



# Port Moody Times

Monday  
September 16, 2019  
Day 1

PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY:

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## NEW NEWS

**STUDENT ID CARDS:** Student ID cards are available at the office during lunch or after school.

**OFF BLOCK STICKERS:** Any students who would like an off block sticker please come to the office during your off block with your Student ID card.

**ATTENTION GRADE 12'S AND 11'S:** The Senior Sail is coming up! Join your fellow Grade 11 and 12 classmates at the Harbour Cruise Dinner and Dance, **Friday, October 4, 2019**. Ticket price includes a 3 hour harbour cruise around beautiful Vancouver with a pasta dinner, dessert, bottomless soft drinks followed by dancing.

Parents and guardians are asked to make arrangements to have their child dropped off and picked up at the Harbour Cruise docks, 501 Denman Street, Vancouver. Please arrive between 6:45 and 7:05 pm, the boat loads at 7:15 pm, all students will go through Harbour Cruises Security Screening. The boat departs at 8:00 pm and returns at 11:00 pm. Students are required to bring picture ID (PMSS student ID or Driver's License to gain entry) along with their receipt of payment.

There is a coat-check on board at no cost – however there is very little room. Only bring what is absolutely necessary, no big bags/purses.

Reserve your space on the boat now! Tickets are limited to 335! **Sales run from September 11 – 25 for Grade 12 students, September 17 – 25 for Grade 11 students** starting at 10 am. Tentative guest approval forms are available at the office and may only be approved IF there are extra tickets available.

Thank you for respecting our PMSS school expectations and Code of Conduct as well as demonstrating social responsible behaviour during the duration of the cruise and while travelling to and from the dock.

If you have any questions please contact Vice Principal Sharon Starr, [sstarr@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sstarr@sd43.bc.ca).

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MEETING:** Would all international students please attend an important meeting at lunch on **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** in the drama room. Don't forget to bring your field trip form!

**EUROPE 2021:** Did you know: Monaco is the second smallest and also the most densely populated city in the world? Check it out on the Europe trip in 2021. Information meeting **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** at lunch in room 207.

**TERRY FOR RUN:** Our Annual Terry Fox is coming up on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. For the next two weeks we are collecting donations in block 2 to support cancer research. Each student is encouraged to donate at least a toonie to help us reach our school goal! Your generosity can make a huge difference! A pizza lunch will be awarded to the block 2 class that raises the most money! Donations can also be made online through the link on our school website.

**ORANGE SHIRT DAY:** On **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, raise awareness for survivors of Residential Schools and to remember those who did not make it home! **WEAR ORANGE!!!** Interested in purchasing a shirt? Shirts are available for purchase for only \$6.00 through cash online. Purchases must be made by **noon on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED IN CROSS COUNTRY:** **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** during FLEX Block. 8:45 in small gym. See Ms. Sands directly if you miss the meeting.

**SWIM TEAM:** If you are interested in joining the Swim Team this year, there will be a brief information meeting on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** in Room 311 at the beginning of lunch. If you can't make the meeting, see Ms. Swistak in the Library after school.

**CLUB APPLICATIONS:** Club applications are due in the main office by 3:15 on **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or need help preparing your application, please see Mr. Taylor.

**VANCOUVER LAW SCHOOL FAIR 2019:** Is a joint project organized by the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and University of British Columbia. It is open to all ages, including high school students and their parents. Present at the event will be representatives from over 30 North American schools. Interested students are able to find more information and register at [www.vanlawfair.com](http://www.vanlawfair.com)<<http://www.vanlawfair.com>>.

**Vancouver Law School Fair 2019**


**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2019

**Location:** Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver

**Time:** 1PM - 6PM

**Register at** [www.vanlawfair.com](http://www.vanlawfair.com)<<http://www.vanlawfair.com>>.

**SCHOOL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION:** The following document contains important information for students and their families about emergency procedures specific to our school, as well as general information to include in your family’s emergency preparedness plans. There is contact information in the flyer should you have any questions.



**School District 43**  
Coquitlam

# School Emergency Preparedness Information

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## IMPORTANT EMERGENCY PREPARATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

Please read the following information and talk to your child to ensure that you and your family respond appropriately and effectively to an emergency situation at the school.

Your informed and measured response will help the school to manage the emergency effectively and will assist the student release procedures that your school has put in place.

