



Port Moody Times

Monday
November 25, 2019
Day 1

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

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

TRANSIT & TRAFFIC: Transit users can expect all buses and the SeaBus to be cancelled on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** this week (**November 27th – 29th**). All commuters to and from school should expect increased volume on the roads and plan accordingly to arrive on time. The latest information can be found at <https://www.translink.ca/> and on many of the local news stations and publications.

GRADE 12s – IMPORTANT ASSEMBLY: Grade 12s are REQUIRED to attend an important assembly during FLEX in the small gym on **Tuesday, November 26th OR Wednesday, November 27th**. Counsellors will introduce and review the process for Grade 12s to access the Student Transcript Service and order final transcripts for post secondary applications. This is an important step, and must be done in order to complete your application process. Grade 12s will only need to attend one of the assemblies.

GRADE 12s - STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE SUPPORT: Counsellors will be available to help you complete the student transcript request process on **Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th** during FLEX in the Library.

TRYOUTS FOR ALL GIRLS BASKETBALL (senior girls come to whatever you can): Please email ssands@sd43.bc.ca with questions.

- **Monday, November 25th** 3-4:30
- **Tuesday, November 26th** 3-4:30
- **Wednesday, November 27th** MORNING 7 am

SFU BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INFO SESSION – Bring your lunch to the drama room **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27** to learn more about SFU's *Beedie School of Business*, with a brief presentation on Beedie, admission requirements & procedures, followed by an opportunity for students to ask questions.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA PMSS INFO SESSION – Join advisors from Alberta's 'flagship university' as the university visits PMSS on **Monday, November 25** at lunchtime in the Drama Room for an informative meeting – learn about the [University of Alberta's](#) 200 undergrad programs and find out why the U of A ranks in the top 5 medical/doctoral & research universities in Canada.

RYERSON UNIVERSITY VISITS PMSS NOVEMBER 26– Students are invited to the Drama Room on Tuesday at lunchtime for an informative presentation on Toronto's **RYERSON UNIVERSITY**, home of 60+ undergrad, experiential programs in the heart of Toronto.

ONGOING NEWS

ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS: Your next assembly for Digital Learning 10 will take place on **Wednesday, December 4th** at 8:00am in the Small Gym. You will be receiving your next assignment for DL at this assembly. You will also be receiving important information regarding the Grade 9 Inquiry Project.

ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS: Do you require assistance with your latest Digital Learning 10 assignment? Do you have questions about what you're supposed to do? Do you know how you will present your information? Are you having trouble uploading to your Edublog? If you answered YES to any of these questions, please see Ms. Nagra and Mr. Valente for Flex in room 321 on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Friendly Forest Preschool is looking for volunteers for their annual Santa Breakfast. Volunteer duties will include set-up/take-down all of the Christmas decor, helping children with the craft table/clean up of the craft table, clearing plates, and general cleanup. Breakfast for all volunteers included. If you are interested in helping, contact Yula (who is organizing the event) at - social@friendlyforestpreschool.com . You will be signing up with her directly. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Campbell (counsellor, in the Main Office).

Details:

Date: **Saturday, December 7th**

Time: 8am - 1pm

Location: Anmore Elementary School

DECEMBER PAC MEETING: The December PAC meeting time and place has been changed. Mark your calendars - the next PAC meeting is **9:30 am, Tuesday, December 3rd in the Conference Room**.

IN-SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Want to gain volunteer hours and contribute to a good cause? The Sewciety (pronounced 'Society') project is running a recycled coat project. We will be seam ripping logos off ski jackets to donate them as winter is approaching. If interested, we meet **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** in Mr. Roque's room (305) during flex or email us at thesewcietyproject@gmail.com.

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 and student schedule.

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.

CLUBS

PAWS FOR A CAUSE CLUB – BROWNIE SALE: Take a pause for a cause! We will be selling brownies until **Friday, November 29th**. All profits will be going to RAPS, a no kill animal shelter. For every dollar, you will receive a brownie! Every dollar helps!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS – Students interested in a STEM post-secondary program (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) are invited to apply for the PMSS nomination for a **Schulich Leader Scholarship**, awarded at each of 20 Canadian universities to a student enrolling in a STEM program: 50 available at up to \$100,00 each. Nomination application deadline: **NOV. 29/19**. Details and the nomination form on the App: Financial Aid/Scholarship Channel NEWS, or visit the Career Centre on the PMSS website: Financial Aid/Scholarships.

