



THE “BEST” INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

TODAY IS DAY 2



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT ID CARDS/PHOTO PACKAGES

Student ID cards and photo packages were distributed in block 1 & 2 classes last week. If you haven't received yours, please come to the office to pick up ASAP.

FALL FOOD DRIVE NOV 15-17th

Leadership 11 & 12 have organized another Drive-Thru Food Drive this Fall.
Mon 7:30 am – 7pm, Tues 7:30 am – 3pm

Block 2 classes will be competing for the most amount of non-perishable food donations in kilograms.

Block 2 classes can donate Monday through Wednesday. Please see the donation box in your block 2 classroom for items that the SHARE society is in need of to support those with food insecurities in our community.

We are trying to beat our last food donation of 1000 lbs.

Let's work together to support our community!

Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

POETRY IN VOICE

Do you love reciting poetry and public speaking? Sign up for Poetry in Voice, a school-wide competition.

The last day you can sign up is **Tuesday, November 23, 2021.**

See Ms. Royle in the library

50/50 RAFFLE

Help support fundraising for the GRAD 2022 after grad and potentially win an amazing cash prize! Open to adults over the age of 19. **Sales deadline:** November 25, 12pm. **Draw Date:** November 25, 4pm.

Buy your tickets here: <https://bestgrad2022.rafflenexus.com/>

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a car at Charles Best are required to display a parking pass.

Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

GRADE 12'S that means you too 😊

SPORTS

SWIM TEAM PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS

Six of our swimmers have qualified for provincials this coming Friday and Saturday. Good luck to all!

CLUBS

CHESS CLUB

Do you enjoy playing chess? Chess Club will be meeting every Tuesday right after school in room 208 for approximately one hour. Hope to see you there!

ORIGAMI CLUB

If you like folding paper to create intricate works of art, this is the club for you! The first meeting is in the International classroom (beside 207) this **Thursday, Nov. 17th** after school.

Everyone is welcome (no experience is needed).

GRADE 12'S

STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS SERVICE (STS) – POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION SELECTIONS

Grade 12 students can now make their post-secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [Student Transcripts Service \(STS\)](#). How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the PSI and the options selected in STS. For full details, please visit the [Transcripts and Post-Secondary Selection](#) web page. Grade 12 students can make up to 25 free PSI selections in STS. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose. All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10 each.

Counsellors will be presenting a 'How To' during block 3 on Thursday November 18.

GRADE 12 GRAD SPIRIT WEAR

Grade spirit wear is available to order **until Friday, November 19**. Please use the following link to order: <https://dcbgrad2022.itemorder.com/sale>

GRADE 12 BABY PICTURES

Grads, please click on the link below to upload one favourite baby picture to be included in the yearbook and slide show. You must log in with your district email and password. This is not a link for your parents.

Deadline to submit is November 30th.
<https://forms.office.com/r/fd9xBaN25P>

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

UBC MEDICAL AMBASSADOR OUTREACH PRESENTATION FOR SD43

If you are dreaming of becoming a doctor you should join us on [zoom](#) on **Mon, Nov 29 at 7 pm**. **All grades are welcome!** Believe it or not, it's not too early to start exploring the path to becoming a medical doctor. Learn about what the career entails, how current medical students have achieved this goal, and what students should start doing to get there. The Ambassador Program is an outreach program led by UBC's Faculty of Medicine MD Admissions office. **Meeting ID: 640 5815 6867. Passcode: 567796**

FRENCH NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

All Grade 10-12 students are invited to submit an essay on "In a future where everything is possible, how will the food we eat and the way it is produced have changed?". You could win a scholarship valued \$1,000-\$20,000. [Details here](#). **Deadline: December 17, 2021**

YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES: BAKING INTAKE JULY 2022

Program will run for 23 weeks from July 11 to December 15, students will attend classes at Vancouver Community College from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm Monday-Thursday. Potential applicants must attend the 2022 information session on **Thursday, January 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** (on zoom), and complete the intake package (portfolio & questionnaire). **Must be currently in Grade 11**. Tuition will be covered by the Ministry. More info on Career Centre team – join using code gvrymg1.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UVIC FACULTY OPEN HOUSE: FINE ARTS

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 PM. [Register here](#)

SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE INFO SESSION

Wednesday, November 17, 4:30-5:30pm. [Register here](#)

ELECTRICAL FOUNDATION ONLINE INFO SESSION FOR WOMEN

This program provides graduates with the theory and practical skills necessary to enter the electrical trade. Tuition fee and equipment are heavily subsidized for the February 14, 2022 intake. **Nov 18, 5.30 pm.**
[Register here.](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO NIGHTS