### STUDENT RELEASE PROCEDURES

In case of an incident at the school or in the community, it may be required to release students to parents/ guardians from the school or school grounds or move students from the school area to an alternate location for release. These are the procedures for our school:

1. Students will be released from the school, outdoor evacuation area or alternate location subject to the situation.
2. If we need to move from the school grounds, we will relocate to:  
  
Alternate Location #1: Moody Elementary, 2717 Saint Johns Street  
  
Alternate Location #2: Kyle Centre, 125 Kyle St.
3. The school and school district will communicate with parents on information about picking up their child via email when possible, and school/district websites.

### WHAT IS STUDENT RELEASE?

In the event of an earthquake or other necessary situation, the school will implement a controlled release of students for their safety and wellbeing.


Should this be necessary, the school will only release your child to an authorized adult as identified on your “Student Identification Emergency Release Form”, or if necessary, to emergency medical personnel. Your identified alternative(s) has been authorized to pick up your child should you be unable to reach the school. Designated alternatives should live within walking distance of the school, if possible.

In the event of a situation requiring release, the school will respond as follows:

- The “Student Identification Emergency Release Form”, which is filled in by parents usually in September and kept on file, will provide the necessary information for student release.
- Students will be released from the school to an authorized adult (as listed on the “Student Identification Emergency Release Form”) and when it is deemed safe to do so.

When Emergency Responders and the School Board Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has given clearance for student pick up, parents will be notified and allowed to pick up their child.

These School District Student Release Procedures have been developed with your child’s safety as the top priority.



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## FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

You need to be ready to care for your family and respond effectively after an emergency or disaster, whether at home, school or work. Preparing ahead can reduce the fear, anxiety and loss that can accompany an emergency event.

Consider signing up for one of the Tri-City's free emergency preparedness workshops. You will be better able to help family and friends.

For more information on workshops, call the Emergency Program Manager for:

- Coquitlam at 604-927-6428 or email: [emergencyprogram@coquitlam.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@coquitlam.ca);
- Port Coquitlam at 604-927-5466;
- Port Moody at 604-469-4542

You can help the school be prepared by promptly returning any **Student Identification Emergency Release Forms** that come home for parents to complete. Without these the process to release your child will be slowed down – both in our practice drill and in the event of a real emergency.

## TALK TO YOUR CHILD

We strongly recommend that you speak to your child about the following:

- That their school has emergency plans in place to ensure student safety immediately following an emergency or disaster event.
- The potential risk of gas leaks, downed "live" power lines, debris, etc. which may make streets and roads impassable and therefore not safe for your child to attempt to walk home.

- The importance of remaining at the school until given instructions by authorized school staff. Students will NOT be permitted to leave to pick up younger siblings at nearby schools.
- The importance of the student release procedures at the school and that you and your child need to follow the school student release procedures.

## DO'S & DON'TS

Please ...

- **DO check the school or district website** ([www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)) for information and updates, follow SD43's Twitter feed @sd43bc.
- **DON'T trust or share unofficial information** on non-SD43 websites or social media channels which can be inaccurate, and lead to misinformation and anxiety.
- **DON'T phone the school following an emergency or disaster event.** Telephone lines may be needed for emergency communications.
- **DO walk to the school if possible or necessary** once authorization to pick up your child has been given.
- **DON'T drive!** Streets may be littered with debris. School access routes and street entrances must remain clear for emergency vehicles.
- **If you are at home, DO ensure your home is safe** to return to with your child.

For more information, please contact:  
Robert Zambrano or Ken Hoff  
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at 604-939-9201 or [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca).

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## ONGOING NEWS

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION:** Please see our school website under Programs & Services, Aboriginal Education, with respect to Aboriginal Self Identification. Ensuring students and families self identify as having ancestry allows us to better address the diverse needs of all our Aboriginal students. Coquitlam School District 43 is committed to the academic success, cultural connection and socio-emotional development of all Aboriginal Learners. We have one of the highest Aboriginal graduation rates in the Province and are very proud of the work of all our educators and the Aboriginal Education Department. We wish to continue this excellent work and improve even more. As such, self-identification is important.

**ATTENTION ALL GRADE 12'S:** Our first Grad Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Come join in to talk about Grad wear, grad fundraising, our harbour boat cruise on October 4<sup>th</sup> and all things grad. Your voice is important! Meeting takes place in the office conference room at lunch. See you there.

