



# Port Moody Times

Tuesday  
February 13, 2024  
Day 1

## **LOCKERS**

Students who have not been using their assigned locker and are willing to have it reassigned to another student, please come to the office either before class, at lunch, or after school.

## **LOST & FOUND:**

The following items are in the office. Please come by during lunch or after school to claim.

- LOTS of Ear Buds
- Headphones
- Earring Stud
- Cell Phone
- Gold Necklace
- VISA Card
- Compass Cards
- New Balance black jacket with car fob

## **GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATION**

The Grade 9 immunizations will take place on March 5th and 12th. On Tuesday, February 13th, your child will be bringing home a consent form for you to sign. If you would like your child to be immunized, please sign the consent form and have your child return to their block one teacher by Tuesday February 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Marinkovic ([tmarinkovic@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:tmarinkovic@sd43.bc.ca)). Thank you!

## **WINTER FORMAL TICKETS—ON SALE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 7**

Tickets for the Winter Formal go on sale beginning February 7<sup>th</sup>. Students must have completed their School Policy form in order to see tickets on their SchoolCashOnline account. This dance is only open to students in Grades 11 and 12, and there are no guests for this event. The deadline for purchasing tickets is February 20<sup>th</sup>—no tickets will be available after that date. Ticket prices are as follows:

Feb 7-9 \$10

Feb 10-16 \$15

Feb 17-20 \$25

## **CULTURE WEEK**

Culture Week is back on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the week, you will be able to collect information in a digital passport (**access will be given at the event**) based on what you learn throughout the week from different cultures. Complete your passport to be entered in a gift card prize draw! Please view our list of events available for your involvement:

- Tuesday, February 20th: **Multicultural Showcase Event during Lunch in the drama room.** Join us in the drama room for a wide variety of student cultural performances to celebrate our multicultural identity at PMSS.
- Wednesday, February 21st: **Multicultural Fair in the MPR during Lunch.** Visit over a dozen student-led booths and learn about a variety of different cultures represented at PMSS. Wear your cultural clothing too!
- Thursday, February 22nd: **Multicultural Tasting Event in the MPR during Lunch.** There will be food sampling in the MPR for students to try a variety of food items from different cultures.

## **GR. 12 GRAD GOWN ORDER AND COMMENCEMENT COMMENTS**

Hey Grade 12's, you're getting closer to graduation! To help get you ready for the commencement ceremony (Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>), we need your height, so that we can order you a grad gown, and also need the message that you would like read as you cross the stage. Please complete both forms. They are **both due February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If there are any questions, please reach out to Vice Principal Ms. Nembhard.

Grad Gown Height: <https://forms.office.com/r/DbiAsLZS8T>

Commencement Comments: <https://forms.office.com/r/7p839EKbsm>

## **PORT MOODY POLICE**

The Port Moody Police Department is hosting a FREE program for local youth currently enrolled in Grades 11 & 12. The program is designed to give youth an understanding of policing as a career and will allow students to earn volunteer credits (30 hours) they can apply towards their graduation. For more information, please click [HERE](#) or contact Mr. Canuel. Applications are end of day due Feb. 28, 2024.

**Tri-Cities Pride Society is looking for help shaping this year's Pride events in Coquitlam. Volunteer positions are open for the LGBTQ+ Youth Committee!**

*What it is:*

- A group of youth who will support the Tri-Cities Pride Society in planning and running the activities and entertainment for Coquitlam Pride, held on July 20

*What it involves:*

- Meeting every 2 weeks, possibly more in June and July
- Organizing and running activities for youth
- Creating youth-directed marketing
- Advising the Tri-Cities Pride Society on ensuring youth inclusion in Coquitlam Pride

*What you will get:*

- A chance to shape Pride and make it meaningful for Tri-Cities youth
- Experience with event planning and marketing
- Volunteer hours and potential reference letters

**Drop-in info session on February 23, 1-2:30pm at Pinetree Community Center, room 3.**

If you have questions or cannot make the info session, please contact [owarje@tricitypride.ca](mailto:owarje@tricitypride.ca)

**ATTENTION JR. BADMINTON PLAYERS:**

Junior boys 2<sup>nd</sup> round tryouts will be on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm in the large gym.

Senior boys 1<sup>st</sup> round tryouts will be on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm in the large gym.

Be sure to bring your own racquets. See you then!

**SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT**

The Senior Boys Basketball Team plays their final home game this Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at PMSS. Come grab free popcorn and support the graduating grade 12 players Alex, Arash, Jason, Kobe, Marty, Samir, Vincent, and William as they take on Pinetree Secondary on their Senior Night. There will be free popcorn and a drumline performance as well.

