



# THE “BEST” INFORMER



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CAFETERIA HOURS TODAY

The cafeteria is running its regular schedule today despite the Assembly Schedule. It will close at 1pm affecting blocks 4 and 5 today. Please plan ahead if you need to buy lunch today.

### GRADE 9 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm; Big Gym

Please join us to learn about what to expect for your child in Grade 9 this year. Administration and Counsellors as well as Leadership students will be available to answer questions and provide tours of the school.

### SCHOOL PHOTO QR CODE CARDS

If you have lost your QR photo card that you received last week on photo day you can go to Artona.com and complete the following steps:

1. Click on “School Photos”
2. Once in school photos click on “View and Order.”
3. Click on “School day Photos, View and Order.”
4. Click on “I’ve lost my photo access card.”
5. You will be prompted to contact Artona via online chat, email or by phone.

If you have your QR photo card and cannot access your photo, please contact Artona:

[Email Artona at crs@artona.com](mailto:Email Artona at crs@artona.com)

OR Call Artona (604)872-7272

### WEIGHT ROOM CLUB

Anyone interested in working out in the weight room after school can do so for a nominal fee. Please see Mr. Adams or Mr. Anania for a membership form.

### CHARLES BEST CAREER CENTRE

Grade 12 students may know that Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office is always available to help with anything related to post-secondary applications, admission requirements and scholarships.

However, the Career Office is also a great resource for students looking for volunteer opportunities and extracurricular learning opportunities (i.e., Business Case Competitions, Engineering events, Mini Med School).

All grades are welcome to visit (in the counsellor’s area), Monday to Friday, 9 am – 3.30 pm, or to contact Ms. Kaufmann by email: [skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca) Also, (re-)join the Career Centre TEAM (code gvrymg1), follow the “bestcareercentre” on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/bestcareercentre), and check back to the website (Click on Career Centre under ‘Quicklinks’) for the latest updates.

### EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

Thank you to all students who have handed in your yellow Emergency Release forms to the office. For those who have not, it is vital we have this information AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

### MEDICAL ALERT FORMS

Parents, it is a district requirement that medical information is updated yearly by parents. Please find necessary forms on our school website homepage under the ‘Parent’ top tab and select ‘Forms’ from the drop down menu. Please have your child hand in to the office ASAP.

### FIRST BLOCK START TIME

Reminder to all students: Block 1 starts promptly at 8:16 am this year. A warning bell will sound at 8:11 am to give you 5 minutes to arrive to class. Please be on time to avoid class disruptions.

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### WOMEN\* IN ENGINEERING: CAREER EXPLORATIONS

With guidance from the panelists and Gearing Up's team, students will engage in a career mapping session to envision and hone their engineering journey. The day will close out by grouping team members with similar interests to design a solution for a real-world problem through an Engineering Design Challenge.

**Sat, September 23**, 10 am – 3 pm. UBC campus. [Register for free here](#).

*\*All cis and trans girls, genderqueer or non-binary people, and those who identify as other gender minorities are welcome.*

### SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: CYBERSECURITY

The STEM Speaker Series provides high school students with the opportunity to meet and interact with university students, faculty members, and/or working professionals in STEM fields. The guest speaker for September is Jeff Rusk, a cybersecurity professional at the International Business Machines Corporation (IBM). Jeff's talk will introduce cybersecurity concepts and their importance as our world becomes increasingly digitalized. **Sept 23, 2023** | 1:00 - 2:00pm | Grade 8-12 . Must [register](#) by **September 18**.

### MINI MED SCHOOL

**Students in grades 10-12** can now register for BC Children's Hospital Mini Med School 2023. This year's topics are infectious diseases and the immune response. You'll have the opportunity to learn why we get sick, discover how vaccines work and investigate the problem of antibiotic resistance.

You can attend in-person (grade 12s only), virtually live, or on demand. Lectures will take place **Wednesdays, Oct 4 | Oct 11 | Oct 18 | Oct 25**, 7-9 pm. **Register by September 20<sup>th</sup>** for a chance to be selected. [More here](#).

### DISCOVERY DAYS IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Explore careers in Health Sciences at BC Children's Hospital on **November 1**. The day includes a keynote lecture, two interactive workshops, and a career panel Q & A. **Open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12** who are interested in the sciences, and want to learn about career options in medicine and the health sciences.

