Centre website](#).
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/66047391930?pwd=N1N6ZHNmbUxUaXRtWm1EWmR1bzF1UT09>
MeetingID: 660 47391930 Passcode: 123456

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO – GRADE 10 & 11 INFO SESSION

This is for B.C. students who are at the early stages of their post-secondary exploration process! This webcast will feature an overview of U of T, the three campuses, 700+ academic program options, and the offered opportunities inside and outside the classroom. You'll also learn all about the application process and have a chance to ask all of your questions. Must register in advance.
Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 8:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

WESTERN UNIVERSITY – INFO SESSIONS FOR GR. 10 & 11 STUDENTS

What's first year like? What experiences can you have outside the classroom? Why did current students choose Western? You can ask your questions and hear from future professors and peers. There will be student panels, lectures and information about first-year courses.

- SCIENCE: **May 13, 2021 04:00 PM PST**, register here: https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3LZpFhIbS7-9cADmvlr4w
- ENGINEERING: **May 20, 2021 4: 00 PM PST**, register here: https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BtuwRFNSRwmYDFZYE70g1Q

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BC VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

You will have the opportunity to interact with faculty members in these departments to ask questions about their programs.

- Schools of Business and Psychology: **May 18, 2021 - 4:00pm** [Register here](#)
- Faculty of Environment: **May 19, 2021 - 04:00 PM** [Register here](#)

2021 VIRTUAL EDUCATION FAIR

Meet virtually with universities from Canada and around the world from the comfort of your home. Chat live with representatives from universities and professional schools during the fair. Learn about undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, diplomas, and certificate programs at home and abroad. Ask about admission requirements, and available scholarships. Taking a gap year? Visit the student travel booths to find out more about gap year options, including work abroad. Check the fair webinar schedule:

<https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/virtual-education-fair/webinars/>

Date: Thursday, May 20th between noon and 6 pm. Free!

SIDE-HUSTLE: ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP FOR GRADE 10 & 11 STUDENTS

UVIC's Gustavson School of Business is offering two sessions to show students how to run a micro business out of their home to make some money. Learn from UVIC, TV and industry experts how to evaluate side-hustles and other new business ideas.

See what a university entrepreneurship class is like; test drive what it's like to be in a UVIC Business classroom.

Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 at 6 pm: Register [here](#)

Tuesday, May 27th, 2021 at 6 pm: Register [here](#)

CAMP IGNITE - YOUTH FIREFIGHTER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADE 11 & 12 GIRLS

Camp Ignite offers girls an introduction to the exciting world of firefighting. Aug 14 & 15, 2021 in Vancouver/ North Vancouver (no overnight stay provided due to Covid19 restrictions). **Apply by June 1, 2021:**

<https://campignite.com/>

UBC GEERING UP IS LOOKING FOR JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS (VOLUNTEER POSITION)

Students going into Grade 10 and up are invited to apply as Jr. Instructors to support camp leaders running one-week-long daily STEM camps with up to 20 youth over the summer.

Camps will be held virtually every week from June 29 – Sept. 4.

<https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/join-us/general-information/volunteering/junior-instructor-program/>

SOYL SUMMER LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The program empowers secondary students to cultivate and steward schoolyard farms for learning, community building and growing Good Food for All. Through their time with SOYL, youth develop skills in growing, cooking, and selling food, as well as a greater connection to themselves, their community, and the regional food system.

Youth also receive a \$100 stipend/ week and can receive school credit for their contributions.

Apply by June 18th at <https://freshroots.ca/get-involved/soyl/>

GRADE 12'S

GRADE 12 FEES

Outstanding fees MUST be cleared up **before May 15, 2021.**

Visit our school website, Quicklinks, School Cash Online. **Only takes a minute to doublecheck and pay!**

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP, BURSARY OR AWARD?