**ART**

You are invited to see the best Art of the district including many Port Moody Students on display now until March 15th in the professional art gallery space of Place Des. Arts. 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam Atrium & Mezzanine viewing Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. A great exhibit to enjoy with friends and family. - Ms. Gardner

Also if you haven't seen the cool and funny art done during the Arts Assembly, or the other art at the front of the MPR - check it out as it starts to come down Friday February 9th.

home to our arts community  
**PLACE DES ARTS**

## Exhibitions

On view at Place des Arts: January 19 - March 14, 2024  
Online at [placedesarts.ca](http://placedesarts.ca): January 26 - March 14, 2024  
Opening Reception: Friday, January 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

 <p><b>SD43 Grade 12 Art Students</b> Emerging Talent 26 Various Mediums in the Atrium Image: Dad, View from the Passenger's Seat [detail], Sadie Hamilton (Class of 2023)</p>	 <p><b>Rick Herdman</b> Fragile Stories: Encaustic Portraits Encaustic and carved wood in the Leonore Peyton Salon Image: Raven in Flight [Detail]</p>
 <p><b>Amy J. Dyck</b> All the Parts of Me Mixed Media in the Mezzanine Image: Red [detail]</p>	 <p><b>Azadeh Mehryar</b> Diaspora Ceramics in the Link Image: Nomadic [detail]</p>

**viewing** 1120 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam

Atrium & Mezzanine	Leonore Peyton Salon	View Online
Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm	The Leonore Peyton Salon is a multi-purpose space; therefore, viewing times are limited.	View our current exhibitions online any time, visit the individual exhibition pages on <a href="http://placedesarts.ca/exhibitions">placedesarts.ca/exhibitions</a> .
Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Call 604-664-1636 to book an appointment.	
Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm		

**THE TRI-CITIES ENCHANTMENT PROJECT – DRESS DONATIONS REQUEST**

All students should have the opportunity to attend their grad celebration feeling confident, beautiful, and excited about their special night regardless of their family finances or circumstances. In school district 43, the Enchantment Project provides an opportunity for any student who requires financial support to find a dress.

Our program accepts gently used grad gowns, and we are currently in need of dress sizes between 12-22+. If you are interested in donating to the Tri-Cities Enchantment Project, please contact the Youth Worker at your local high school, or drop off at CABE, Terry Fox or Pinetree Secondary (attention EP/Youth Worker).

### **UBC WOMEN IN COMPUTER SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS TOUR**

The Women in Computer Science organization at UBC is a student affinity group who are working to build a supportive community to celebrate diversity and support gender minorities. We aim to empower women by providing opportunities to build lasting connections with other women in tech, and supporting each other as we progress through our time at UBC!

On **March 20th, 2024 from 9:30 - 3:00 pm**, WiCS is inviting high school students from all over the lower mainland to come as a UBC computer science student for a day! This opportunity will allow women students to meet students from other schools and give them a glimpse of what studying computer science at UBC will look like. It will give them a chance to explore campus for a day, sit in on a lecture, talk to their future professors, and even win some UBC merch :)

We are hoping to invite high school students interested or want to learn about Computer Science, and we are hoping you are able to help us connect to these bright minds :)

We are targeting students who identify as a gender minority and are available on **March 20th** during their spring break!

Due to limited capacity, we are only able to take a select number of students per high school. We will reach out to you with the list of confirmed students, and will send you a waitlist if there are overwhelming responses.

Confirmations will be sent both to you (as the teacher) and the students by **February 22nd**.

They can sign up at this link here: <https://forms.gle/LTtH6JAzbNoj3vdPA>

Sign up deadline is: **February 16th, 2024 at 11:59pm**

*Please encourage interested students as soon as possible, we will be reviewing the first batch of applications on February 10th, 2024.*

Please relay to them to only apply if you can 100% attend. Apply early to reserve your spot, as we have limited availability. Transportation and lunch will not be provided. A map to the meet up spot will be provided.

### **HOMEWORK HELP**

With a new semester, a reminder that student tutors are here for Homework Help, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10-4:00 in room 203. No need to sign up—you can just drop in!

### **VANCOUVER SUN RUN**

Whether it's to become more fit, try something new and push yourself, or make new friends and fun memories YOU should join our school's Vancouver Sun Run team, the "Blues Run Club"! The Vancouver Sun Run, Canada's largest running event, is an annual 10k held in our beautiful city this year on April 21st. Last year, we assembled Blues Run Club with 40+ runners. Bring your friends/family along with you too! Runners of all levels are welcome.

We will contact you after you fill out this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/PiSsi1ZKN5>

Direct any questions to:

[088-vfan@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:088-vfan@sd43.bc.ca) or [088-kli2@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:088-kli2@sd43.bc.ca)

## **ONGOING**

**PARENT FORMS & STUDENT FEES:** School District 43 uses the KEV School Cash Online for both fee statements and District Policies forms. Relevant fees have been uploaded with email notifications.

**STUDENT PARKING PASS:** If you will be parking in the lower parking lot, please come to the office during lunch or before/ after school to pick up a Parking Registration form.

**PMSS TIMES:** The PMSS Times newsletter will be emailed to parents and students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Announcements will not be read over the PA. You will find copies of the PMSS Times outside the office, in the Cafeteria under the clock, and outside the Library Learning Commons.

