



THE "BEST" INFORMER



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



GENERAL

YEARBOOK PICKUP GRADES 9-12 PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

In order to pick up yearbooks all school accounts must be clear of all fees, lost textbooks, lost library books, etc. To check your account, go to Charles Best website, Quick Links, Student Fees- Yearbook distribution dates and times to be announced.

STUDENTS LISTED BELOW PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE FOR A MESSAGE

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COMMUNITY SOCIAL MEDIA PROJECT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The City of Coquitlam is in the process of starting up a pilot project where they match small teams of high school student with local nonprofit organizations to help set up / energize their social media communications. Training, support and supervision will be provided by the City. Check [Career Centre website > Volunteering](#) for details.

JIBC INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAREER CAMP

The Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) believes bringing Indigenous people and perspectives into the fields of justice, public safety and health care is essential to achieve our national goal of Truth and Reconciliation. The JIBC Indigenous Youth Career Camp – Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers, Encouraging Connections aims to build youth resiliency, establish positive relationships, and introduce youth to the broad spectrum of careers in justice, public safety and health care. For 2021, youth can sign up for any particular day of activities. JULY 14, 2021 - JULY 22, 2021. FREE. [Register here](#).

GIRLS IN 'STEAM' – MENTOR CAFÉ

Female students in Grades 10-12 are invited to a networking event from Science World in collaboration with SCWIST for students to explore unusual STEAM careers. Connect with mentors and like-minded peers and equip yourself with knowledge that will ease the transition from high school to higher education. FREE. Event Date: Saturday, June 26, 11 am. [Register here](#).

ELECTRICAL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY FOR FEMALE GRADE 11 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

BCIT has reserved seats for a few female high school students who want to do the electrical program at their Burnaby campus. It is a class dedicated to the Women in Trades Training intake. The program runs from February 14, - July 29, 2022, and the student will get 6 courses at the grade 12 level towards graduation. Having the program run in second semester will allow those who might be missing Physics 11, to pick it up in the Fall. Given the student will be attending BCIT, they should be displaying a mature attitude and solid overall grades. If you are interested contact Doug MacLean, Career Programs Coordinator SD43 ASAP at DMacLean@sd43.bc.ca.

CITY OF PORT MOODY-HIRING SPECIALTY INSTRUCTORS FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Experienced, reliable and dynamic Specialty Instructors are wanted to lead a variety of children and youth programs in a school or recreational setting. Must have related experience working with preschool or children, Emergency First Aid with CPR-C or equivalent, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, strong leadership characteristics. Candidates must be available to work this summer on weekdays between 9am-5pm. Continued employment in the fall season will depend on availability. Apply [here](#).

BOOK SHELVERS WANTED-PORT MOODY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Part-time library shelve wanted (2 positions): Shifts are four hours (2 days a week). Must be 16 years or older. Apply [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS-YOUTH OUTDOOR SPORTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Committee members will assist the City of Coquitlam's Outdoor Sport staff in the inspiration, development, and implementation of youth outdoor sport opportunities. All skill levels and experience are appreciated and accepted. Only requirement: Willingness and passion for creating opportunity for youth to stay and become physically active and engaged in healthy community. Must be 13 years or older. [See details and apply here.](#)

ARTS CAMPS VOLUNTEERS

Place des Arts Coquitlam is recruiting summer camp volunteers for Summer Fun! art camp programs. Camps are running July 5 – August 12 (10 am – 2.30 pm), and volunteers must commit to at least two full weeks. **Must be 13 yrs or older.** Camps are hybrid style and will have students aged 5-7 and 8-12 learning in-person at Place des Arts and students learning online from home via Zoom. Volunteers have the option of volunteering for online or in-person camps. Please visit [Place des Arts website](#) for details and application form.

DISCOVER UVIC-INFO. SESSIONS FOR GRADE 10-11 STUDENTS

If you're thinking about applying for undergraduate studies at University of Victoria, join one of this summer's Discover UVic events and learn what it really means to be a UVic student. More than just getting into university, they will explore the possibilities and what your education can be. You'll hear about their co-op program and why hands-on learning is so important, how you can engage with your surroundings, and how the UVic community can inspire you to succeed.

Register to attend:

June 23, 4:00PM | [Register](#) **August 4**, 4:00PM | [Register](#)
July 13, 10:00AM | [Register](#) **August 26**, 10:00AM | [Register](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO. NIGHT

Learn about admission requirements, co-op opportunities, career pathways, university transfer options, curriculum guidelines, and more. Plus, each program-specific information session is lead by a faculty member from that program so you get to interact and converse with your future instructor(s).

Thurs. June 24, 2021, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. [Register here.](#)

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: GENETIC ENGINEERING

Are you a Grade 9-12 student interested in genetic engineering, or are you just interested in exploring different career options in STEM? Then you should join **on June 26, 2021** (Saturday) from 1:00-2:00 pm on zoom. Please sign up to attend: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/402624109>

ONEPROSPER INTERNATIONAL-VIRTUAL ENGLISH LEARNING BUDDY

OneProsper International is a Canadian non-profit organization focused on girls' education in India. Girls from low-income families in India aspire to speak English but do not have anyone within their families to practice speaking English. Students [sign up to be an English Learning Buddy](#) and will be matched with a girl in India. Buddies will meet weekly using Zoom, Saturdays 9-9.30 pm, **starting June 26th** (10 weeks). Students in India read from an English children's book while Buddies provide constructive feedback on pronunciation. OneProsper International will provide volunteer certificates. [More info.](#)

IMPACT ENTREPRENEURSHIP YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

The Innovators Academy at LOI is **calling all youth 14 years and older** interested in entrepreneurship, innovation, or changemaking! The **FREE** free month-long program will be featuring 2 hours/ week webinars with inspiring entrepreneurs, changemakers and leaders sharing their powerful stories and best practices through keynotes, panels, workshops and more. At the end of the camp, youth will have the opportunity to pitch their own innovative ideas for prizes. The event **starts on Tuesday, July 6th**.

