



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Below are some important dates and informational reminders to share as we near the completion of Semester 1.

### **Upcoming Calendar**

JANUARY	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second semester schedules distributed to students</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of regular bell schedule classes</li> </ul>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre- Diploma IB Intake Assessment (grade 8s)</li> </ul>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numeracy &amp; Literacy Assessments*</li> <li>• Double block Flex time</li> </ul>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Development Day</li> </ul>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second semester classes commence</li> <li>• Report cards distributed</li> </ul>

\* The structure of the week and the Numeracy/Literacy assessment schedule is posted on the bulletin board by the Blue Zone in the MPR. Electronic communications were previously sent home via the daily Times, app notification, email and is on our [website](#) .

### **Grade 12 Checklist**

While not an exhaustive list, next week is a good time for students to review their individual progress, and plan accordingly:

- ✓ Requirements for graduation are being met / will be met (second semester courses considered)
- ✓ Career 12 coursework is up to date and regular check ins with teacher- advisor have already occurred (all grade 12s)
- ✓ CAS coursework is up to date and documented on ManageBac (IB students only)
- ✓ [StudentTranscripts Service](#) account created and information updated
- ✓ Review applicable application requirements and deadlines for post secondary institutions. Do not leave requests for teacher reference letters until the last minute.
- ✓ Grad photo taken with Artona Photos
- ✓ Yearbook comment submitted
- ✓ Commencement comment and grad gown size form submitted
- ✓ Outstanding school and IB fees paid
- ✓ Year end events noted on calendar and budgeted for
- ✓ Endless thanks and praise to parents and guardians for what they have done for you, and will continue to do, in supporting you towards your graduation!

### **Course Planning for the 2020.21 School Year**

In addition to the upcoming semester change, we are also busy preparing for the next school year and February is an important month for students. In the first week of February, students will attend course programming assemblies during Flex time. At that time course selection sheets and programming guide

books will be made available. September is a ways away, but please dedicate some time now to make thoughtful selections as course change requests in the fall are primarily reserved for graduation requirements. Also consider summer learning in your planning, and if you do intend to take courses in July and August please let your counsellor know. Students planning course selections with post secondary and career goals in mind are strongly recommended to schedule a meeting with Ms. Truax (our very knowledgeable Post Secondary and Career Advisor).

At a district level, registration information for programs of choice and cross catchment is accessible on the [district website](#). Cross catchment is the formal process to request placement at a school other than one's neighbourhood catchment. The online application opens on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am and closes at 4:00pm on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Information & Family Contact Updates**

Please email [088-Office@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:088-Office@sd43.bc.ca) with any updates to your phone number, email or emergency contact information. If your home address on record has changed, then please make arrangements to come in with proof of residence paperwork in order for us to update your information.

### **Staffing Update**

The mid year mark is also a time in the district when some staffing changes occur, and we have a few updates to share regarding our staff.

- Ms. Kukulowicz and Ms. Carruthers both return from leave for semester 2.
- We currently have a job posting for a second semester position within the science and ELL department. Hiring will be determined next week.
- Mr. Morgan Breden will be leaving Eagle Mountain Middle School to join our administration team.

We have two staff leaving Port Moody and we wish them well in their future adventures.

- One of our counsellors, Ms. Sinclair, is looking forward to retirement after a career in the Coquitlam School District. We thank her for teaching and supporting the students, and families she has worked with and wish her all the best.
- Mr. Lloyd's last day as vice principal at PMSS is next Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> as he has been promoted to principal of Glenayre Elementary. Congratulations to him, and we are glad to know he is still in the neighbourhood! We have no doubt that his care for students, thoughtful approach, and commitment to community will be immediately evident to the students and families of Glenayre.

On behalf of the staff, thank you to all the students and families for making this past semester memorable. We look forward to better weather and many new, shared experiences in the coming months.

Mr. Glen Conley  
Principal