



# THE “BEST” INFORMER

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

### TODAY IS DAY 1



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

# Fall is Here!

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LAST CHANCE - ORANGE SHIRTS FOR SALE

Shirts will be for sale by our Orange Shirt Club everyday this week in the front lobby of the school.  
Price is \$10 per shirt.

### ORANGE SHIRT DAY ASSEMBLY

On **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** we will be having our Truth and Reconciliation Assembly.

**This will be an Assembly Bell Day.**

Please wear an orange shirt as a small gesture to show support for the invited elders, guest speakers and performers.

### NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

There is no school on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** in observance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.  
Classes resume on Tuesday, October 3.

### PAC MEETING

Parents, come out to the school's next PAC meeting on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**, at 7pm in the library.  
Look forward to seeing you all there!

### GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

The Gay-Straight Alliance meets after school on Wednesdays in room 305.  
Everyone is welcome to hang out in a safe space and connect with others.  
See Ms. Leslie for more Info.

### UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

If you are in grades 9-12 interested in writing the University of Waterloo Math contest, please see Mr. Dy in room 116 at the beginning of period 3 or 4. The deadline to sign up for November contests is **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### \*TIME AND LOCATION ADDED - GRADE 11 PARENT DANCE MEETING

Hello Grade 11 Families - the organizing committee is looking for volunteers!

The grade 11 Parent Dinner Dance is an adult only event that raises money for our children's Graduation Dinner Dance in June 2025. This fun evening will include dinner, music, silent auction, 50/50 draw and much more! Interested volunteers please sign up at <https://bit.ly/Grade11DD>

The committee is also looking for donations such as silent auction items, gift cards and corporate or personal financial sponsorship.

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please email [bestgrad2025@gmail.com](mailto:bestgrad2025@gmail.com)

Next planning meeting will be **Wednesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the school library.

### OCTOBER SPCA DRIVE

The SPCA is looking for donations for their shelter. Blankets, sheets, canned or sealed dry pet food.

They desperately need these supplies now and in preparation for the Winter months.

Please bring any donations to our Youth Worker Heather Bjornson's room on the lower floor during the month of October and into December. Thank you!

### \*UPDATED INFO - LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS

The Delta School District is offering language challenge exams for the 2023/2024 school year.

Interested Grade 11 and 12 students please refer to [Challenge Exams - Delta School District \(deltasd.bc.ca\)](https://deltasd.bc.ca) for further information on the student application package, exam schedules, locations, and languages offered.

Students are **required to provide a passport quality photograph as part of the application package.**

Deadline for applications this year is **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** -no late submissions accepted.

**Please submit your applications to Ms. Birsan in the counselling suite.**

See Ms. Birsan if you have any questions!

## CLUBS

**\*\*WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON \*\***

## ATHLETICS

### TODAY - FIELD HOCKEY GAME

Two matches this week for the girls' Field Hockey team.  
Game two is on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** against Maple Ridge Secondary on home turf (upper field).

### TODAY - SENIOR BOYS \*EXHIBITION\* SOCCER GAME

Come on down to Cunnings Field at Town Centre on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** after school to check out an exhibition game versus Pinetree Secondary.

## GRADE 12'S

### CAPSTONE PROPOSAL DUE DATE

Grade 12's, your capstone proposal is due by **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** to TEAMS.  
Please contact your CLC teacher or visit room 309 if you need more information.

### UBC APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

UBC will not participate in any in-person recruiting events in the Lower Mainland, but they are running several online events that help students explore UBC and to understand the application process, such as weekly virtual workshops discussing the Personal Profile. Sign up asap, these events usually fill up quickly. [More info here.](#)

### SFU APPLICATION & ADMISSION WORKSHOP

Join this webinar to better understand SFU's admission requirements as they take you through the application process specific to high school students in BC. You'll also learn about the interdisciplinary programs offered at SFU, tuition fees and funding opportunities for your education, get a preview of the SFU student experience, and you'll have opportunities to ask some questions during a Q&A, and more! **Tue, October 3, 5-6.30 pm**, [register here](#). **SFU will also be visiting us at the school on Thu, Oct 19, starting at 3.15 pm.**

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #1

Please join Ms. Kaufmann in the library after school on **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** to hear about general information for students looking for financial aid to pay for post-secondary.

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### SIGN UP CLOSES SOON - SD43 STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AMBASSADORS WANTED

Calling all high school students who are wanting to be involved in SD43 and are looking to take initiative in the district. Up to 2 students per grade level will be selected and will have the chance to contribute ideas and concerns at the monthly student-led meetings at the district education centre. This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate leadership. [Sign up](#) by **October 1<sup>st</sup>** to represent our school.

### CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT (CUE)

SD43 High School students and their parents/ guardians are invited to this fair-style event. Meet representatives from (almost) all Canadian Universities, get your questions answered and pick up some viewbooks. Riverside Secondary School, **Wed, October 4, 6-8 pm**.

\*This is an excellent opportunity esp. for grade 11 students to start exploring their post-secondary options.

### JOB SHADOW DAY IN FINANCE

Grade 11 & 12 young women and gender-diverse high school students are invited to spend Monday, October 23, downtown in the financial district and learn more about careers in finance. Job Shadow Day is a free, day-long event, featuring interactive workshops, networking and mentoring sessions, presentations profiling women with diverse careers in finance, and an afternoon of job shadowing with a mentor who works in the industry. Job Shadow Day gives students a first-hand view of what a career in finance can look like.

Learn more [here](#). **Deadline is October 6<sup>th</sup> or when all spots are filled.**

\*You need a teacher/ counsellor supporting your registration.

### PLACE DES ARTS 2023-24 YOUTH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

This dedicated group of teen volunteers meets regularly from Sep-Jun to organize and host two youth-oriented events each year and advise Place des Arts on teen engagement.

Applications are accepted **until October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Grades 9-12 are welcome to apply. [More info here.](#)