



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023 TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Only 2 Fridays left before Winter Break and the LAST Dress your Best of 2023! On **December 15th**, wear school coloured clothing (white, blue, black or grey) or any school merchandise you have!

BAKE SALE

Sending Sunshines Club is hosting a bake sale today in the front lobby starting in Block 1. Proceeds will help support a Seniors Initiative across North America. Prices are \$2-\$3 dollars each. Come check it out!

LAST DAY - YEARBOOK PHOTO CHECK

GRADE 9-11 STUDENTS

Please check the bulletin board in the front lobby **by December 15th** to confirm your yearbook picture and spelling of your name is correct. Use this QR code or the one on the bulletin board to report any necessary corrections.



LAST CHANCE - CHARLES BEST HAMPER FUND DONATIONS UNTIL MONDAY, DEC. 18

We've raised close to \$3,000.00 to date for our hamper fund!!! Donations will be accepted until Dec. 18th at the office or by School Cashionline. Thank you for your support.
<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

LOCKER CLEANOUT FOR WINTER BREAK

Locker clean out will be occurring the week of December 18-22. Block 4 teachers will give direction on which day this is happening. If you don't have a Block 4 class, please find a time to take care of this. Please take home and/or dispose of any perishable food items.

FASHION CLUB BAKE SALE

The Fashion Club is hosting a bake sale in the school lobby on **Monday, December 18th**. Assorted baked goods will be on offer including gingerbread, cake pops, dipped Oreos and much more! Proceeds will help fund the annual Fashion Show that will be held later in the year.

PAWS FOR A CAUSE BAKE SALE

Come check out the bake sale on **Tuesday, December 19th** in the front lobby from Blocks 2-5. The club is raising money to support a no-kill cat shelter.

CLUB/FALL SPORTS PHOTO DAY – WED. DEC. 20TH

On **Wednesday, Dec. 20th** Artona will be here to capture photos of this year's clubs and fall/winter athletics teams. Club sponsor teachers and coaches will communicate with their group members their assigned photo time. **As we will not be calling down students over the PA, it is the students' responsibility to arrive in the cafeteria lobby by the Devils Den at the time of their group photo; photos will occur in the cafeteria.**

Students are asked to not wear hats/hoodies for their photos.

A schedule of group times will be posted in the main foyer on Monday, Dec. 18th

SCHOOL MERCHANDISE FOR ALL

Need something to wear on 'Dress Your Best Fridays'?

Click on the link to view t-shirts, long sleeves, crewnecks, and hoodies.

Most styles are available in 4 colour options.

Orders will be open until 11:59pm on **Wednesday, December 20th** with delivery expected in January.

<https://bestspirit2023store.itemorder.com/>



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING DEC 18-22!

MONDAY DEC 18TH



TUESDAY DEC 19TH



WEDNESDAY DEC 20TH



THURSDAY DEC 21ST



FRIDAY DEC 22ND



STUDENT PARKING PASS

Reminder to all Grade 11 and 12 students. If you have passed your 'N' driver's test and will be driving a car to school, please come to the office for a parking registration form.

ATHLETICS

FIELD LACROSSE THIS WEEK & NEXT

Please pay your Lacrosse Fees by School Cash online. **No Pay No Play**

Storage of equipment is in Mr. Jovanovic's portable this week for the games.

Absolutely no equipment storage in the office.

He gets to school at 7:40 am. If you cannot, make the game let Mr. J know ASAP.

Practice this Friday- **equipment storage in the storage room** by the field house.

- Jr & Sr **PRACTICE: Friday, Dec. 15th 3:30pm**
- Sr **AWAY GAME: Wednesday, Dec. 20th 3:45pm** at Riverside Gates Park
- **Merry Christmas** Holiday break, **NO PRACTICE Friday, Dec. 22nd.**

BASKETBALL DECEMBER 11-16

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The team hosts the 'Best Buckets' tournament **starting December 15.**

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Senior girls had a huge win yesterday morning against the 2nd ranked AAASouth Kamloops Team.

Next game in the tournament is this afternoon. Good luck team!

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Play in the G.W. Graham Tournament in Chilliwack running **from December 14-16.**

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTOS – JAN 5-19

Grad photos are just around the corner. We still have many graduates that have not yet signed up for their Grad photo session. Reminder that ALL graduates must book a photo session as their photo is needed for the yearbook and Grad Class 2024 composite photo.

When booking please use your student number, NOT PEN number.