Please let the Career Centre know! We want to acknowledge you in the commencement program. Just submit our online form (one for each award you've received):

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xI2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkSz640sKia15IjHFsej51-LZUOFJYNEIGNDRTN0RFQ1BMWFZJWEk4Mk5YTC4u>

MAILLARDVILLE RESIDENTS ASSISTANCE BURSARY

A \$500 bursary is available to one graduating Grade 12 student who lives in Maillardville, demonstrates financial need, contributes to their community and will pursue post-secondary education. The boundaries of Maillardville are defined by the MRA as follows: Laurentian Street to the east, Rochester to the north to North Road, North Road to the freeway, and along the freeway to Coleman/Brunette Avenue.

The application form can be found on the [Career Centre website](#). **Deadline is May 15, 2021.**

COQUITLAM RCMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to 2 graduating SD43 students who are planning to continue their academic, technical, or vocational education or training. Must have demonstrated good citizenship and leadership abilities, active in school and/or community. 2x \$750. **Deadline: May 17th.** Visit [Career Centre website](#) for application form.

MINDSHARE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Awarded to 5 graduating SD43 students who will be pursuing a post-secondary education in college or university. Must have demonstrated excellence and leadership in the areas of arts, athletics, or technology. 5x \$500. **Deadline: May 17, 2021.** Visit [Career Centre website](#) for application form.

STEVEN FAORO SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 will be awarded to one SD43 graduating student who intends to enroll in a postsecondary education. Student should have demonstrated a love for sport and showed an exemplary level of sportsmanship and competitiveness. Student developed leadership by fostering a spirit of inclusion, leading by example, and demonstrates care and concern for teammates and others. Application must include a 300-word essay that tells their sports story about their senior year. **Deadline is May 19, 2021.**

Visit [Career Centre website](#) for application form.

JIM HEBDEN 2021 CHEMISTRY BURSARY

This \$1,000 bursary will be awarded to a student who has performed service for their school and/or community while maintaining good science grades. Must have completed Chemistry 12 by the end of June 2021 and plan to continue the study of chemistry at a recognized post-secondary institution, whether it be toward a chemistry degree or in a field related to chemistry such as nursing or engineering. Must have financial need. For details see www.WesternCampus.ca **Apply by May 21, 2021.**

CLEAN ENERGY STUDENT

Clean Energy BC is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to students who are interested in pursuing a future in clean energy at a post-secondary institution. Must write an essay "Why is clean energy important to me as a young person in BC?" **Apply by May 21, 2021.** Details can be found on the [Career Centre website](#).

TESSA BEAUCHAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Open to B.C. grads pursuing post-secondary education. Applicants must complete the application form and attempt to provide a "snapshot" of related activities and endeavors in their own lives. Applicants may also choose to provide information in the format of their choice: written response, video, or movie format. 2x \$1,000 available. **Apply by May 30, 2021.**

<https://tessabeauchamp.org/scholarships-awards/scholarships/bc-graduation>

GRACE FAMILY NETWORK BURSARY

Three scholarships of \$500 each are available to Metro Vancouver area students graduating in 2021 and beginning their studies at any post-secondary institution in the Fall of 2021. Criteria: students with outstanding academic and leadership achievements demonstrating financial need. Essay required on "How has living through a pandemic changed your view of the world?" **Apply by May 31st, 2021.** Details: <http://www.gfnf.org/>

CTA - BARBARA VENGSHOEL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TRADES OR FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

This scholarship will be awarded to one SD43 student pursuing a career in Trades AND to one SD43 student pursuing a career in Fine & Performing Arts (\$500 each). Criteria: Satisfactory achievement in the areas of Trades or Fine & Performing Arts (based on courses taken in a graduation program); one page essay outlining why you want to pursue a career in Trades or Fine Arts. Financial need will be considered. **Deadline is June 1st, 2021.** Please visit the [Career Centre website](#) to download the application form.