Thu, November 18. 5 pm. Check the schedule of events on the website, faculties are only represented on one of these dates. [Register here](#)

QUEEN'S APPLICATION WORKSHOP

If you need help preparing your application after this session, join the Queen's "Everything about your application Workshop" on **November 18**, at 7 pm. [Register here.](#)

ST FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY SD43 PRESENTATION

If you are considering Nova Scotia for post-secondary join us on **Nov 18, 2021 06:00 PM.**
[Zoom link.](#) Meeting ID: 949 9789 0378. Passcode: stfx

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

WATERLOO ENGINEERING: ADMISSION TIPS & TRICKS

Thursday, November 18, 6 pm. [Register here](#)

PORTFOLIO REVIEW FAIR

Schedule an appointment with one or more of the leading art and design schools from across North America to receive one-on-one portfolio feedback. **Thursday, November 18** from 5 to 7 pm. [Register here](#)

APPLYING TO MCGILL WEBINAR

Thursday, November 18, 5 pm. [Register to attend.](#)

U OF T: DISCOVER ENGINEERING

Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 PM (4 pm Pacific). [Register here.](#)

KPU WILSON SCHOOL OF DESIGN: FACULTY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 18, 2021. 6-8 pm. [Register here.](#)

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

Visit with counsellors, admission officers, and faculty of art and design school members to discuss your portfolio before applying to university or college. Canadian universities are participating virtually.

November 20. [Register here](#)

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY: VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

November 20, 2021, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. [Register to attend.](#)

UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

On-campus **Sat, November 20, 2021.** 10 am to 2 pm. [Register here](#)

SFU FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT INFO SESSION

Learn more about the programs available and find your right fit. Meet current students in Environment and hear about their experience. Find out about courses and other opportunities outside the classroom

Multiple sessions offered: **Thu, Nov 24th | Tue, Nov 30th | Wed, Dec 1st.** 4 pm. [Register here](#)

KPU TRADES INFO. SESSIONS

Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing: **Mon, November 24** at 5.30 pm. [Register here.](#)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: **Mon, November 29** at 4.30 pm. [Register here.](#)

Millwright: **Mon, November 29** at 4.30 pm or 5.30 pm. [Register here.](#)

EMILY CARR OPEN HOUSE

Interested in applying to Canada's #1 institution for an education in art and design? On campus open house:

Monday, November 29, 5 pm or 6 pm. Limited space available.

Must show proof of full vaccination. [Register here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INFO SESSIONS

SD43 specific presentation: **Thursday, December 2,** 6 pm [Register here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TOM FINNIE INDIGENOUS TRADES BURSARY

\$2,500 is available for 1 Metro Vancouver Indigenous Grad who is planning to pursue a trades program. Financial need, life experiences, challenges, and triumphs are taken into consideration.

More info on Career Centre [website](#) or team. **Apply by November 30th.**

U OF CALGARY PRESTIGE AWARDS

Multiple renewable awards for first year students with high academic grades available: 9 Chancellor's Scholarships plus a variable number of Engineering scholarships (both for Academic Excellence and for Community Service/ Entrepreneurial Awards), and 3 Business scholarships. Must be Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident. In addition, 18 International Entrance Awards are available!

Deadline is December 1, but you must first apply for admission.

It will take a few days to gain access to the student portal and the scholarship application. [Apply early.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

This is one of the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada, with a value of up to \$100,000 each. Criteria are: Academic Excellence AND demonstrated leadership, creativity, and charisma, entrepreneurial mindset.

You must be planning to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas: Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Business Enterprise, Applied Scientific Research. We can nominate ONE student. Please submit your Schulich brag sheet to Mrs. Kaufmann **by December 6.**

For details, please visit the Career Centre team or [website](#).

CMOLIK SCHOLARSHIP

We can nominate ONE student. Value is up to \$40,000 over 4-5 years. Criteria are demonstrated financial need, lived in Canada for 7+ years, faced hardship or adversity. Must have positive work ethic, clear educational goals, contributions to the community/ school or to their family. Please visit Career Centre team or [website](#) for application details.

Submit your special CMOLIK BRAG SHEET to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca **by Mon, December 13, 9 am.**

BEDDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program gives promising BC students the opportunity to advance their education, achieve their dreams and inspire others. The program supports resilient students facing financial adversity who have the academic readiness and desire to create positive change in their lives. Criteria: Demonstrated financial adversity, and how it has affected you. Must be in Grade 12 and have a minimum grade average of 75%.

Apply to one of the twenty-five BC post-secondary institutions or trade schools.

100+ scholarships are available in 2022, each valued up to \$40,000. [More info here.](#)

Application deadline January 13, 2022.

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.

*******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 crosswalks 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.

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.