



THE "BEST" INFORMER



MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

MARCH

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT - UPCOMING PAC MEETING

Parents, please join us for the next PAC meeting on **Monday, March 4, 2024** at 7pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome-hope to see you there!

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Come and check out the Music department's Winter Concert on **Wednesday, March 6th** at 7pm in the gym. Always an impressive display put on by Mr. Hughes and his students!

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION CAMPING TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

The French Immersion Department would like to inform you of a French camping activity for Grade 9 French Immersion students at the end of June. An information meeting will be held for students only on **Tuesday, March 12th** at 3.15pm in Room 101.

PARENT DANCE MARCH 9TH

Hurry! TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Get your tickets for the Las Vegas - Inspired Parent Dinner Dance TODAY! This super fun parent social gathering on **Saturday, March 9th in the school gym** helps reduce the cost of the dinner dance tickets for all 2025 grads.

It's a chance to come out and support your child's entire class by enjoying great food, music & dancing, and taking part in our 50/50 draw, epic silent auction and so much more!

Plus, it's super fun!!!! (Did we mention that?)

Visit our [EVENT PAGE](#) for more information and to buy tickets.

But hurry, tickets will **NOT** be available at the door, and we must confirm with the caterers by **March 6th** so don't procrastinate and guarantee your spot at this legendary event!

RETURN IT RECYCLING FOR AFTERGRAD 2024

Friendly reminder to only put Canadian deposit items in the return it as US and other non-recycling have been dropped off by error. Please ensure there are a maximum of 12 bottles per bag and no broken bottles as well. Thanks very much for your continued support.

STUDENT PARKING

We are experiencing a high demand for parking in the upper parking lot and the demand will only increase as more students pass the 'N' road test before the end of June. Students, you **MUST** register your car with the office and identify your car with your parking pass so we can differentiate between school demand vs. park demand. Registration forms are available in the front office.

Starting the week of February 26th checks will be occurring to ensure cars are displaying passes. We will issue warnings to start and then may start towing if cars do not have a pass displayed.

Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

ATHLETICS

RUGBY THIS WEEK

SENIOR BOYS: Thursday, March 7th home game @ 4pm vs. Westview Sec. on the upper field.

SENIOR GIRLS: Wednesday, March 6th away game @ 4pm vs. Carson Graham Sec. in North Vancouver.

JUNIOR BOYS: Friday, March 8th home game @ 4pm vs. Maple Ridge Sec. on the upper field.

GRADE 12'S

DINNER DANCE TICKETS

Grade 12's Dinner/Dance tickets will be going on sale **THIS FRIDAY**. Parents will be able to log in to their School CashOnline account to purchase. Don't miss out!
<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

Grade 12 students are encouraged to check out if they are eligible for any scholarships. The [Career Centre > Financial Aid website](#) is currently listing almost 60 different bursaries and scholarships. Also, don't miss our internal scholarships. Applications are accepted **until April 5th**, 3 pm, and students can apply to as many of the listed awards as they wish. The internal package also includes 40 District Authority Awards reserved for Charles Best grads. [More info here](#). Students with questions can visit the Career Office (in the counsellors' area) or email skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

DOUGLAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Are you planning to attend Douglas College this Fall? Or are you in grade 11 and are starting to explore options? Connect with faculty staff during an in-person info session to learn about your potential program of interest. **Tue, March 12** at the Coquitlam Campus, and **Thu, March 14** at the New West campus. Starting at 5 pm. [Sign up to attend](#)

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

BCIT BIOTECHNOLOGY CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to learn more about careers in Biotechnology during an one-week workshop at BCIT (April 15 – 19). BCIT will be accepting 13 students with priority given to Grade 12 students first. If you are interested, **apply as soon as possible**. [More info](#).

EDUCATION USA: UNDERSTANDING THE SAT AND THE ACT

Join EducationUSA and 3 U.S. admissions officers to learn more about the SAT and ACT standardized tests. Learn about format and content of the SAT and ACT, understand the differences between the two exams, discuss strategies for test-taking, and review what test-optional means. **March 20**, 2-3 pm PST. [Register](#). EducationUSA is a free advising resource that supports Canadian students' questions about studying in the United States. [More info](#).

CPA BC COIN COMPETITION

COIN provides students with an opportunity to compete provincially with other students who share an interest in business and accounting. The Top 25 highest-scoring students will be presented with cash prizes. The CPABC COIN Competition is an annual multiple-choice-question exam focusing on accounting, entrepreneurship, business acumen and introductory financial literacy concepts – taking place **Sat, April 20th**, 10-11 am. [Register](#) before April 8, 2024 at 9 am.

CERTIFICATE IN ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

The ACE certificate is a 14-months unique work-based entry level educational program designed to introduce high school students and recent high school graduates to the worlds of Architecture, Engineering and Construction. Running July 2024-August 2025. Students will be introduced to skills, concepts and terminologies used in these sectors. ACE is delivered in a blended format, which includes classes held at BCIT's Burnaby campus, virtual learning through BCIT's Learning Hub platform, and fieldtrips to local design firms and construction sites and, finally, in the work environment.

[Register for a zoom webinar](#) on **March 4, 6.30-7.30 pm**. [More info](#).

TRADES SAMPLER FOR SD43 INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

SD43 is hosting a 3-days workshop at Port Moody Secondary, April 10-12. Students will learn basic skills in Carpentry, Welding, and CNC Machining. Other highlights include presentation from ACCESS B.C. connecting with elders, free breakfast and lunch, swag, and more. [Register here](#) by **March 14**.

CAMP IGNITE

Camp Ignite is a three-night, three-day camp (August 8-11) that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. The camp is open to girls in grades 11-12 living in British Columbia and offers an introduction to the exciting world of firefighting, along with fitness, nutrition, health and teamwork. [Apply here](#) by **May 1**.