



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023 TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, March 10th is the last day of classes before Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 27th. Have a wonderful break!

SPIRIT WEEK MARCH 6-10

We're closing out the last week of school before Spring Break with Spirit Week! Check out the bulletin board in the lobby for more details.

MONDAY	JERSEY DAY
TUESDAY	COLOUR DAY
WEDNESDAY	SUNGLASSES DAY
THURSDAY	ADAM SANDLER DAY
FRIDAY	PAJAMA DAY

FOOD/CLOTHING DRIVE

Project H.E.L.L.O is hosting a Food/Clothing drive on March 8-10 from Blk 1-5. Stop by the front foyer to donate blankets, Winter clothing (toques, gloves, socks), Juice Boxes, Peanut Butter, or Jam. **Anyone donating will be entered into a lucky draw for candy and gift cards.** Please help support our local community, all donations will be going towards the winter shelter program at Coquitlam Alliance church!

LAST CHANCE - PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

Who needs chocolate for Easter?!?! Click on the link to order by March 10th.
[Purdys Chocolatier Group Savings and Fundraising](#)

CAFETERIA SALAD BAR

The popular cafeteria salad bar is back up and running again from Tuesday-Friday. You can order on the spot or pre-order ahead of time. See the cafeteria for details.

AP EXAMS

Any students wanting to write the AP Psychology or any other exams at Best, please see Mrs. JOHN in the counselling office **before March 10**. The exam will be \$160.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2022/2023

During the months of March and April, School District 43, Coquitlam is participating in the 2023 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 29th, 2023**, providing immediate results to the school and the district. **For 2023: Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 complete the survey; Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Students complete the survey;** and all Staff associated with a School complete the survey.

To complete the survey:

Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

If you have any questions, please contact Vice Principal, Michelle Ciolfitto at mciolfitto@sd43.bc.ca.

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a vehicle on school property require a parking pass.

Once you have completed your 'N' road test, please come to the office for a registration form.

Reminder to all current students with a parking pass-your pass must be visible in your front windshield when your car is parked on school grounds.

CLUBS

*****Be sure to check Instagram for club posts*****

INTERESTED IN JOINING A CLUB?

Club posters are still up on the bulletin board in the front lobby for anyone still interested in joining a club.

SPORTS

JUNIOR AND SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Due to snow on the upper field, please stay tuned for announcements from coaches.

GRADE 12'S

CLASS OF 2023 VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATIONS

The Class of 2023 is looking for their Valedictorian!

Nomination forms will be available in the school office starting Tuesday, March 28th after Block 3. Candidates must be in good academic standing, including Super G standing, and be on track to graduate in June 2023.

SEATS AVAILABLE FOR PLUMBING FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

This June intake would be an ideal opportunity for a grade 12 student who is looking for a head start into the Trades. **This FREE 8-week program** runs out of the Piping Industry College of BC in Delta. Students should have some paid work experience or Work Experience 12 knowledge. Pre-Requisites: plan to complete English 12, strong numeracy skills and good literacy skills, excellent attendance record. [Learn more here.](#)

HAVE YOU WON A SCHOLARSHIP/ BURSARY?

We want to celebrate with you and acknowledge everyone who won a financial award in our commencement program. Please share the good news by submitting [this form](#), even if it's an entrance scholarship and you've decided not to attend that school. Congrats!

UBC AND UVIC ARE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Both the University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria have extended their application period for selected programs. Most of the programs at UBC Okanagan and UVic are still accepting applications, plus very few Vancouver based UBC programs. To see details, please log into [EducationPlannerBC](#). Don't delay applying, programs can fill up at any time.

CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Grade 12 students can find our scholarship package on the Career Centre Team (code gvrymg1), "Grads 2023 – Local Scholarship Package" channel. There are opportunities for all types of students, you don't need top-grades to be eligible to apply. This package also includes the District Authority Awards for students showing outstanding achievements in Trades, Applied Skills, Indigenous Languages, Fine Arts, Physical Activity and Community Service. **Application deadline is March 31, 3 pm.** Any question, please contact Mrs Kaufmann at skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca

LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Visit the [Career Centre website > Financial Aid tab](#) and check out over 50 different scholarships and bursaries currently listed. These awards are based on many different criteria, such as leadership/ volunteering, Italian or Chinese heritage, playing hockey, love of Science, going into Trades, loss of a parent, being the first one in your family pursuing post-secondary education, etc. Upcoming Entrance Scholarships deadlines: Douglas College's Entrance Award deadline is March 31st, and the UVic Entrance Awards are due April 30th. SFU Entrance Bursaries (based on financial need) must be submitted before April 30th.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY - DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO NIGHTS