## **CAREER CENTRE**

**Post-Secondary Information, Admissions Updates, New Post-Secondary Programs, Scholarships, Volunteering, Employment, Career Programs & Training, Leadership and Enrichment Programs**

### **PMSS Career Resource Centre**

**Room: 3066.** Open from 8:00am – 3:30pm Monday-Friday.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Ms. Rose at [088-careerfacilitator@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:088-careerfacilitator@sd43.bc.ca) or call 604-939-6656 ext. 3066. If you would like to book an appointment please visit, [Jovita Rose - Post-Secondary & Career Advisor \(office365.com\)](https://www.office365.com). Join the Port Moody Secondary Career center TEAMS page! Code to join: 46n1w80 or e-mail [088-careerfacilitator@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:088-careerfacilitator@sd43.bc.ca)

**For Grade 12,** [PMSS Big Picture book 2023 2024.pdf](#) Focus on the BIG PICTURE for the Graduates of 2024 – a guide for your Grade 12 Year – Overview of the Year Ahead.

**For Grade 12** - PowerPoint slides copy from September 25<sup>th</sup> Grade 12 presentation. [Post-Secondary Application 101.pptx](#)

**For Grade 12** - PowerPoint slides copy from October 11, 2023 Grade 12 presentation. [Grade 12 Scholarship Presentation .pptx](#)

**For Grade 12** - PowerPoint slides copy from November 20, 2023 presentation - [2023 STS Presentation.pdf](#)

**For Grade 12**, Please see, [Scholarship – Meeting 2 January 2024](#) for the January scholarship slides presentation. Due to the school closure, the meeting was canceled. However, there will be scheduled FAQs this coming February (date TBD).

Port Moody Secondary School Scholarship package is now available. For more information and to apply visit, [2024 PMSS Scholarship Package](#).

## **Virtual / In-person Information Sessions, Presentations & University / College Fairs**

Post-Secondary Info Session Scheduled Visit , [2023-2024 Post-Secondary Info Session Schedule.docx](#)

**SFU Beedie Drop-in Advising**

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> in the drama room during lunchtime 11:35am – 12:25pm

**King's Western University Drop-in Advising**  
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Feb 29<sup>th</sup> during lunchtime 11:35am – 12:25pm Career Resource Room

**Concordia University of Edmonton** Info night **Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm**. This event will be in person on campus as well as **live streamed**. For more information visit, [Info Night 2024 - Concordia University of Edmonton](#). Application fee will be waived – admission advisors will be on hand to assist with the online application (fee waived from domestic students only). **February 15** is their live virtual webinar [application workshops](#)

**BCIT Big Info** is returning in-person on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Big info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. It's an opportunity for students to get their questions answered by program advisors as well as faculty from over 300 programs – all in one place. Students will also have a chance to win one of three prizes of \$1000 in tuition by registering at [Big Info - BCIT](#). Join them in person on Wednesday, February 21 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at our Burnaby Campus. Or join online, Wednesday, February 28 from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. and hear from Program Advising, Student Services, Indigenous Initiatives, and International.

**EducationUSA** has three winter webinars scheduled to help students learn more about topics related to studying in the United States. These webinars are free and will be recorded. Everyone who registers will receive the link to the recording. **Inclusion and Accessibility on U.S. College Campuses** Wednesday, March 6, 5-6 pm ET [REGISTER HERE](#).

**UBC** info sessions in the lower mainland are virtual this year. However, every week, there are two live info sessions on Zoom that have 30 min at least of Q&A at the end. They also have 1 Application Workshop live on zoom per week where you can learn more about the Personal Profile and how to apply. Registration for UBC online sessions, including Application Workshops and live virtual info sessions is available on our [Tours and Events page](#) (under Information Sessions). They also have a recorded All About UBC presentation available [here](#). Students can email [recruitment.ok@ubc.ca](mailto:recruitment.ok@ubc.ca) with any questions

## **General Learning Opportunities**

**22+ TRADES TRAINING PROGRAMS**, Visit ["TRAIN in Trades" Programs - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\) \(sd43.bc.ca\)](#)

**Contact: Ben King** Career & "TRAIN in Trades" Coordinator 778-984-1354 [bking@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bking@sd43.bc.ca)

[UBC Future Global Leaders Summer On-Campus and Online Programs!](#) Experience university life to the fullest and prepare for your future beyond high school. Explore your interests and passions by taking an academic course or mini-school. Meet students from Canada and around the world and learn from UBC professors and affiliated instructors. Experience university life on-campus or take a course online from wherever you are.

**Experience University Learning On-Campus at UBC Vancouver**. Spend an unforgettable two weeks at the stunning UBC campus or at the state-of-the-art Centre for Digital Media. Choose from thirty-one courses and mini-schools in business, engineering, health, history, and more. Commute daily or live in residence at the UBC Vancouver campus. For more information visit, [UBC Future Global Leaders | UBC Extended Learning \(ExL\)](#).

For those students who are interested in taking **Occupational First Aid (OFA L1)**. Students can get discount rate of \$84 (\$80 + tax) instead of \$100+. The students can register:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/Certifications.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/Certifications.aspx#/=)

**BCFED Health & Safety Centre Young Workers (Alive After 5)** are now offering both in person and online presentations for **free** OHS Program for New and Young Workers. They will cover **WorkSafeBC, Hazard Recognition, Injury Reporting, Grant's Law, 4 Basic Rights** and more... For more information visit, [Young Workers \(Alive After 5\) - BCFED Health & Safety Centre \(healthandsafetybc.ca\)](#). To register, <https://healthandsafetybc.microsoftportals.com/aa5sessionrequest/>.

