



THE "BEST" INFORMER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - CLUB/FALL SPORTS PHOTO DAY

On **Wednesday, Dec. 20th** Artona will be here to capture photos of this year's clubs and fall/winter athletics teams. **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 also be posted in the main foyer on Monday, Dec. 18th

ORDERS CLOSE TODAY - 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. <https://bestspirit2023store.itemorder.com/>

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

HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK IS HERE!

WEDNESDAY DEC 20TH

THURSDAY DEC 21ST

FRIDAY DEC 22ND



HAPPENING NOW - 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.

TALENT SHOW FRIDAY

The much-anticipated talent show is coming up on **Friday, December 22nd** in the gym.

Who's going to win the \$500 top prize?????

Please note the altered bell schedule to accommodate this amazing event.

Block 1	8:16-9:15
Block 2	9:20-10:15
Block 3	10:20-11:15
Block 4	11:20-12:15
Block 5	12:20-1:15
Talent Show	1:25-3:00

PARKING IN DESIGNATED PARKING STALLS

A friendly reminder to drivers to please refrain from parking in the 2 reserved parking stalls for persons with disabilities located on the West side of the school.

We have students who depend on being picked up from this location. Thank you.

HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING VALUABLE?

Come to the office before Winter Break and see if we have something of value that belongs to you. Many items such as glasses and jewelry have been turned in since the start of school in September. You must be able to describe the item to claim.

LOST AND FOUND

Students, please take a moment to check out the lost and found bin in the main hallway near the Tech/DL Centre **BEFORE Friday, December 22nd**. Items not claimed will be donated to charity.

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

BASKETBALL DECEMBER 18-22

GRADE 9 BOYS

The team is participating in the G.W. Graham Tournament **from December 20-22** in Chilliwack.

SENIOR GIRLS

The team travels to New West Secondary School's tournament **from December 20-22**.

JUNIOR BOYS

The team plays in the North Surrey Secondary tournament running **from December 22-24**.

SENIOR BOYS

The team is participating in the Douglas College Tournament **from December 20-22**.

GAME DAY - FIELD LACROSSE

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.

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

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD INFORMATION

CMOLIK FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Up to 20 bursaries, each valued up to \$45,000 paid over five years of study to BC grads. Applications are judged based on the student's proven resilience in the face of adversity, positive work ethic, academic suitability, contributions to community, clarity of educational goals, support of references.

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.](#)

BEDDIE 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.

DAVID EVANS ARTS & DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP

The New Art Foundation of Vancouver is offering a **NEW scholarship**, open to everyone age 14-25 who is passionate about the arts and any creative endeavors (i.e. Visual Arts, Photography, Design, Digital Arts, Craftmanship). Talented students will have access to a comprehensive package of financial support, mentorship, exhibition opportunities, gallery representation, and career guidance and launch their career in the Vancouver creative community. **Deadline is January 19, 2024**. Learn more [here](#).

UGGLA FAMILY BURSARY FOR SFU

Ten scholarships are awarded each year to students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education. This may include students who identify as Indigenous, Black, or a person of colour, students living with disabilities, LGBTQIA2S+ students, and students of all gender identities. The Ugglu Family Scholarship will provide funding for all tuition and fees, books, on-campus housing and meal plan, etc.

Deadline is January 22, 2024. [More info.](#)

TCF REFUGEE AWARDS

There are four different Refugee Awards, each valued at \$3,000. By submitting only one application, students will be considered for all four. Each of the refugee awards is awarded to a refugee who has shown courage and determination while adapting to a new language and new culture in Canada. Must have studied English as an additional language sometime since arriving in Canada. **Deadline is January 31, 2024**. [More here.](#)

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY (VIRTUAL)

National Portfolio Day is free for students to attend from anywhere around the world! Launch your future in art and design by meeting with counselors, admission team members, and faculty from accredited art and design schools across the world for free portfolio reviews. If you are applying for Arts & Design programs this is probably your last chance for feedback before the application deadlines. **Sun, January 7, 2024**, 9 am – noon.

[Register here.](#)

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.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA – GRADE 11 GETAWAY

20 outstanding grade 11 students will have the opportunity to explore the U of A from May 24-26, 2024. Free of charge! Attendees will stay in residence, visit state-of-the-art facilities, check out the campus and experience U of A life first-hand. **Applications are open until January 31, 2024**, at uab.ca/getaway.

MINI ENTERPRIZE BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

At business case competitions, high school students compete and work together in teams of four or five to analyze a case study outlining real-world corporate challenges a company faces. Within a limited period of time, a team must identify the most prominent issues within the case and develop their own unique solutions and recommendations. Once preparation time is up, the team then skillfully presents their ideas to a professional judging panel and consequently answers any follow-up questions from judges.

February 10, 2024, UBC Sauder School of Business. [More info/ registration here](#)

GREEN COLLAR CAREER CONFERENCE

What do you want to do when you finish school? The “green economy” is changing the face of the workplace in B.C. and around the world. Students are invited to experience new career opportunities at this FREE career conference, open to students in Grade 9-12. Interact with mentors who have excelled in and are passionate about their sustainability career paths. Registration is limited to 150 youth. **Sat, February 10, 2024**, 9 am – 2:30 pm. [Sign up here.](#)

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.](#)

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>.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

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.

