



THE “BEST” INFORMER



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

TODAY IS DAY 1



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABBOTSFORD DONATIONS

Leadership students will be set up at the front of the school Monday-Wednesday this week collecting donations for Abbotsford Flood victims. **Please consider donating the following:** ready to eat food, bottled water, toiletries, gift cards, blankets, clothing, basics for babies.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLUB FUNDRAISER

On Dec 7 and Dec 8, Social Responsibility is having a fundraiser selling goodie bags with PA-MOJA bracelets in the front foyer. All money raised will go towards paying for the tuition needed for a Kenyan student to attend school! Come to the booth (wearing your mask) in Blocks 1→5 and pick up a goodie bag for \$2. Donations are also accepted.

LOST & FOUND

Please check the lost and found bin in the hallway across from the Career Tech Centre on the main floor. There is also a small collection of jewelry and electronics in the office. Any unclaimed items will be donated.

STUDENT ID CARDS/PHOTO PACKAGES

Students, please check your district email for a message to come to the office to pick up any remaining ID cards and photo packages. Emails were sent out last week.

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

SWIMMING PROVINCIALS

It was a crazy two days of competition on Friday and Saturday that resulted in some quick races, best times, and medals. Six of our swimmers qualified for provincials this year: Samantha Coukell, Peter Huang, Ean and Evan Vellescig, and Macey and Kalan Larson. Our two relays were made up of two sets of twins, and they made the A finals, finishing 6th in each case. Macey also earned a silver medal in the 100 Breaststroke, and Peter won bronze in the 100 fly and GOLD in the 100 free!
Amazing swims by all, and an exciting finish for the swim season!

CLUBS

NEW: BOARD GAME CLUB

Are you still looking for a club to join? We welcome students from any grade! Our first meeting is next **Wednesday, Nov. 24th** from 3:20-4:30 pm in the ELL/International classroom (beside 207). Check out our new posters with the QR code posted around the school.

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!

GRADE 12'S

OUTSTANDING FEES DUE NOVEMBER 30

All outstanding fees, library books, textbooks must be clear on your account **by Nov 30/2021**.
Have your parents login to your school cash on line account to pay.

STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS SERVICE (STS) – POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION SELECTIONS

Grade 12 students can now make their post-secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [StudentTranscripts 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.

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

PORT MOODY STATION MUSEUM HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS

The Museum is having a Holiday Festival and needs volunteers to be at the front of the door taking donations and to help with the gift shop. The event will be taking place December 1st- Dec 24th, from 12pm-9pm. If you are interested, please let contact them with the dates and time you would be available.

Volunteers must be 13+ and vaccinated. Contact: info@portmoodymuseum.org

COQUITLAM JR. FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY

The Coquitlam School District is very excited to partner with Coquitlam Fire/Rescue to offer its third Firefighter Academy! Open to SD43 high school students currently in **grades 11 and 12.**

The Junior Firefighting Program will give the applicants a true understanding of the basic components of Coquitlam Fire/Rescue's basic training for new recruits. The program runs during Spring Break (8 days/ full-time). Attend our INFO SESSION at the library on **Wednesday, November 24**, 3.30 pm.

For more info visit the [Career Centre](#).

LIGHTS AT LAFARGE

Get involved in Metro Vancouver's largest free outdoor light display, Lights at Lafarge. Make decorations or install lights. **Until November 26.** For more information on how to get involved contact:

parkspark@coquitlam.ca

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

This is a fun, outdoor, all-weather activity. Positions for cashiers, customer service representatives, and individuals who can safely lift 50 lbs or more (not a requirement for all volunteers) are available. **All ages may apply.** Four-hour shifts, volunteer for as few or as many shifts as you like. **November 26 – Christmas.**

Training provided on site during your shift. Contact: hrayson@auntleahs.org

CITY OF COQUITLAM: SNOW ANGELS NEEDED

Snow Angels help to make our city's sidewalks safer to those in need. **Must be 16+** and in adequate physical shape and capable of clearing snow. Commitment is 1-2 homes/ winter season. Once the volunteer screening process is complete, the City staff will provide training and equipment and will match Snow Angel Volunteers with pre-approved residents who are unable to shovel their own adjacent sidewalk due to physical disabilities or restrictions. [Apply here.](#)

SFU APPLIED SCIENCES STEM SPEAKER SERIES: BLOOD RESEARCH

Sat, Nov 27, 2021, 1-2 pm. **Open to all High School students.** [Register here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA GETAWAY

Attention Grade 11 students! U of A Getaway is a whirlwind weekend of exciting events where students will stay in residence, explore state-of-the-art facilities, learn about UofA's 200+ programs, discover hidden gems on campus, and experience all the U of A has to offer! Incl. up to \$500 transportation reimbursement, accommodations, meals, and a jam-packed schedule of events! **May 27 - 29, 2022** (Friday to Sunday).

[Apply by January 28, 2022.](#)

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

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.

WOMEN IN TRADES EVENT

The BC Centre for Women in Trade (BCCWITT), in partnership with SD43, will be hosting a virtual event **for all female high school students** who are interested in trades or taking a trades class. Connect with other female tradespeople, grow your network, learn about scholarships and employment opportunities, and get your questions answered by experts.

Monday, December 6, 6.30-8 pm. [Register here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

U OF OTTAWA– SD43 PRESENTATION

Join on **Monday, November 22, 6-7 pm.** [Zoom link](#)

U OF CALGARY-SD43 PRESENTATION

Join on **Tuesday, November 23, 5 pm.** [Register here.](#)

SFU PRESENTATION FOR SD43

Final presentation for this year is coming up on **Tuesday, November 23 - 5-6pm.** Don't miss out on learning more about SFU's programs and admission process. [Zoom link.](#) Passcode: 718621

UBC INFO SESSION

Faculty of Arts: Learn all about the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of International Economics, Bachelor of Media Studies, and the Bachelor of Music at UBC's Vancouver campus!

Tuesday, November 23, 4-5.30 pm. [Register here](#)

Bachelor of Arts, Fine Arts and Media Studies (UBC Okanagan). **Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, 5 pm.** [Register here.](#)

Food, Nutrition and Health Studies (UBC Vancouver). **Monday, November 22: 5:30 - 6:30pm.** [Register here.](#)

B.Sc. in Applied Biology (UBC Vancouver). **Tuesday, November 23: 4:00 - 5:00pm.** [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.](#)

UBC – ENGINEERING VS. SCIENCE. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

You've taken science courses in high school, but whether it is biology, chemistry, or physics, did you know you can also focus on these areas in engineering? Whether your interests are in sustainability, design and technology, or preserving our earth, engineering can open up doors for you. **Dec 7, 2021, 5 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.**

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](#).

BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

For anyone planning to apply for this need based scholarship, Beedie Luminaries is hosting an Open House on **Nov 25th, 2021** at 4pm. Learn about eligibility, the admission process, and more! To register for the Virtual Open House, please email info@beedieluminaries.ca

BEEDIE 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.