[Rivers to Success Indigenous Student Mentorship](#), whether you are just starting your education journey, preparing to graduate or still need to figure it out, they are there to help. They are partnered with some of Canada's top employers, post-secondary institutions, and non-profit organizations to deliver all the tools you need to get where you want to go. For more information visit, [High School - Rivers to success](#).

**Technovation GirlsBC – Free Programs**. Technovation GirlsBC is a non-profit 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! See further details on their programming and events [here](#) or see [Technovation GirlsBC 2024 Events Flyer.pdf](#).

SCWIST, an organization that works to introduce K-12 girls to a wide range of exciting career options and positive female role models in STEM has upcoming online Quantum Leaps **Career Conference** event on **February 23 from 6-7 pm PST**. This will focus on women professionals working in careers related to **Engineering - Particularly Structural and Chemical Engineering**. Participants will get the opportunity to chat with women professionals and ask questions about their careers. To register and for more information visit, [Quantum Leaps Career Conference - Structural and Chemical Engineering Tickets, Fri, Feb 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#).

**SD 43 Trades Programs Open House Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, at Centennial Secondary 570 Poirier St. Coquitlam. Time 6pm – 8pm (presentation in theatre will start at 6pm).



**SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS**  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Centennial Secondary  
 570 Poirier St. Coquitlam  
 6 - 8pm (presentation in theatre will start at 6pm)

LEARN ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SKILLED TRADES

**HEAR ABOUT SERVICES & SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS**  
 ICBA (Independent Contractors & Businesses Association) • STEP BC (Skilled Trades Employment Program) • ACCESS BC (Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society) • BCCWITT (BC Centre for Women in Trades Training) • Skilled Trades BC

**LEARN ABOUT LEVEL 1 TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAMS**

Meet Post-Sec. Instructors  
 • BCIT • KPU & others

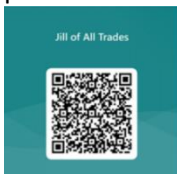
Meet SD43 Program Instructors  
 • Auto Service Technician • Carpenter  
 • Professional Cook • Electrician

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 24+ Tuition-Free Level 1 Programs

**City of Coquitlam - New Pre-Employment and Personal Growth Training Program for Teens.** The new Youth Leadership Development Program is great opportunity for 13- to 15-year-olds looking to volunteer, land a job and build their leadership skills. This unique 9-session program helps participants prepare for the working world with practical skills like resume writing and mock interviews, as well as an introduction to personal growth habits such as conflict resolution, journaling, and mindfulness. As part of the program, each participant will become a City of Coquitlam volunteer (criminal record check required) and leave with verified volunteer hours, ready to get involved in new initiatives and opportunities. To learn more and sign up, visit [coquitlam.ca/registration](http://coquitlam.ca/registration) and click "Register for Programs". In the online registration system, type the course **ID# 140787** in the search bar, or call 604-927-4386. **Date:** Tuesdays, Jan 16 – March 12, 2024, **Time:** 4:30pm – 6:30pm. **Cost:** \$133.05. **Location:** Pinetree Community Centre.

**UBC Extended Learning** - This winter, get a head start on your future and try a university subject with [UBC Future Global Leaders Online](#). Their winter courses are offered on Saturdays starting January 27. Learn about subjects that interest you, without the stress of exams! Meet other high school students from Canada and around the world in live virtual classes taught by UBC professors and affiliated instructors. For more information visit, [UBC Future Global Leaders Winter Online | UBC Extended Learning \(ExL\)](#). **Date:** Saturdays, Jan 27 to April 13, 2024 (no classes Feb 17 & Mar 30) **Time:** 10am-12pm (Pacific Time) **Cost:** \$875 per course.

**BCIT Jill of All Trades** is an all-day free event on April 4, 2024, led by female mentors to inspire young women or those who identify as female in Grades 9 through 12 to pursue careers in the Skilled Trades. Participants will experience a fun-filled day of practical, in-the-shop sessions. For more information visit, [Jill of All Trades - BCIT](#). If you are interested, please use the QR code to complete the survey.



**Vancouver Community College Baking & Pastry Arts Department Youth Train in Trades baking foundation** certificate. For any student interested in the baking program please see, [Youth In Trades Info Sheet July 2024 \(002\).docx](#). They have upcoming baking info night on February 22, 2024, **5:30 pm- tour of our baking department. For those wishing to attend, please meet by the entrance to the baking department at our Downtown campus. 6 pm-Youth in Trades Info Session- Downtown campus room 112 (Lecture Theatre. To apply, [intake package YiT 2024 \(1\) \(003\).docx](#). Submit your application to Mr. King [bking@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bking@sd43.bc.ca). **Deadline:** April 7, 2024**

**\*NEW\* Camp Ignite**, A youth firefighting mentorship program for grade 11 & 12 girls. Camp Ignite is a three-night, three-day camp that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. They aim to show their campers a

future of limitless opportunities and demonstrate that anything is possible. Their camp offers an introduction to the exciting world of firefighting, along with fitness, nutrition, health, and teamwork. **Application close May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** For more information and to apply visit, [Camp Ignite - Female Firefighters - Vancouver, British Columbia](#).