Register here: <https://impact-summer-camp-2021.eventbrite.ca>

GRADE 12'S

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Check out the [Career Centre website > Financial Aid section](#) for upcoming deadlines. There are many scholarships available – some have very specific criteria though, please have a look if something fits your circumstances.

The Financial Aid section will be updated until the end of the school year, it's worth checking back regularly.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 133 BURSARY

Deadline extended to June 30, 2021. This is a local scholarship.

(applicants must be attending school in PoCo or Coquitlam). Demonstrated financial need; family income up to **max. \$90,000**. Good grades. It is not required that you have military or legion affiliation. However, if you do, please fill out the applicable section on the application form. [PDF Apply here.](#)

OPTERUS REBEL WITH A CAUSE AWARDS

Opterus Helen Rose STEM Award - \$10,000 for a female student pursuing an education in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) at an accredited Canadian university or college.

Opterus Valerie Ann Arts Award - \$10,000 for a female student pursuing an education in the Arts at an accredited Canadian university or college.

The student they are looking to fund is pursuing a field of study that will help them in the future to create or contribute to a new mindset for a better world. **Deadline is June 30, 2021.**

[More info.](#)

PROSPERA LOCAL IMPACT GRANTS

Thirty grants valued at \$1,000 each will be awarded to students who have shown dedication to pursue their field of study and advance their skill set. Must be an entering or returning student to an accredited post-secondary institution in one of Prospera's trade areas (Metro Vancouver, Tri-Cities, Fraser Valley and the Okanagan) by September 2021. Criteria: Outstanding contributions to our communities, led by example, and inspired true excellence. Served as a volunteer or demonstrated great guidance with an organization or charity between 2019 to 2021. **Deadline: June 30, 2021.** [Apply here.](#)

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple awards are available to students pursuing a career in the automotive field.

See [website for details](#). **Deadline is June 30th.**

HORATIO ALGER VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

If you will be attending school this fall to become a nurse, dental hygienist, paramedic, or to learn another skilled trade you may be eligible. 25 awards at \$3,000 are available. Must have completed high school, be enrolled in a 3 years or less career or technical degree/certificate program in Fall that will lead to employment. Demonstrated critical financial need. Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity.

Deadline is June 30th. Apply [here](#).

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ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 50 awards of \$1,000 to \$5,000 awards are available to Sea Cadets entering the first year of a post-secondary training program which leads to a degree, diploma or certification in a recognized profession.

Award Deadline: June 30, 2021. Details on the [Canadian Sea Cadets' website](#)

ALEXANDER FOUNDATION ELMER HELM BURSARY

Financial assistance to deserving students who wish to pursue post-secondary training in the artistic, academic or technical field. The Elmer Helm Youth Fund is to assist youth who may not have the financial means to participate in achieving their goal of post-secondary education. Up to four awards of \$1,500 each may be available. **Deadline: June 30, 2021.** For more info, please visit [Career Centre website > Financial Aid](#).

CTA – ROY KRUTOW SCHOLARSHIP

Two awards of \$1,250 each are available to children of a teacher (current, retired or deceased) in SD43. Criteria are academic achievement and school involvement. Preference to those who plan to pursue a career in education (must submit one page paper outlining why they want to pursue career in education).

Deadline: July 1, 2021. For more info, please visit the [Career Centre website > Financial Aid](#).

CANADIAN PRINTING INDUSTRIES SCHOLARSHIP

Available to a High School graduate who has demonstrated a commitment to the graphic communications industry and to academic excellence. Must have an average overall grade of 75% (Award is \$1,500).

Deadline is July 2, 2021. [More info.](#)

GOLF CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple scholarships available. All scholarship applicants must be attending, or have been accepted at, a Canadian university or college with a golf program recognized by Golf Canada Foundation. Exceptions are listed on their website. High school and CÉGEP students graduating in 2021 may be eligible for undergraduate scholarships.

Apply by July 2nd, 2021. <https://golfcanadafoundation.com/golf-canada-foundation-scholarships>

BC RETIRED PRINCIPALS & VICE PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

You are eligible if you are a graduating from the BC public school system this year and are continuing your education at an accredited post-secondary institution in CANADA. (Students planning a "gap year" should apply in the first year in which they register in a post-secondary program.).

Applicants who are pursuing education in trades, technical and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply. 9 awards available at \$1,000/each.

Deadline is September 30th. [Apply here.](#)

BC PRINCIPALS AND VICE PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 20 scholarships (\$1,000 each) are available to students who are graduating from the BC public school system and will proceed to a postsecondary institution. **Criteria:** Academic excellence and demonstrated leadership within the school and community. You have to write a short essay, up to 250 words, indicating leadership roles held in your school and community and your post-secondary aspirations. Must have letter of reference from your Principal or VP. [More info on website.](#) **Deadline is September 17, 2021**

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.

*****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.