



# THE “BEST” INFORMER



## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

### TODAY IS DAY 1



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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **MIRACLE MOVEMENT BAKE SALE AND DIY CARD SALE**

Come to the main lobby for some treats in time for the holidays. Miracle Movement is selling baked goods on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during blocks 2, 3 & 4 and after school. Cash only please-loonies and toonies are preferred.

#### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER BREAK**

Tomorrow is the last day of school before winter break! Enjoy your time off and see you on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

A special thank you from a parent to the two young men who assisted a blue Volkswagon get out of the parking lot entrance on Tuesday morning. Thank you snow angels!

#### **SPIRIT WEEK AT CHARLES BEST DEC. 13-17**

Leadership students will be out front of the school tomorrow handing out hot chocolate to all students who come to school wearing pajamas



#### **LAST CHANCE - LOST AND FOUND TABLE**

Last chance to check for any lost and found items set out on the table in the hallway on the main floor. **Any unclaimed items will be donated to SHARE on Friday Dec. 17.**

#### **LAST CHANCE – ORDERS CLOSE TONIGHT CHARLES BEST SPIRIT WEAR**

Our school store is now open!

Click on the link below. **Order deadline is 11:59pm Dec. 16**

<https://best2021spiritstore.itemorder.com/sale>

#### **FROM THE LIBRARY**

Do you currently have a library book checked out? If so, please **return or renew** it before Winter Break. Thank you!

#### **STUDENT PHOTOS**

A new shipment of student photos has arrived at the office (NOT Grad Photos).

STUDENTS, please check your district email and pick up at Reception in the office before Winter Break.

## SPORTS

### **BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY**

Senior Girls: Burnaby North Tournament

Senior Boys: Killarney Tournament

## CLUBS

## GRADE 12'S

### **STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICES**

**Reminder**, 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.

## **CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

### **TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR'S COURSE SELECTION**

This is a reminder that our SD43 Trades Training Programs will not appear on your course selection sheet.

Any student who is interested in taking a Trades Program for the 2022-2023 school year must complete an application through the [District's Career Program website](#).

Any questions about this, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre or talk to your counsellor.

To view a full list of trades training programs [CLICK HERE](#)

### **YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES: BAKING INTAKE**

**Grade 11 students** who are planning to apply for this program for the July intake:

The upcoming Winter Break could be a great opportunity to start working on the required portfolio! Program will run for 23 weeks from July 11 to December 15 and applications (incl. portfolio) are due April 15. Potential applicants must attend the 2022 information session on **Thursday, January 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** (on zoom). Tuition will be covered by the Ministry but cost for tools and materials will apply. [More info here](#).

## **POST SECONDARY EVENTS**

### **DOUGLAS COLLEGE – ON CAMPUS FACULTY OPEN HOUSES**

- **Thu, December 16** at 5 pm: New Westminster Campus

Incl. Commerce & Business, Humanities & Social Sciences, Language | Literature | Performing Arts, Science & Technology

For details and to register for one of the events, please visit the [Douglas College website](#).

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Ministry of Education recognizes 55 well-rounded high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career paths. Value: \$5,000 each. You must be nominated by the school to apply for this scholarship. BC Excellence Brag Sheets are **due to Ms. Kaufmann by Friday, January 7th, 9 AM**. [More info here](#).

### **BEDDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

100 scholarships of up to \$40,000 each are available to help promising BC students achieve their dreams.

Criteria are financial adversity, resilience, and the desire to create positive change. Community or home contributions will be considered. Must have a grade average of 75%+. **Apply by January 13**. [More info here](#).

### **SOROPTIMIST TRI-CITIES SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Bea Kelly Teen Volunteer Awards:** Acknowledging young women in Grade 12 who demonstrate that they make a difference in their community and/or school. The winner receives a bursary to help offset some of the costs of her post-secondary education. (Last year it was \$1,000.)
- **Spread Her Wings Awards:** Meant to support female immigrants or refugees who have arrived in BC in the last 5 years. You must be enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or undergraduate degree program.
  - **Deadline for both awards: January 15, 2022.** [More info here](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### SFU UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education. Must be planning to attend SFU. Demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding potential to be a future leader through personal achievements or contributions to their school or community. Application is not open yet but check out the website to start preparing early. **Deadline: TBA (Mid-February).** [More info here.](#)

### PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching. Value: \$5,000. **Deadline: February 15, 2022.** [More info here.](#)

### STEAM HORIZON AWARDS

5 \$25,000 scholarships are available to the next generation of scientists and engineers. The award will be given to individuals who demonstrate inspiring achievements in these fields by applying their passion to have an impact on their community and who show strong potential to become ambassadors for STEAM fields for younger generations. [More info here.](#) **Deadline is January 14, 2022.**

### U. OF GUELPH ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino President's Scholarships recognize top international students who have made significant contributions to their school and their community and demonstrate the potential to become a leader in society. Scholarships are \$8,250/year, plus one \$9,500 stipend for a full-time summer research assistantship position after first year. Applicants will be automatically considered for Guelph's Academic Leadership International Entrance Scholarships, worth \$20,000. **Applications are due January 25, 2022**

### COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES 2022

The Coquitlam Foundation annually distributes scholarships and bursaries, primarily to graduating high school students who are in need of financial support to continue their education. There are 17 different awards, all with their individual criteria. You can apply for as many as suit your personal situation with one single application. Award values are TBA (depending on the funds available in the Spring), but in the past all awards varied from \$500 to \$2,000. **Deadline is February 15, 2022.** [More info here.](#)

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **\*\*\*WINTER WEATHER\*\*\***

**Winter weather is coming. Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.**

### **\*\*\*\*\*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.

### **\*\*\*\*\*CROSSING COMO LAKE\*\*\*\*\***

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

### **\*\*\*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.