Grade 12s still unsure what to do after graduation? Consider Douglas College and learn more about individual programs they are offering. **Tue, March 14th or Thu, March 16th, 5 pm, [online](#). [Register here.](#)**

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY - SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ENGINEERING

For their March talk, the speaker will introduce the field of sustainable energy engineering, which is an emerging engineering discipline that focuses on sustainable energy systems with consideration of societal and cultural implications. **Sat, March 11, 1-2 pm.** **Free.** [Register here.](#)

SIGN UP BY SPRING BREAK - BCIT BIOTECHNOLOGY CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP

This partnership between BCIT, Life Sciences BC, local biotechnology companies and participating school districts will be running April 17 – 21, 2023. Eligible students are in Grades 10-12 and must have an expressed interest in science-related curriculum, be enthusiastic about scientific research and lab work, and be interested in learning about careers related to biotechnology. Fees: \$226.90 (domestic), \$680.70 (international).

[Apply by Mon, March 13.](#)

SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY - JUSTICE INSTITUTE BC CAREER FAIR

Learn what it takes to be a successful law enforcement recruit. Meet with representatives from the JIBC Law Enforcement Studies Diploma program, RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency, Vancouver Police, Surrey Police Service, Delta Police, New Westminster Police, BC Corrections and Probation, BC Sheriff Service, Surrey Crime Prevention Society, E-Comm 911, private security companies and more.

When: Mon, March 20, 2023, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. [Register here.](#)

SPRING BREAK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - FESTIVAL DU BOIS

Do you want to meet more Francophones and Francophiles in our region? Want to help out in your community and collect volunteer hours at the same time? Speaking French is not a prerequisite!

When: March 22 (pre-work) to Mar 27, 2023 (depending on your availability and the shifts you choose)

Minimum commitment is a 4 hour shift, sign up here: <https://www.festivaldubois.ca/volunteer/>

CACTUS CLUB HIRING FAIR

Cactus Club is hiring for all positions at all locations.

[Sign up](#) for an interview on either **March 15th** or **March 18th**.

SD43 TRADES SAMPLER FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN GRADES 11/12

There are still a few spots available for this **April 12th-14th workshop** at Port Moody Secondary, running all day 9 am – 3 pm. Discover a blend of indigenous culture and trades. Activities include learning carpentry skills, designing a CNC machine project, exploring sustainable gardening. *Free lunch and swag for all participants.* If you are interested, please contact Paul McDonald pmcdonald@sd43.bc.ca for more information.

SOYL SUMMER PROGRAM

6-week leadership and employment program for Grade 10 & 11 students who are interested in nature, First Peoples knowledge and good food. Students must be available for the full program duration, July 4th – Aug 10th, 9 am – 3.30 pm (Mondays to Thursdays). Millside Centre, Coquitlam. Steward a schoolyard by growing, cooking and selling food, develop communication and decision-making skills, and earn a weekly stipend. Students will also complete a full four-credit course in "Self-Efficacy". [More info/ application form.](#) **Deadline is April 5th.**

PLAYLAND SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Come work for Vancouver's favourite amusement park – Playland at the PNE! Over 200 open jobs are available in the following areas: Games, Rides, Guest Experience, Playland Maintenance, and Food & Beverage. Must be available at least 3-4 days per week, including evenings and weekends, June to October. Min. 15+. Wages start at 17.60/hr. Mandatory training on May 27th. [Apply here](#) **before April 16th.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - SFU SUMMER CAMPS

Gain practical experience in a safe and fun environment. Work with children and youth, build leadership skills, and much more. **Apply for this volunteer position by April 17th.** Selected candidates will be invited to an interview in late April when you can also indicate your summer availability.

Must be available to attend training June 28/29. More info/ detailed job descriptions [here.](#)

PROSPER VANCOUVER

Canada's largest business case competition run by high school students is an interactive workshop where you will learn in a conference-style setting and have the chance to apply your knowledge in an intensive business simulation. You don't need a full team to register, Prosper will assign individual registrants to teams.

Cost is \$55/ per participant. **May 20th,** UBC Vancouver campus. [Register here.](#)

EMILY CARR HEADSTART IN ART

Emily Carr will be once again teaching a first year studio course at Gleneagle Secondary in Fall 2023.

This course will be **available to current Grade 11 or 12 students** from any of the secondary schools in School District #43. The course will carry degree credit at ECU and transfer credit to other Fine Art programs.

The course is particularly aimed at students considering postsecondary studies in visual art, media art or design. Sept 12 -Dec 12, 2023 (Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00pm). Admission will be based upon the student's marks across 5 courses. [See application package for details.](#)

Deadline to submit your application to Mrs. Kaufmann is **May 26th.**