



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Dress your ‘BEST’ tomorrow!

Wear school colours or any school spirit wear you own.

AVAILABLE NOW - LEARNING UPDATES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “IN-TERM REPORTS”)

Parents, October Learning Updates are a snapshot of how your child is progressing in each of their courses. This early in the term, many classes do not have enough evidence of learning to assess what level of proficiency or grade your child has, but instead, the report describes whether or not they are engaged, participating, applying appropriate effort and skill i.e., are they doing what they should be doing to be successful in the course.

Teachers will also indicate at the bottom of the Learning Update if they suggest a Parent-Teacher meeting on Oct 18th.

Watch for more information about Parent-Teacher Interviews and a link to sign up for appointments in the Oct 13th newsletter.

The Ministry of Education’s new Reporting Order allows for flexibility in how you receive these Learning Updates from each of your child’s teachers; please ask your child how the report was created in each class:

- Class Teams site – your child will need to provide access to the MS Team for each of their classes.
 - Class OneNote
 - Paper hard copy
- Photo of Learning Update done in class

ENTER THE LIBRARY’S SCARY SHORT STORY CONTEST

Do you have what it takes to scare us? Submit your scary short story (250-300 words) at the library for a chance to win a prize!

Lés histoires peuvent être en français ou en anglais!

Everyone who submits a story will be entered to win! **Deadline for submission is October 31st.**

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 the November contest is **October 15th.**

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!

GRADE 12’S

CLC12 CAPSTONE IN-PERSON CHECK-IN MEETINGS OCT. 10 – 19TH

All grade 12 students must meet with a CLC12 teacher **between Oct. 10 – 19**. Sign up for the meeting in room 309 and attend the meeting on time and prepared. Revise or extend your Capstone project proposal based on the feedback you received from your CLC12 teacher. Bring this revised proposal and your laptop to your meeting. Be prepared to discuss your project and your plans for life after high school.

GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS

Grade 12’s, an email was sent to you 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.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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.**

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

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. 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).

UBC GEERING UP PRESENTS CODE WORLD: A RACE TO WIN FOR GIRLS* IN GRADES 8 TO 12

On **Sat, October 28**, 10 am – 3 pm students will be introduced to main principles in software development and coding! You will hear first-hand about careers in software engineering to help envision your own future as a developer/engineer! As the day unravels, you will work in teams to develop a project using acquired skills.

Teams will compete to win a race for the most holistic project after presenting to a panel of judges. UBC campus. *All cis and trans girls, genderqueer or non-binary people, and those who identify as other gender minorities are welcome. [Register for free.](#)

BCIT CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP BIOTECHNOLOGY

Calling all Gr. 11-12 students interested in science (especially Biotechnology), who are enthusiastic about scientific research and lab work. This workshop will run December 11 -15, on campus. You would miss school for this. Fee is \$233. **Apply by October 30.** [More info.](#)

STEM LAUNCHPAD MENTORSHIP EVENT

Students identifying as female are invited to attend on **Thursday, November 9** (all day in Vancouver). Incl. a keynote speaker, a panel discussion with distinguished industry leaders, and the chance to connect with mentors for a face-to-face group session. Parents are welcome too. [Register for free here.](#)

MILLENNIUM STEM CONFERENCE

By participating in Vancouver's 5th annual STEMCon, students are given the opportunity to network and collaborate with like-minded individuals, learning the importance of technology and its practical applications across a diversity of careers. **Saturday, November 18**, 9 am – 4 pm, BCIT Downtown Campus. STEMCon this year will feature three workshop streams for various interests: Personal Health, Community Health, and Environmental Health. Tickets are by donation and incl. 2 keynote speakers and a panel, lunch, networking fair featuring STEM companies, and six specialized workshops. [More info here.](#)

