



Port Moody Times

Thursday
November 28, 2019
Day 2

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>

SHARE FOOD DRIVE AT PMSS: Hello Port Moody Families! We encourage students to bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to their block 2 class beginning **Monday, December 2nd**. The food and monies go directly to those families in need of extra support over the holidays. SHARE appreciates your kindness! Please see the SHARE bulletin in the Community Corner of the Times.

SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION: **Today**, at lunch, in the Drama room! Come out and support Grade 11 and 12 students as they present their Spoken Word pieces in the school finals.

GRAD WEAR: Grad wear is here! Please pick up **today** at lunch in the MPR.

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

SKATING FIELD TRIP: All students going on the skating field trip with Ms. Woldring and Ms. Pamela, meet in the MPR at the beginning of Block 5 on **Friday!** Make sure to bring mittens or gloves and comfortable socks. The bus is leaving at exactly 2pm, with or without you, so don't be late!

NUMERACY ASSESSMENT – GRADE 11 AND 12's:

Grade 11 and 12's - You must write the Numeracy Assessment to graduate. Many of you wrote it in Grade 10. If you're not sure, check by logging into your [BCeID](#) (If you need to register for a BCeID, go [here](#)). The next opportunity to write is in January 2020.

Grade 12's - This is particularly important. You will not graduate until you complete the exam **and there is no opportunity to write it in June 2020**.

If you have not written the assessment, or would like to rewrite, please come and register in the office by **Wednesday, December 4th**.

If you have any questions **after checking your BCeID**, please see Mr. Taylor.

SENIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM: The hip hop dance team is assembling! If you love dancing, come to tryouts on **Monday, December 16th** 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.

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

SOCCER INTRAMURALS: A new soccer intramural schedule has been posted outside of the main gym. Please look to see when your team is playing. Teams playing **today** are:

- Storm vs Phone Number
- Big Bang Boom vs No Game Scheduled

MSF – HOT CHOCOLATE/COOKIE SALE: Attention to all students and staff of PMSS. Get into the Christmas spirit and treat yourself with a toasty cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows and cookies! Doctors Without Borders will have a booth set up in the front foyer accepting pre-orders until **Friday, December 6th** so make sure to come check us out! Cookies are only \$1 and all proceeds go to a good cause!

SEND TRANSCRIPTS TO UNIVERSITIES – All students, *including IB Diploma program students*, must make sure their transcript is forwarded to the universities and colleges they have applied to. Students who would like support in completing this online Student Transcript Services form should visit the Library during Flex on Friday; counsellors and Ms Truax will be available to trouble shoot and assist.

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.

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

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

AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FIRST AFTERGRAD MEETING: Wednesday, December 4th 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 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



Thank you for supporting your community!

SHARE Food Bank is in need of:

Canned Fruit

Cooking Oil

Juice (no sugar added)

Granola Bars/ Whole Grain Crackers

Lentils and Beans- canned or dried

Rice

Canned Fish

Tomato Paste and Sauce

Gluten Free Products

Flour

Honey/ Tahini/ Peanut Butter

*If you wish to donate vegetables, fruits or dairy foods please call (604)931-2451

*Please be advised that we cannot distribute open, damaged or expired food.

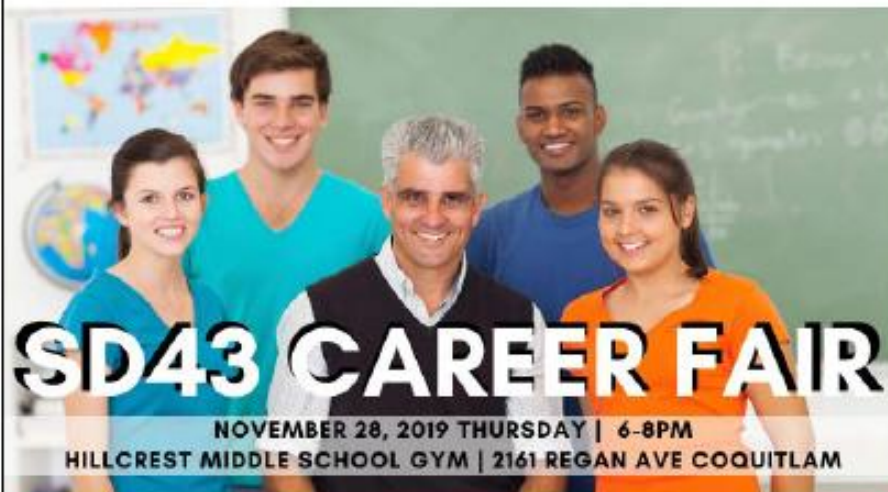
Career Opportunities at SD43

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