Each school can only register a limited number of students for this popular event.

For a chance to get selected, please [read more here](#). **Deadline is September 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### GAIRDNER HIGH SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Organized by the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics, the Gairdner High School Symposium is a half-day event held each fall that gives secondary students and teachers the opportunity to interact with award-winning scientists and researchers. **Students in grades 10-12** can participate in-person at BC Children's Hospitals Research Institute, or virtually in real-time (missing the lab tours).

**Monday, October 23** | 8:45 am – 12:15 pm. [Register for free](#) by **September 24, 2023**

### HOUR ++ OF CODE EVENT SERIES

**Between Sept to Nov 2023**, SFU Applied Science Outreach will be offering multiple online workshops on various topics ranging from user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (in Python and Java), mobile app development, and game development.

High School students can register for free and learn how to code and implement popular digital tools.

To see the list of offered workshops, please visit [Career Centre website > Opportunities](#).

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### MCGILL UNIVERSITY VISIT AT BEST

On **Thursday, September 28, 6 pm**, a recruiter from McGill will be giving a presentation in the library.

If studying at Canada's top university is something you are considering, you don't want to miss this event. Hear what McGill has to offer, what you need to get in, and how to apply. Parents/guardians are welcome too.

### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Join us at the library on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**, after school to learn more about U of T, admission requirements, the application process and more.

Don't miss out on getting all your questions answered by the recruiter visiting us from Toronto!

## **CLUBS**

### APPLICATION DEADLINE IS TODAY - CLUB DAY INFORMATION

Our club day is quickly approaching! On **Wed. Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** all approved Clubs for the 2023/2024 school year will have the opportunity to showcase their club in the front courtyard. If you ran a club last year or you would like to start a new club, you must complete the "2023 Club Application/Reapplication Form" that is on the school website homepage (click link at the top of the page).

**Deadline to apply/reregister is this Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Fridge.

## ATHLETICS

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Good luck to both teams today at the Douglas College tournament.  
Go Blue Devils!

### **SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL**

Tryouts are going to take place on **Monday, September the 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7-9pm, **Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7-9pm and **Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7-9pm. These tryouts are open to all grades.

If you have any questions please contact Daniel Depelteau at [danield@excelbasketball.com](mailto:danield@excelbasketball.com)

## GRADE 12'S

### **BCIT AIRCRAFT GAS TURBINE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM**

The Government of Canada is currently providing eligible domestic applicants with tuition free education for the Gas Turbine Technician program along with an industry partnership certificate and paid practicum. The program consists of 38 weeks of full-time studies. Approximately 40% of the day is spent on theory discussions in a classroom setting, followed by hands-on practical training in the shops and hangar.

**Requires English 12 (50%+) and a Math 11 (60%+).** Info Session on **October 24**, 5.30 pm. [More info here.](#)

### **LORAN SCHOLARSHIPS**

This four-year undergraduate merit award includes study at one of 25 Canadian universities, funding for summer work experiences, mentorship, and more. Up to 36 awards of up to \$100,000 each are available, plus another 124 smaller awards for finalist and Provincial Awards. Criteria: Min. average of 85%, graduating students who demonstrate character, service, and leadership potential. Canadian citizen or PR only.

**Deadline is October 11th**, 5pm. Details and tips on how to apply can be found [here](#).

### **TD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

Valued at up to \$70,000 over 4 years towards a post-secondary college or university education. At least 2 awards will go to BC/ Yukon grade 12 students who have shown exceptional leadership in helping to make a meaningful and lasting difference in their community.

Must have grade average of 75%+. **Deadline is November 15.** [More here.](#)

### **GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS**

Grade 12's, you can book your Cap and Gown photos and find out more information by using the QR code found on Artona posters throughout the school.

Photos will take place on site from January 5-19, 2024.

**Coming soon:** you will receive an email with the QR code so check your school emails!

### **NEWSLETTER - PLEASE READ**

Grades 12's, an important newsletter was emailed on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> detailing events unfolding throughout the year. Please ensure you read through it. If you have any questions, we are here to help!

## 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 bus stops or 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 crosswalk area 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/SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS\*\*\***

**Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances.**

For the safety of all 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.