Student numbers are needed for Artona to accurately track who has booked a session.

If you are not purchasing a package and are only having a photo for the yearbook/composite, a sitting fee will not be required.



POST SECONDARY EVENTS

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD INFORMATION

HORATIO ALGER GRADE 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

160 x \$5,000 are awarded to Grade 11 students across Canada. Criteria are strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, desire and ability to be entrepreneurial in a chosen field, extracurricular engagement and community service, perseverance in overcoming adversity, family income < \$65,000.

Deadline is March 15. [Apply here.](#)

CMOLIK FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Up to 20 bursaries, each valued up to \$45,000 paid over five years of study to BC grads. Our school can nominate ONE student. To be considered, please submit your Cmolik brag sheet to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca by **January 7, 2024.** [More info.](#)

BEEDIE LUMINARIES BURSARIES

100+ awards of up to \$11,000/ year (for up to 4 years) are available. Valid at one of the 25 BC post-secondary institutions. Must be a grade 12 student in BC and a Canadian citizen or PR for at least 3 years.

Criteria: Demonstrated resiliency in the face of financial adversity, academic readiness to advance their education, achieve their dreams, and inspire others. Grade average 75%+. [More info.](#)

Deadline to apply: January 8, 2024.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

C.A.R.E. FOOD SORTERS WANTED

The Low Entropy Foundation is looking for volunteers, age 15+, to help organizing and packing food hampers for local families. Weekly commitment of 2-5 hours for a min. of 2 months. Sundays and/or Mondays, Burquitlam area. [Read more here.](#)

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: INTERCULTURAL WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL AT MACKIN PARK

United Way BC is looking for students to help set up this neighbourhood event, hand out warm beverages, and support the public make paper bag lanterns. **Thu, December 21st**, 3.30-9 pm.

Orientation will take place December 19. [More info here.](#)

LEARNING BUDDIES WANTED

The Learning Buddy Network is looking for volunteers to mentor a younger student. Volunteers will develop leadership, communication, and organization skills. Applicants must be 15+ or at least in grade 10.

The Winter/Spring term will run Feb – May 2024. [Apply by December 31.](#)

Opportunities are offered both online and in-person.

KPU FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS CONFERENCE

Are you a Future Business Leader? Grade 11/12 students are invited to this free, in-person competition at the KPU Surrey Campus. **January 17, 2024**, 5-8 pm. Participating students gain university-level business skills, get to network with industry professionals, get mentorship and have the chance to win exciting prizes.

KPU will be assigning teams. Sign up at kpu.ca/futureleaders.

MORE SPORTS IS HIRING AFTER-SCHOOL & CAMP LEADERS

Looking for individuals with all types of sporting backgrounds who are passionate about coaching and creating fun activity lesson plans for kids K to grade 8. After-school programs are within the Tri-Cities and run 2.30-4.30 pm; camps run during **Spring Break and/or July.** [Read more here.](#)

TECHNOVATION GIRLS BC

Technology & entrepreneurship competition where young women and girls* aged 8-18 work in teams to develop a mobile app or AI project that tackles real-world problems in the community. Work with volunteer mentors, complete weekly curriculum, and attend workshops & much more!

The programs **kicks off January 17, 2024**, at Science World and ends with a Pitch Hackathon at BCIT (April 13, 2024). Multiple online workshops throughout the program. **FREE.** [Read more here.](#)

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JILL OF ALL TRADES – BCIT PROGRAM SAMPLER

Be ready to see the BCIT facilities, interact with industry professionals, and join a series of workshops in several disciplines that include among others: Ironworking, Sheet Metal, CNC Machinist, Industrial Instrumentation, Joinery, and Motorcycle Technician. All-day event, **April 4, 2024.** Open to young women or those who identify as female in Grades 10 through 12 who are interested in pursuing a career in the Skilled Trades. **Free** (including lunch and transportation). SD43 will have 10 seats. **Get your name on the list now** by completing this quick

survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/J8yQBmPA0h>.

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.

*******WINTER WEATHER*******

Please use extra caution when walking or driving in inclement conditions.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*******STUDENT PICK UP/DROP OFFS*******

Please be aware that when dropping/picking up students, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop in bus stops on Como Lake Avenue, at the west entrance roundabout, or in parking spots designated for persons with disabilities. Thank you for helping to keep our students and other drivers safe.

*****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.

*******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.

*****VAPING 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 of 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.

