



# Port Moody Times

Wednesday  
November 27, 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](http://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](http://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>

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

**SENIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM:** The hip hop dance team is assembling! If you love dancing, come to tryouts on **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30 to 5:30pm in the Drama Room. Bring \$5, your water bottle and wear something comfortable to move and sweat in. Tryouts will be run by the team coach and choreographer Ervinn Tangco. Please contact Mr. Podwysocki for further questions.

**SOCCER INTRAMURALS:** A new soccer intramural schedule has been posted outside of the main gym. Please look to see when your team is playing. On **Thursday**, "Storm" will play "Phone Number" and "Big Bang Boom" will play against "No Game Scheduled". See you then!

**SHARING CIRCLE CLUB:** Do you have problems you want to talk about? Do you need advice? Or do you just like to talk in general? Well then come on down to Sharing Circle. We meet **today** at lunch in room 214. Every Wednesday we talk about anything and everything!

**SFU BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INFO SESSION TODAY!** – Bring your lunch to the drama room to learn more about SFU's *Beedie School of Business*.

## ONGOING NEWS

**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DASH - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** The Ugly Sweater Dash raises money for the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation. They need help ***Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>***, shifts are available from 7am – 2pm. See Mr. Sabot for details or go to the original Ugly Sweater Dash website to register.

**ATTENTION GRADE 9 STUDENTS:** Your next assembly for Digital Learning 10 will take place on ***Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>*** 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>***

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>***. 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](https://www.sfu.ca/250-13450-102nd-Avenue-Surrey)). Explore program options, tour the campus and attend presentations. Register to attend at [www.sfu.ca/students/program-fair](http://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](http://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**.



## PARENTS

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

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

## PMSS GRAD 2020

### AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**FIRST AFTERGRAD MEETING: Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library**  
All are welcome to come and assist with planning AfterGrad 2020.

### AFTERGRAD BOTTLE AND CAN DONATIONS:

You can drop off your bottles and cans at any Return-it Depot by using the Express drop off. Just enter the school's phone number (604-939-6656) at the kiosk. Select AfterGrad 2020, then print your bag tags, stick one tag per clear bag of empties and leave in the Express bin. AfterGrad will greatly benefit from your donation and you will benefit by being rid of cans and bottles quickly and easily!

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (dine in, delivery or take out until May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.*



**COMMUNITY CORNER**

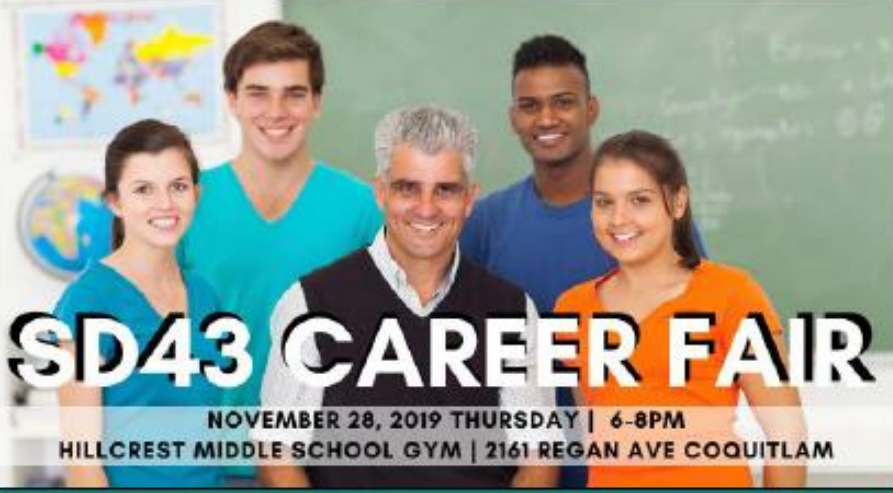
**Career Opportunities at SD43**

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.



**SD43 CAREER FAIR**  
NOVEMBER 28, 2019 THURSDAY | 6-8PM  
HILLCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM | 2161 REGAN AVE COQUITLAM

To learn more, visit [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

The complex block is a promotional flyer for a career fair. It features a green header with the title "Career Opportunities at SD43". Below the header, there is a paragraph of text, a logo for School District 43 Coquitlam, and a bulleted list of career opportunities. The bottom half of the flyer contains a photograph of five diverse people (three women and two men) smiling in a classroom setting. Overlaid on the bottom of the photo is the text "SD43 CAREER FAIR" in large white letters, followed by the date, time, and location of the event. At the very bottom, a green bar contains the text "To learn more, visit www.sd43.bc.ca".