**Society of Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST).** SCWIST is an advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in schools, universities, businesses and Canadian society, and supports efforts to promote equality for all, especially within science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Applications for their [eMentoring program](#) are now **open**. eMentoring runs three times a year. The program is available for any students who identify as female or women, girls, trans, genderqueer, non-binary, two-spirit, and gender questioning. Sign up for eMentoring and they can put you in touch with a professional woman who is closely matched to your own interests or understands your situation. To apply, [eMentoring Application - SCWIST](#)

**Shad** offers a digital program, [ShadAnywhere](#), that is accessible to youth across Canada (and internationally!). In partnership with Athabasca University, students get access to university content, mentors, digital field trips, Indigenous knowledge sharing and community building events. ShadAnywhere participants have the opportunity to complete the [Elevate your Personal Brand MOOC](#) and the Introduction course of the [AI Ethics Micro-credential Certificate](#) through Athabasca University. Both of these courses are asynchronous, giving students the opportunity to complete at their own pace. Students will have 90 days, beginning at the program start, to complete these courses and earn university credit.

**SFU Applied Sciences Outreach & Science Alive Free Youth Programs.** The STEM Speaker Series provides high school students with the opportunity to meet and interact with university students, faculty members, and/or working professionals in STEM fields. To register and for more information see [PDF flyer](#).

### **Volunteer/Employment Opportunities**

**Fraser Pacific Rose Society** is looking for volunteers. **Fraser Pacific Rose Society** is a non-profit organization in a partnership agreement with the City of Coquitlam to maintain the Centennial and Canadian Hybridized Gardens. If you are interested in learning some new skills and perhaps develop a love for gardening, then this volunteer opportunity might be right for you. See attached [PDF posting](#) for more information.

**Autism Support Network** upcoming event on **February 28th**, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, catering to parents with ASD kids. As part of the event in Coquitlam, they are seeking student volunteers from our school to act as supervisors during the indoor playground (Crash Crawly's) activity. Please see [PDF flyer](#) for more details.

**Vancouver International Children's Festival** wish to invite students to volunteer for the **Children's Festival**, thereby gaining valuable skills and experience while fulfilling work Experience curriculum requirements. Students interested in Hospitality, Tourism, Event Management, Arts, Performance, or Childhood Education are particularly encouraged to apply, but there are positions at every level. Volunteers can sign up now on their website for a minimum two-shift (14 hr) commitment. They are also especially interested in onboarding a few **Key Volunteers** right away, who can begin working within the school to recruit and screen more volunteers. KVs generally work around 20 hrs in advance of the Festival, and then transition into Crew Captain roles onsite during the Festival. Serving as a KV and/or Crew Captain provides very strong leadership and communications experience, plus being creative and fun. Any Volunteer who completes over 30 hrs of service will receive a personal reference letter from the Festival. To apply and for more information visit, [Vancouver International Children's Festival | Children's Festival \(childrensfestival.ca\)](#) or see [PDF KV recruit poster 2024.pdf](#).

[The Youth Ambassadors Program with Canada](#) is a **fully-funded**, 3-week exchange program to the United States, including a community homestay and visit to Washington, D.C. This program runs from July 16 to August 1, 2024. During the exchange, students (ages 15-18) will participate in activities that develop their leadership skills and explore themes of social inclusion. When they return home, they will implement a community service project under the guidance of the adult mentors and Youth Ambassadors Program staff. The Youth Ambassadors Program particularly strives to ensure a diverse representation of Canada, including students from underrepresented groups, Indigenous Canadians, and new Canadians. The program also seeks to select students who have limited travel experience to the United States. They also select two adult mentors to help guide the youth throughout the program. For adult mentors, this program is an opportunity for professional development. Applications for the Youth Ambassadors Program are open from Monday, **February 5, 2024, to Monday, March 4, 2024**. For more information visit, [Youth applicant flyer](#), [Adult mentor flyer](#), [Applicant FAQs](#), [Youth applicant essays and short answer questions](#), [Adult mentor essays and short answer questions](#). If you have any question please contact, [youthambassadors@worldlearning.org](mailto:youthambassadors@worldlearning.org)

**PICS Youth Service Corps** - PICS is a registered non-profit organization. They have 2 free volunteer programs for youth aged 15-19 and are currently recruiting participants. The programs are funded by the Canadian government. It's free for participants, and comes with perks including certificates of completion, a letter of reference, a subscription to Coursera, travel expenses, and more. With our programs, students can accumulate a minimum of 120 volunteer hours. See flyer for more details, [Youth Service Corps Programs flyer](#).

**Legion British Columbia/Yukon Command** is looking for volunteers to help with their service. Their service include: organizing and helping at events, cooking meals, fundraising for the poppy campaign, managing branch social media pages, designing posters and graphics and much more. Go to [Home - Legion BC/Yukon Command \(legionbcyukon.ca\)](#) to find your local branch.


