



# THE “BEST” INFORMER



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023**

**TODAY IS DAY 2**

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



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TONIGHT - GRADE 11 PARENT DANCE MEETING**

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, a 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 4th** at 7:00pm in the school library.

### **THANKSGIVING**

There is no school on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Classes resume on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 contest is **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **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!

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### **TODAY - 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](#).

### YMCA SUMMER WORK EXCHANGE INFO MEETING

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) program offers youth aged 16-17 the opportunity to gain paid work experience, practice their second official language skills, and explore another Canadian community through a 6-week exchange to Québec during the summer. Students live with a host family in Québec and are paid to work full-time at a non-profit organization or public sector job such as a summer camp, childcare centre, community museum, etc. During weekends, students participate in a variety of group activities that allow them to get to know the culture, arts, history, and recreation opportunities of their new community. SWSE is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage and is offered at minimal cost (\$150) to participants; this includes transportation to and from Québec, as well as all program activities. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to enhance their French skills through immersion. Come to our info meeting on **Mon, October 16**, after school and learn more (location tba).

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

**Students in grade 11 and 12** who are exploring their post-secondary options, please mark your calendar. Recruiter visits are a wonderful opportunity to get a first idea of a specific school and to get your questions answered. All events will take place in the library.

- **University of Victoria:** Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 pm,
- **University of Alberta:** Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 pm,
- **Simon Fraser University:** Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 pm,
- **UVic Gustavson School of Business:** Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 pm,
- **SFU Beedie School of Business:** Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 3.15 pm.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### TOMORROW - SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #1

Please join Mr. Chang and 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.

### DEADLINE TOMORROW - UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BOOK AWARD

The National Book Award is designed to recognize outstanding students from across Canada. Students who are planning to apply for U of T's National Scholarship may want to request their nomination as being a Book Award nominee might be an advantage. Criteria: Demonstrated superior academic performance, original and creative thought, school/ community service. Learn how to get nominated [here](#).

**Deadline: Thursday, October 5.**

### QUEEN'S MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

We can nominate **TWO** students this year. Different awards are available, most popular is the Chancellor's Scholarship (50 x up to \$48,000). Open to outstanding students (grades 90%+) who are creative thinkers, have demonstrated school/ community service and have proven their leadership skills.

Learn how to get nominated [here](#). **Deadline: Wed, November 1, 9 am.**

## GRADE 12'S

### GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS

Grade 12's, an email was sent to you and your parents on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> including attachments with QR codes to book your individual grad photo and optional friends group session.

**Reminder: all grade 12's are to have their grad photo taken regardless of purchase.**

### 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.](#)

## CLUBS

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

## ATHLETICS

### TODAY - JUNIOR BOYS SOCCERS OCT 4

The team travels to Port Coquitlam to take on the Riverside Rapids on **Wednesday, October 4th**.  
Go team!

### TODAY - JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The team plays Riverside Secondary on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** here in the large gym at 6:00pm  
**Next up:** the team heads to Chilliwack on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** for a tournament.

### TODAY - JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The boys play on **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** versus Riverside at 7:30pm in the large gym.  
Hope to see you there!

### TOMORROW - GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The team heads to Heritage Mountain on **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**.  
Good luck girls!

### TOMORROW - SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL OCT 5

Game 2: **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** down the hill at Terry Fox Secondary. Game time is also 6:00pm.

### TOMORROW - FIELD HOCKEY

Game 2: On **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, the team travels to Heritage Woods to take on the Kodiaks.  
Good luck Blue Devils!

### SWIMMING

Our swim team competes in their first district meet of the season on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**.  
Good luck everyone!