SFU PROGRAM FAIR, 2019 – Planning your post-secondary journey? Students and parents are invited to join faculty and current students at SFU's Program Fair on **Wednesday, November 27 – 5:30 – 8 pm** at SFU's Surrey campus ([250-13450 102nd Avenue, Surrey](tel:250-13450102)). Explore program options, tour the campus and attend presentations. Register to attend at www.sfu.ca/students/program-fair

UBC CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARDS – UBC's entrance award program is designed to financially support academically qualified students entering UBC from high school who would not otherwise be able to attend without significant financial assistance. This program offers entering students one-time & renewable awards of up to \$80,000, to cover the full cost of a degree and living expenses. Students and families or guardians must complete an application to demonstrate financial need. Application forms and criteria are online at you.ubc.ca/centennialscholars. Applications & documents must be received by **December 1/2020**.

COQUITLAM FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM – If you're currently in Grade 11 or 12, and interested in a challenging experience, sign up for the **Coquitlam Junior Firefighting Program** during Spring Break 2020 in an 8-day camp at the Coquitlam Town Centre Firehall – **March 13 – 20, 2020**. Details and Application form on the App or the **Career Centre Online: Opportunities & Career Explorations**.

HUMANITARIAN AID RELIEF TRUST – the HART COMPETITION - Are you interested in global issues? Thinking about a career in the humanitarian sector? Consider competing for the prestigious annual **HART PRIZE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**. HART is a charity working in eight countries to bring change through aid and advocacy to victims of oppression and persecution. You may apply and submit in either the essay category or the creative (poetry, artwork, or sculpture) or **both**; one submission per category. Details on the App: **SCHOLARSHIPS & CONTESTS Channel**. Deadline: **MARCH 2/2020**.



SD43 FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY 2020

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

SEE YOUR COUNSELOR

The poster features a black background with two horizontal bands of vibrant orange and yellow flames. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and orange colors for emphasis.

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, December 3rd at 9:30 am in the Conference Room
New parents welcome.

PMSS GRAD 2020

ME-n-ED'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER: Port Moody After Grad Committee is asking for your support with our Me-n-Ed's Pizza Fundraiser. Order on the 3rd Thursday of each month (dine in, delivery or take out until May 21st. Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam locations of Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlors are participating.

We earn 20% from each order but you MUST mention that it is an order to support Port Moody Secondary After Grad for us to earn the 20%. Anyone can order and support this - tell your neighbours and relatives. Thank you for your support! Mark your calendars on the following dates: *December 19th, January 16th, February 20th, March 19th, April 16th and May 21st.*



COMMUNITY CORNER

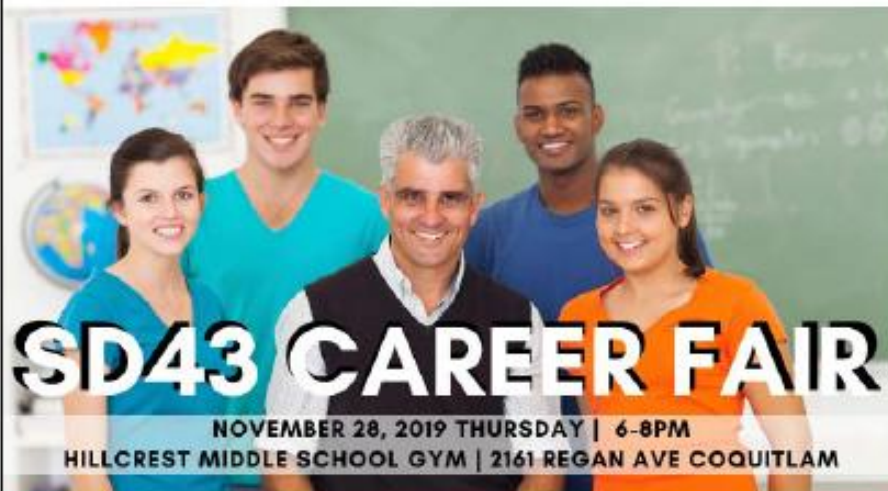
Career Opportunities at SD43

School District 43 (Coquitlam) is hosting a Career Fair and you're invited to explore the exceptional career opportunities at one of BC's leading school districts.



Talk with HR staff, meet other employees, ask questions and explore the following career opportunities:

- Educational Assistants
- School and district-level clerical positions
- Teachers and TTOCs
- Tradespeople, Caretakers, and other positions.



To learn more, visit www.sd43.bc.ca