



THE "BEST" INFORMER

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

MARCH

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - KIDSPORT DONATIONS

Athletic Leadership will collect donations for the annual KidSport Drive in blocks 2, 3, and 4 tomorrow (Front Foyer). We are looking for gently used equipment, no more than 6 years old. This drive plays a large role in lowering the costs of youth sports in the Tri-Cities so thank you for your support!

TOMORROW - DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

This is the last Dress Your Best before Spring Break! Wear your favourite school swag or wear white, navy blue, blue or black!

CLUB AND SPRING SPORTS PHOTO DAY

Artona will be here on the morning of **March 13th** to capture photos of our Spring athletic teams and any clubs that were not photographed at the December photo day. Teacher Club Sponsors and Coaches will organize this with Ms. Fridge. Students, please follow up with your Sponsor/Coach for picture times.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS/EARLY DISMISSAL MARCH 14TH

Due to parent teacher interviews, we will be running an altered bell schedule on **Thursday, March 14th**.

BLOCK 1	8:16AM – 9:05AM
BLOCK 2	9:10AM – 10:00AM
BLOCK 3	10:05AM – 10:55AM
BLOCK 4	11:00AM – 11:50AM
BLOCK 5	11:55AM – 12:45AM

GRADE 12 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION MARCH 14TH

All Grade 12 parents are invited to a presentation on **Thursday, March 14th** from 6:30pm to 7pm in the library. This information session will cover sending marks to universities, the local scholarship package, CLC, Valedictorian, Dinner Dance and Commencement, and other important upcoming events.

INDIGENOUS STUDENT DAY SIGN UP

BCIT Indigenous Student Day is coming up on **April 5, 2024 at BCIT**. If any Indigenous student (grade 10 to grade 12) is interested in this opportunity, please visit our Best Indigenous Teams page for more details. Attachments are on the Best Indigenous Teams page, and they outline the event. Part of the attachments are also 3 consent forms that must be **completed by next Friday, March 15th, 2024**, if you are interested in this opportunity. Need help? Please see Mr. Papillo for further details.

SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING!

Get ready for Spring Break by participating in Best Spirit Week! Theme dress and participate in activities to win prizes! ***Please note: You must be dressed in the theme to participate in the activities for prizes!**

All activities will run in front of the Devil's Den on the main floor during Blocks 2, 3 & 4.



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.

LOST AND FOUND-PLEASE CHECK

Missing something? Students check the lost and found on the main floor across from the Tech Centre **BEFORE Thursday, March 14th**. Items have been displayed on tables for easy viewing.

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.

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

SD43 MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

Any interested in signing up for the SD 43 Mountain Bike team please see Mr. Raabe in the Tech Center **ASAP**. First ride is scheduled for **March 13th** at Burke Mountain.

UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Our Skill students head down to Riverside on **Wednesday, March 13th** to participate in their next basketball event. Good luck students!

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](#)

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE

Interested in learning more about the UBC Sauder Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) program? [Register now](#) for an info session on **Thu, May 23 2024**, 4:30 - 6:00pm. Future students and families will get a first look at student life in the program, connect with UBC Sauder advisors, meet the admissions team and get to ask any question they may have about the application process, and take a tour of the Henry Angus Building.

GRADE 12'S

TRIUMF YOUNG ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS FELLOWSHIP

The Young Engineers and Scientists (YES!) Fellowship offers six-week summer research experiences to graduating secondary students in British Columbia entering their first year at a recognized post-secondary institution. The Fellowship includes an award of \$4000. The intent of the YES Fellowship is to motivate graduating high school students with a passionate interest in science to pursue a research career in physical sciences or engineering by offering them the opportunity to experience a real life research environment. Placement dates are starting in first week of July. **Application deadline is March 15, 2024.**

[More info.](#)

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.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

WESTERN IVEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply to participate in this free one-day event at West Point Grey Academy in Vancouver, **Sat, April 6**, 10 am – 3 pm. They will get an understanding of the “case” method of learning for which the Ivey Business School is well recognized. Students are given a case describing a real-world situation in which some type of business problem is being faced and they will work as a team to implement an action plan. [Apply by March 15](#).

ROYAL SOCCER SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers age 14+ are wanted to assist staff with coaching and supervising children at camp. You can apply for one week (July-August), or many, half-day or full-day. Applicants should enjoy soccer and sporting activities, be great with children, be energetic and reliable. If you are 16 or older, you may be eligible for a CIT (Counsellor in Training) or Camp Counsellor position. [More info](#).

SFU SCIENCE ALIVE CODING CLUB

The Coding Club offers a diverse array of free in-person workshops tailored for school-age students interested in delving into coding and exploring popular digital tools. From May to June 2024, various topics are covered such as user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (using Python), web design, mobile app development, and game development. SFU Sustainable Energy Building, Surrey. See website for topics/ dates. **Spots are limited, [sign up](#) early.**

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](#).

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**.

JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS WANTED FOR UBC GEERING UP SUMMER CAMPS

Junior Instructors are high school or university students (grade 9 and up) who lend a helping hand at clubs and camps. You work closely alongside the instructor team to deliver and share STEM to youth in a hands-on and dynamic learning environment. This involves some curriculum development, assisting with lesson delivery, materials preparation, teaching opportunities, and more. There is a program running out of Coquitlam. Minimum commitment is one week full-time. [Apply by March 17](#).

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES – YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Are you a Grade 10-12 student who has a strong interest in STEAM topics and is eager to share your enthusiasm with others? Whether you are skilled in coding, robotics, engineering, or science communication, there is an opportunity for you to make a significant impact! Science Allve is currently recruiting volunteers to facilitate and moderate the ongoing STEM Speaker Series. [Details can be found here](#). **Apply by March 18**.

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.