**MusicXConnect – Join a music-based non-profit:** Hi PMSS! We are MusicXConnect, a youth-led registered non-profit in Canada focused on sharing music with the community and bringing music resources to youth. We are looking for students that are passionate about music and working with the local community. Currently we are looking for:

- New music groups (string ensembles, jazz groups, rock bands, etc.)
- Video-editors for an online music database project

If you are interested as a music ensemble please visit: <https://musicxconnect.org/join-us/>.

If you are interested as a video editor, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/Puye9W2LcXz3UJKT8>.

**Port Coquitlam Recreation** is excited to be offering a number of volunteer opportunities for people 14+ years of age beginning this Fall, including afterschool programs, skate and swim lessons, art programs, a youth leadership group, and community events. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to build their resumes, develop their leadership skills and connect with their community. Applications are now available on our website

at [www.portcoquitlam.ca/volunteer](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/volunteer). See flyers for more details,  [Fall 2023 Youth Flyer.docx](#)

 [Reading Buddies Teen Poster Fall 2023.docx](#)

The **Port Moody Public Library** is looking for teen volunteers for their Book Buddies and Code Buddies programs (in-person and online). You can get experience, leadership skills, and volunteer hours working with kids. Apply to become a teen volunteer at [Teen Volunteer Programs - Port Moody Public Library \(portmoodylibrary.ca\)](http://Teen Volunteer Programs - Port Moody Public Library (portmoodylibrary.ca)).

**Seaview Community School and Miller Community School** are looking for volunteers to help with their afterschool programs. **Program Details:** The afterschool programs provide students with a variety of games and activities including Arts & Crafts, Lego & Board Games, Outdoor Games (weather permitting), homework help and much more! **Position:** Looking for volunteers to play, to hang out with the kids, play board games, do crafts, help supervise and cleanup. **Location:** Seaview Times: 2:45/3 pm – 5:00 pm; Monday – Friday (You can volunteer for 1 hour or 2 hours). Miller Park Times: 2:45 – 4:45 pm; Monday – Friday (You can volunteer for 1 hour or 2 hours). If you are interested, please email Ms. Neelofar Nurani at [nnurani@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:nnurani@sd43.bc.ca)

**Youth Leadership Millennium (YLM)** program hosted by non-profit S.U.C.C.E.S.S., which is one of the largest charitable organizations in British Columbia providing services in settlement, language training, employment, family and youth services, and community development. YLM program provides youth aged 15-30 with opportunities to develop leadership skills, engage with their community, and build confidence. It is a free 8- month long leadership program. YLM offers certificate, 120 service hours, training certificates, reference letters and more. To register and for more information visit, <https://successbc.ca/forms/career-and-youth-services-group-registration-form/>

**The People's Pantry Food Recovery Society**, a non-profit food rescue organization based in the Tri-Cities is looking for volunteers to help in the food sorting and hamper assembly. To apply visit, [Get Help – The People's Pantry Food Recovery Society | Coquitlam \(thepeoplespantry.ca\)](http://Get Help – The People's Pantry Food Recovery Society | Coquitlam (thepeoplespantry.ca)). For any questions contact, [vrec.tppfrs@gmail.com](mailto:vrec.tppfrs@gmail.com).



The **Pedalheads Swim** currently have three different employment opportunities in their Swim department.

- If you have your certificates [Apply to be a Swim Instructor](#) \*Please note they require the following pre-requisites: Standard First Aid with CPR - C and a Swim For Life Instructor both of these MUST be valid.
- If you are just missing your Instructor certification [Apply for their FREE Instructor Course!](#) \*Please note they require the following pre-requisites: Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid CPR - C both MUST be valid before the start date of the course.
- If you're not yet 15 years old [Apply to be a Junior Volunteer](#) \*Please note they require the following pre-requisites: Bronze Medallion and be at least 13 years old!

## **Scholarship / Awards**

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Wondering what scholarships are available for you? Go to, [Scholarships Made Simple | ScholarTree](http://Scholarships Made Simple | ScholarTree) and sign up. This website will provide you with a list of scholarships that you may be qualified to apply for.

**Western University National Scholarship Program** – Western University is looking for high-potential applicants who excel in the classroom and in their extracurricular pursuits. If you obtained a minimum overall academic average of 90% on all Grade 12 courses and you are interested in being nominated, fill in the  [PMSS Nomination Application Form](#). For more information and to apply visit, [National Scholarship Program - Office of the Registrar - Western University \(uwo.ca\)](http://National Scholarship Program - Office of the Registrar - Western University (uwo.ca)). The Beryl Ivey Continuing Entrance Award has a  **financial need** component and supplemental application. Deadline to submit your nomination application and financial need form is **February 12, 2024**.

**\*NEW\*** The **Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship** is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching. Students selected for this award receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher from the Ministry of Education and Child Care that they can use to be reimbursed for tuition paid after they are attending an [approved teacher education program](#) in the Faculty of Education at a B.C. post-secondary institution. To qualify, the program must lead to eligibility to apply for a B.C. teaching certificate and teach in the K–12 school system in this province. For more information visit, [Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)). Online applications due by **February 15, 2024 (2:59pm PST)**.