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 Alberta:** Tuesday, October 17th, 3.15 pm
- **Simon Fraser University:** Thursday, October 19th, 3.15 pm
- **UVic Gustavson School of Business:** Tuesday, October 24th, 3.15 pm
- **SFU Beedie School of Business:** Thursday, October 26th, 3.15 pm

TODAY - UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE (VIRTUAL)

Discover UBC Engineering, one of Canada's top engineering schools, through presentations, panel discussions and virtual booths. A panel of faculty, staff and students will be available to answer your questions. The event will have three live sessions. Outside of the live sessions, you'll be able to access the event platform throughout all three days to get familiar with UBC Engineering and watch recordings. [Sign up here.](#)

For the best experience, you are encouraged to attend all live sessions:

Thursday, October 12, 6-8 pm: Research spotlights | Why engineering | Women in Engineering panel

Friday, October 13, 4-6:30 pm: Research spotlights | UBC Engineering admissions | Speak with representatives from each of our UBC Engineering programs

Saturday, October 14, 9-11 am: Research spotlights | Student experience panel | International student session

THIS WEEKEND - KPU KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE

Visit the Surrey campus on **Saturday, October 14**, 12-2 pm, and get to know KPU faculty, students, and staff as they share hands-on demos, engaging stories, and tips for getting the most out of your time as a student at KPU. Get help with your application, and [registered](#) guests will be entered to win incredible prizes, including free tuition!

POST SECONDARY EVENTS CONTINUED

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO FAIR

Check out Douglas College, connect with faculty representatives and ask questions about your program(s) of interest in person, on campus! [Register in advance](#) to win a tuition voucher. It's recommended to [explore offered programs](#) before your campus visit to ensure that you know at which campus your program is offered.

Coquitlam Campus: Tuesday, October 17th, drop in 5-8 pm.

New West Campus: Thursday, October 19th, drop in 5-8 pm.

SFU FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT PRO-D DAY WORKSHOP

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to SFU's Burnaby campus. You will get to meet Faculty of Environment professors and current students. Explore post-secondary options during hands-on activities and discover a faculty that is developing solutions that have a local and global impact. **October 20**, 9.30 am - 2 pm. Workshops to choose from cover topics like "Planning Sustainable Communities", "CSI, Bones & Indiana Jones: Exploring Biological Archaeology", climate change, and more. [Register here.](#)

SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Attend a lecture with university students and take a guided campus tour on **October 20** (Pro D Day).

This event is **open to students in grades 10-12**. Offered at the Surrey and the Burnaby campus.

Lunch is included.

[Sign up here.](#)

CLUBS

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

ATHLETICS

TONIGHT - JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Interested players, save the date for upcoming tryouts:

Thursday, October 12 from 8:00-9:30pm

Friday, October 13 from 5:30-7:00pm

SWIM TEAM UPDATE

We had a successful district meet last Friday!

Congratulations to the following individuals for their exceptional performance:

Macey L. - 1st in Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke; Shayda T. - 1st in Junior Girls 50m Fly;

Evan V. - 1st in Senior Boys 50m Fly and Breaststroke; and Lee P. - 1st in Junior Boys 50m Free.

FIELD LACROSSE-EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

All boys who want to play field lacrosse for the school this year please see Mr. Jovanovic in portable 1 or send him an email ASAP at kjovanovic@sd43.bc.ca. Please indicate grade level.

TODAY - SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

The Senior Boys' Soccer Team will be heading out to Gates Park for a game against Riverside this upcoming **Thursday, October 12th** at 3:30 pm.

We are looking forward to this one, as we will be up against Dave and Spencer Jones. It should be fun!

TODAY - GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Next up for the team is a home match on **Thursday, October 12th** against Riverside at 3:30pm.

Hope to see you there!

TODAY - SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Next up: The teams heads down to Arch Bishop Carney on **Thursday, October 12th** for a match at 7:30pm.

TODAY - SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The senior boys also travel to Arch Bishop Carney on **Thursday, October 12th**. Game time is 6:00pm.

Best of luck!