**ATTENTION ALL GRADE 9'S:** Please meet in the Small Gym on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** during Flex (8:30am) for your next Digital Learning assembly. You will be receiving your first assignment and important information on Flex meeting times by homeroom.



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FIELD TRIP:** International Students- don't forget to submit your forms for our Rocky Point Picnic coming up on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**! Forms must be submitted to Ms. Woldring in Portable 2 by **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Didn't get a form? Pick one up in Portable 2!

**STUDENT PARKING PASS:** If you will be parking in the lower parking lot please come to the office at lunch to pick up a Parking Registration form.

**COMPASS CARDS:** A few Compass Cards have been found and turned in to the office. Please come to the office if you have misplaced your card. Would students please write your name on the back of your card for easy identification in case your card is misplaced.

**PMSS TIMES:** Announcements will be read over the PA at the start of Block 2 on Mondays (or Tuesdays if there's no school in session on Mondays) and Thursdays. Teachers will read announcements to their classes at the start of Block 2 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You will find copies of the PMSS Times outside the office and it will also be posted in the Cafeteria under the clock.

## SPORTS

**ALL STUDENT ATHLETES:** Please add the new ATHLETICS channel on the school app for all the latest and updated information with athletics.

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

**BC RCMP NOW RECRUITING MEMBERS OF YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE!** - The BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee will bring up to **30 youth** together in an online, social media-based committee to provide guidance to the RCMP from October to June 2020. Applications due **Sept. 20/19**; details on the App: **CAREER CENTRE-VOLUNTEERING** channel.

**ELITE U.S. UNIVERSITIES INFORMATION SESSION, 7 PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17/19** – Students and parents are invited to explore the exciting possibility of studying at **Dartmouth, Harvard, Stanford or UPENN**. You must RSVP to attend: details on the Mobile App/Career Centre – Post-Secondary Info & Events.

**LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS -UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO** - Offered to **International Students ONLY**, the [Lester B. Pearson International Student Scholarship](#) is a FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP for 4 years at the U of T. You must be nominated to apply; details on the App/Career Centre/FINANCIAL AID + SCHOLARSHIPS Channel. Deadline to submit Nomination application to Ms Campbell or Ms Truax: **November 4/19**

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY QuARMS PROGRAM NOMINATION – BIG CHANGES THIS YEAR!** – Students who were thinking of applying for a PMSS nomination for the QuARMS medical program should check the announcement on the App and school website: Career Centre – Post Secondary Info!

**2019 MOREHEAD CAIN SCHOLARSHIP** – The Morehead-Cain is a four-year merit scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The scholarship provides full tuition for all 4 years, all student fees, housing & meals, books & laptop, and a 4-year Summer Enrichment program. Students apply by school nomination: 3 permitted. More details on the App: **Scholarships Channel NEWS**, and the school website: **Career Centre/Financial Aid & Scholarships**. **Deadline to apply for sponsorship: MONDAY SEPT. 30, 3pm.**

**THE LORAN AWARDS PROGRAM** offers up to **36** awards valued at up to **\$100,000 for 4 years**, including a \$10,000 yearly stipend and access to funding, mentorship and annual forums. Students may apply directly for the award **or** as one of PMSS's **3 sponsored candidates**. Details on the App: **Career Centre: Scholarships NEWS channel**, & the school website: **Career Centre: Financial Aid & Scholarships**. Deadline to apply for school sponsorship: Oct. 3/3 pm.

## PARENTS

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

**FIRST PAC MEETING: Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library**

New parents welcome.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR PUBLIC AND PARTNER GROUP SURVEY:** Attached is a letter with information about our proposed calendars for the 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. The letter has a link to the proposed calendar as well as a link to an online survey where feedback can be provided. Please feel free to complete the survey if interested.



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Sept 13, 2019

**Re: School Calendar Public and Partner Group Survey**

Parents/Guardians and SD43 staff:

In preparation for future school years, we are asking for your feedback on our proposed calendars for the 2020-21, 2020-22 and 2022-23 school years. Below are two links, one is to our district website where the proposed calendars are posted and the other link is to an online survey that allows for feedback to be provided about the three proposed school calendars. This survey link will be open from Friday, September 13, 2019, to Friday, October 4, 2019. We thank you for your participation and your feedback.

Link to our SD43 Annual School Calendars:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/AMYCalendar/Pages/default.aspx>

Link to the online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QHLYLLY>

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