Applications for the **2024 BCGEU Scholarship program** are now being accepted. Their annual scholarship program of up to \$85,000 offers awards of \$2,000 for full-time students and \$1,000 for part-time students. Scholarships are funded by the dues of their members. For more information visit, [2024 BCGEU Scholarships - BC General Employees' Union \(BCGEU\)](http://2024 BCGEU Scholarships - BC General Employees' Union (BCGEU)). **Deadline is February 15, 2024**

**Scholarships for Indigenous students.** Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are Indigenous may apply for their Indigenous scholarship fund which offers awards of \$2,000 for full-time students and \$1,000 for part-time students. For more information visit, [2024 BCGEU Scholarships - BC General Employees' Union \(BCGEU\)](#). Application deadline for both scholarships will be **February 15, 2024**.

**\*NEW\* British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Scholarships** recognizes graduating B.C. public school students who have displayed exemplary citizenship within their school and community. Students must be graduating from a B.C. public school in the 2023/2024 school year. Students must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution. For more information and to apply visit, [BCSTA Scholarships - British Columbia School Trustees Association](#). Deadline: **February 29, 2024, 3:00pm**.

**\*NEW\* Chemical Institute of Canada Lionel Chemistry Scholarship** has been established to assist high-achieving high school students who show an interest to study chemistry, biochemistry, or chemical engineering at a postsecondary institution, but who would not be able to attend without significant financial assistance. Selection is based on achievement in school, interest in chemical-related studies, and **financial need**. The scholarship is given towards up to 4 years tuition in the program. Deadline **March 1<sup>st</sup>** of every year. To apply and for more information visit, [Student Awards and Competitions \(cheminst.ca\)](#).

**\*NEW\*** The **2024 RE/MAX Quest for Excellence scholarship** recognizes graduating high school students for their ongoing community contributions and pursuit of leadership. Submissions will be accepted online until **March 13, 2024**. **RE/MAX Canada is to offer 40 scholarships of \$1,000 each to students across Canada** (except for Quebec). Participants must be a Grade 12 student attending high school in Canada in the 2023/2024 academic year. Participants must not have previously participated in a commencement ceremony. To apply and for more information see [PDF flyers](#).

**2024 Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarship** - Scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded to full-time students **grade 11** high school students with financial need (family income under \$65,000) who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, a desire to contribute to society, and a good academic record. To apply and for information visit, [Scholarships - Horatio Alger Association Canada](#). **Deadline to apply March 15, 2024** at 12:00 PM.

**\*NEW\* Manufacturing Safety Alliance of BC** is a leading provider of health and safety services in BC. The **Daneen Skilling Scholarship** (\$2,500) is an annual award in honour of Ms. Daneen Skilling, a dedicated and professional leader to business and community in ensuring workplaces are safe and healthy. This award will support a student pursuing a career in Occupational Health and Safety through post-secondary studies. The successful student will also demonstrate a commitment to building physically and psychologically healthy and safe environments for workers and their local communities. To apply and for more information visit [Daneen Skilling Scholarship - Manufacturing Safety Alliance of BC \(safetyalliancebc.ca\)](#). Deadline for applications: March 15, 2024.

**\*NEW\* Eagle Ridge Hospital Auxiliary** awards two bursaries annually, in the amount of \$2500, to graduating students in the Tri-Cities who are planning to pursue a career in the healthcare field. For more information and to apply visit, [Bursary Program - ERHA](#). **Closing Date March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**The Leonard Foundation scholarships** are awarded to students enrolled or enrolling in an accredited undergraduate degree program in a college or University in Canada. The institutions must be open to all without restriction except for an academic standard. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. **A true financial need must be demonstrated**. For more information and to apply visit, [Eligibility - leonardfoundationdemo.online \(leonardfnd.org\)](#). Scholarship Value approximately 100 @ \$1,000 - \$1,500. **Deadline to apply is March 31, 2024**.

**COQUITLAM – The Coquitlam Foundation** invites students to apply for **grants, scholarships, and bursaries** as part of its commitment to supporting the community. Last year, the foundation distributed over \$132,000 making a significant impact on local initiatives. Applicants can access all necessary information, application details, and online forms on the foundation's official website: [www.coquitlamfoundation.com](#). The submission deadline is extended until Sunday, **March 31st at 4 PM**.

**BCIT Pathway to Success Awards** are for students planning to enter a full-time first year technology, technical studies, or trade program (excluding Apprenticeship) directly from high school. The intent of these awards is to recognize students who are well-rounded citizens, who have displayed leadership qualities, and have demonstrated that they are willing to work hard to achieve their goals. Commitment and drive are as important as formal academic standing. **Value:** 3 awards at \$3,000 each. See [application](#) for more information. **Application deadline:** April 3, 2024. Email your application to Ms. Rose [jorose@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:jorose@sd43.bc.ca) and Ms. Campbell [cicampbell@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:cicampbell@sd43.bc.ca).

[The Center for Epilepsy & Seizure Education in British Columbia](#) is currently accepting applications for the **Jaymie-Lynn Memorial Bursary Program** (\$2000 x2) for the year 2024. Jaymie-Lynn Robertson, a vibrant young woman who cherished life passionately, left us too soon at the age of 23 due to SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy). Despite being diagnosed with epilepsy at 20, Jaymie-Lynn refused to let it hinder her love for working with children and animals. Her resilience continues to inspire all who knew her. **Application Process:** Only online applications will be accepted. Interested candidates can apply by visiting the following link: <https://esebc.org/bursary-application-form/>. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**.