Summer Learning 2021 Secondary Programs

www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

Secondary Academic Completion

(formerly known as “Remedial”)

July 13 to 30, 8:30-11:30AM or 12:00-3:00PM Daily

Locations: Gleneagle

Courses: Grades 9 & 10 English, Math, Science & Social studies.

These courses provide a path for students who achieved 40-49% in a course (during this 2020-2021 school year) to attain a passing grade. Students will be able to upgrade their mark to 50% (C-).

These courses will follow a hybrid format: Students will attend in-person for a Face-to-Face class once a week (either Thursday or Friday; you will be notified before the course starts as to which day you are to attend) and will attend online scheduled classes the other days.

Registration for Remedial courses is by referral only, see website or your high school counsellor for details.

Referrals will be accepted until June 25. The referral form will collect some brief information from your teacher so we can customize your course to what you need to complete.

Morning classes:	Afternoon classes:
8:30 – 11:30 am	12:00 – 3:00 pm
English 9/10 (Composition and Literary Studies focus)	English 9/10 (Composition and Literary Studies focus)
Math 9	Math 10 (AW & FPC)
Science 9/10	Social Studies 9/10

Fast Track (High School Credit)

July 6 to August 11. Morning and Afternoon Courses available.

Locations: Gleneagle

Courses: Biology 11/12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11/12; English 10,11,12; EAL 10/11*; Mathematics 10,11; Physics 11,12; PE 10; Science 10; Social Studies 10/11. (Environmental Sciences 11 will be a Face-to-Face course, available as part of SOYL program. See website for application details.)

International students are not eligible for Fast Track courses (contact the International Ed department for summer course options).

Fast Track courses this summer will follow a hybrid format:

- Two weekly synchronous (online) class sessions
- One weekly in-person Face-to-Face class session on the weeks of July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2: All students must attend these Face-to-Face class sessions, which will include assessments/quizzes etc. Each student will be notified, in advance of the course start-up, as to which of these in-person days they will be required to attend.
- Online work & online tutorial support

This program is best suited for students wishing to complete the selected course within a 6 week timeline.



To Register:

Step 1: Returning students from 2019 or 2020 already have a profile; please log in to update your profile. Will you be a new summer student? Create your profile today at www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

Step 2: Register online, starting at 6:00AM on Wednesday May 12, 2021. There is no deposit required for Fast Track courses. Registration closes on Mon. July 5, 2021

* EAL courses are by referral only, not open to public registration, see website for details

SPORTS

CLUBS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*******STUDENT PARKING*******

Please do not park near the fenced off area in the upper parking lot. This is a designated area for our construction crew working on the school addition. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged.

*******SCENT FREE SCHOOL*******

All schools and buildings within SD43 are “scent free” places of work and learning. Numerous students and staff have serious medical complications with various natural and chemical scents/fragrances.

As such, please make every effort to avoid using or wearing scented products within this space in order to establish an environment that is as “scent safe” as possible.

*****ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS***NO LOITERING IN BUS SHELTER*****

Students are reminded that the bus shelters are for people who are actually waiting to get on a bus. Please do not use them as social gathering places.

*******STUDENT DROP OFFS*******

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

*****SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION IN THE DRIVEWAY/DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL*****

Students are reminded to slow down and use the designated crosswalk area when crossing through the school driveway area. Be very vigilant as drivers are often distracted as they are moving in and out of waiting spots. Also, our student drivers are reminded that the expectation is “dead slow” in our school driveways and parking lots.

*****VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS*****

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances. There have been recent incidents in our school/district that have resulted in these devices unintentionally exploding which can result in serious injury for the user and those around them. For the safety of all of our students and staff, it is important that these devices are not on school property. Students are not permitted to have these devices in their lockers, backpacks, or on their person at any time while on school property. If a student is found in possession of a vaporizer or e-cigarette, it will be confiscated. Parents will be contacted and required to meet with the administration and their son/daughter. Reoccurring incidents will result in disciplinary action.