**BC School Sports** is pleased to provide scholarships package for student-athletes. To apply and for more information visit, [2024 Scholarship Booklet.pdf \(bcschoolsports.ca\)](#). The application deadline is May 3, 2024, at 4pm.



**BC Transplant** - LIVE LIFE PASS IT ON. \$1500 SCHOLARSHIP. BC Transplant is excited to share that they will award four \$1500 scholarships to grade 10-12 students who lead an organ donation awareness project in their school or community during the 2023/2024 school year. For more information and to apply visit, ["Live Life. Pass It On." Scholarship \(transplant.bc.ca\)](https://transplant.bc.ca). **Application deadline: May 3, 2024**

**\*NEW\* 2024 BC Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries (BCAHA) Tribute Bursary Fund.** Each year, the BC Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries recognizes the work of youth volunteers by offering Bursaries to Students seeking financial assistance. BCAHA award two bursaries of \$1500 each annually. For more information and to apply visit, [Bursary Fund - BC Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries \(bchealthcareaux.org\)](https://bchealthcareaux.org). **Closing Date May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Legion British Columbia/Yukon Command** offers bursaries to students in need of financial assistance. Visit, [Find a Legion Branch - Legion BC/Yukon Command \(legionbcyukon.ca\)](https://legionbcyukon.ca) to see if you are eligible for their bursary.

## PARENTS

### AFTER GRAD 2024

We are looking for 1 or more parents to chair the After Grad committee. If you are interested in planning and organizing this event, please contact Brent Taylor at PMSS – [btaylor@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:btaylor@sd43.bc.ca)

**PMSS 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Please click [HERE](#) for the 2023-2024 School Calendar

### **Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Room 222**

For information regarding **PAC**, please visit <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/Parents/PAC/Pages>

We would like to welcome and thank the following parents for joining the PAC for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year. Congrats to:

**Alicia Purvis: PAC Chair**  
**Grace Liang: Vice Chair**  
**Miwa Aoki : Secretary**  
**Fanny Feng: Treasurer**

**Sonja Burdett: DPAC Rep**  
**AfterGrad Chair: OPEN**  
**AfterGrad Secretary: OPEN**  
**AfterGrad Treasurer: OPEN**

### **Ministry of Education and Child Care Information - Parent Sessions on Youth Substance Use - February 2024**

We are pleased to share the following information with you. The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST – [Click here to Register](#)
- February 24, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)

Please email the Mental Health and Substance Use Branch at [educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca](mailto:educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca) with any questions.



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Erase/Safer Schools Together are pleased to announce that they have opened registration for four more 60-minute Social Media Awareness Family sessions through the Ministry of Education's *erase* strategy in January and February 2024. All sessions are online.

### **Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities** – Everyone Welcome!

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding the use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Please click on the link below to view the dates and to register: [erase Family Sessions](#)

If you have any questions, contact C. Todd (Digital Literacy/Citizenship Coordinator) - [ctodd@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ctodd@sd43.bc.ca)



## Parent Information Sessions



### ~~Creating Effective Partnerships – November 7th~~

School District 43 in partnership with Kinsight Family & Individual Support Program, invites parents and caregivers of children who have developmental delays, disabilities or diverse learning needs to join us for an information session highlighting the various district supports and services available. Meaningful inclusive practices, programming, collaborative IEP development, and the importance of building an effective partnership between school, and the home team will be reviewed.

### ~~Planning for the Future – November 16th~~

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of high school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session intended to help families think about, and plan for the transition from high school to adult life. This presentation will include a panel of guest speakers representing school district 43 programs, inclusive post-secondary institutes, employment supports, government agencies, and community supports. Entering adulthood is an important milestone, therefore taking action early will help create a smooth and successful transition plan for the future.

### ~~Transition into Kindergarten – January 11th~~

The Learning Services Zone Coordinators and other school personnel from School District # 43 invite parents and caregivers of children with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session to discuss what to expect when your child enters kindergarten. We will also discuss how you can be involved to help make the transition successful for your child as they embark on their educational journey.

### ~~Stepping Up to Secondary School – February 6th~~

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of middle school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session focusing on how Secondary School can provide meaningful educational opportunities that support the student's development, maturity and progress towards future goals. A successful transition to Secondary School means that students have access to classes and school experiences that prepare them for what comes after high school – post-secondary education, employment, and full participation in all aspects of community life.

### ~~Time to Talk About Middle School – March 5th~~

School District 43 invites parents and caregivers of elementary school students with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs to an information session discussing the differences between Elementary and Middle School. We will focus on the transition process, Middle School culture and routines, structures to support student success, and the benefits of meaningful collaboration to develop the student's program.

**When: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)**  
**Location: Education Learning Center - Room B103/B104**  
**1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam**

Questions? Please contact Colleen Lambert at [colambert@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:colambert@sd43.bc.ca)

Please note, registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register



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