



Port Moody Times

Wednesday
December 11, 2019
Day 1

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

FOUND – PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO CLAIM:

- Two gift cards were found in the MPR on **Thursday, December 5th**.
- A TD Visa debit card was found on **Friday, December 6th** at the intersection of St. Johns and Albert Street.
- A Pocket Juice and an iPhone were turned in to the office last week.

GRADE 12 STUDENTS: Please bring in your Transcript Verification package to the main office, as it is now overdue.

NUMERACY AND LITERACY ASSESSMENTS: All grade 10 students will be writing the Numeracy and Literacy Assessments in **January, from the 20th to the 24th**. Lists are posted in the MPR that show students' specific times and rooms. Grade 10 students should find their names listed twice; once for each exam.

Grade 11 and 12 students that still need to write the Numeracy Assessment are also listed in the MPR. **Grade 11 and 12 students do not need to write the Literacy Assessment.**

Students looking for information to help prepare for the Literacy and Numeracy Assessments in January can view sample questions and videos by clicking the links: [Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment](#) [Grade 10 Literacy Assessment](#)

Or visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> and select the ASSESSMENT tab on the banner of the *BC's New Curriculum* homepage.

Please get in touch with Mr. Taylor in the office if you have any questions.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: The Counsellors and IB Co-ordinator will be unavailable to respond to email or fulfill requests for documents or paperwork over the break. If you require assistance for any of these please see us prior to **Wednesday, December 18th**. We will be unavailable by phone or email until from December 21st until January 6th.

COOKIE DECORATING - INTERNATIONAL AND ELL STUDENTS: Join us for our holiday event **today!** We will be decorating cookies and watching a holiday movie from 3:15-4:30 in Room 206.

CANADIAN COMPUTING COMPETITION: The Canadian Computing Competition (CCC) is a fun challenge for secondary school students with an interest in programming. It is an opportunity for students to test their ability in designing, understanding and implementing algorithms. This 3 hour exam will be held on **Wednesday, February 12, 2020**.

Junior Level — any student with elementary programming skills

Senior Level — any student with intermediate to advanced programming skills

Any student may choose to write any level (Junior or Senior) of the contest. You will need parent permission to participate. Any students interested in participating in the Canadian Computing Competition must see Mrs. Nagra by **Wednesday, December 18th** to register.

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 INFORMATION TABLE IN THE MPR- OFFICE OF FRENCH AND FRANCOPHILE AFFAIRS – today at lunchtime!

Celebrate Canada's two official languages: find out more about innovative programs and courses taught in French. Drop by if you're interested in the French language and the Francophone (or Francophile!) community and cultures.

PMSS SCHOLARSHIP INFO SESSION #3– Don't miss the third meeting in the **Multipurpose Room TODAY AT 3:10 PM:**

THE COMPLETE PACKAGE. Students can pick up their copy of the Scholarships & Bursaries List, the Teacher Recommendation Form, and the District/Authority Scholarship Nomination Form. If you can't make the meeting, drop in to see Ms Truax in the Career Centre **Thursday** and get your copies of the Scholarship List and the forms needed to complete your package.

BC POST-SECONDARY DEADLINES – Check the last pages of the Times for a comprehensive list of admissions deadlines for BC post-secondary institutions and specific programs, provided by the Post-Secondary Institutions of BC group.

ONGOING NEWS

WINTER MARKET: Support your local entrepreneurs. The Marketing 9 class presents the "WINTER MARKET." Come on down to the MPR **December 10th-13th** at lunch. You can visit <https://pmssmarket.wixsite.com/w2019> to check out all the amazing products available.

PMSS TALENT SHOW: PMSS will be holding its 3rd annual talent show on **Friday, December 20th**. Please send your video auditions to pmssleadership2020@gmail.com by **Friday, December 13th**.

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. Podwyssocki for further questions.

GRAD CLASS 2020: Attention all Grads! Did you miss out on ordering a grad hoodie? We've re-opened the store until **Friday, December 20th**. See the Port Moody store at www.getbold.com/stores/pmss to order and pay. Want to try on for sizing? See Ms. Starr to do so.

LIBRARY - NEW BOOKS: The Library has lots of NEW BOOKS to checkout, take home and enjoy. We have David Yoon's new novel, "Frankly in Love". We have Stephen Chobosky's "Imaginary Friend", Michael Christie's "Greenwood" and Joelle Charbonneau's new dystopia "Verify". For the non fiction fans we have Ziya Tong's "The Reality Bubble" and Jean Teillet's History of the Metis Nation "The North-West is our Mother".

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**.

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

KIDSPORT CLUB – EQUIPMENT DRIVE: KidSport is holding a sports equipment drive which helps provide equipment and grants to kids so they can play a season of sport. If you have any used fair to good quality equipment at home just rusting away, please donate it in the yellow box in front of the school! Only until **Friday, December 20th**.

MEDINITIATIVE CLUB – BLOOD DRIVE: Attention Grad Class of 2020! Leave a legacy at PMSS and help save a life by donating blood on **Thursday, January 23rd** at All Saints Parish in Coquitlam, transportation provided. See the sign-up sheet in the front foyer for details.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

COQUITLAM FIREFIGHTING PROGRAM– Grade 11 & 12 students are reminded of the deadline to apply for the **Coquitlam Junior Firefighting Program, March 13 – 20, 2020**. Applications online: Career Centre/Opportunities & Careers. Applications due to your counsellor by **Friday, December 13/19**.

BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIPS – Offered to 105 Lower Mainland students who will begin studies in September 2020 at one of 8 BC institutions. **\$40,000** is offered to students entering a 4-year bachelor's degree program, **\$15,000** for students entering a 2-year diploma or trades program. **Criteria:** minimum cumulative average of 75% (or equivalent) for grade 11 and available grade 12 marks; **must demonstrate financial adversity** and be ineligible for a BC Tuition Waiver. Complete details and the application form at <https://beedieluminaries.ca/program/>. **Deadline to submit application: JANUARY 20/2020**

COQUITLAM CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET is looking for volunteers for this one-time event on **Saturday, December 14th**, at the Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex, with shifts available from 7 am – 5:30 pm. Christmas Market Sign-Up: <https://forms.gle/aepNiddmWd42zsEM6>

PORT MOODY FARMER'S MARKET VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY – The Farmer's Market, running from 10 am – 2 pm every Sunday at the Port Moody Recreation Complex, is still recruiting volunteers. Find a volunteer role that suits you! More info in NEWS, Volunteering Channel.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES? – Check out the new website for CVC, the **Community Volunteering Connections** organization for volunteers in the Tri-Cities, New Westminster and Surrey, with 2 types of volunteering opportunities: **long term**, and **short-term** with a variety of local organizations. Complete details on the APP, **Volunteering and Employment Channel**

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, January 7th at 7:00 pm in the Library
New parents welcome.

PMSS GRAD 2020

AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT AFTERGRAD MEETING: Wednesday, January 8th 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.*



PSIBC 2019-2020 ADMISSIONS DEADLINES



POST-SECONDARY BC

FOR STUDENTS

FOR PARENTS

FOR COUNSELLORS



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FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER FROM POST-SECONDARY BC

APPLICATION DEADLINES LOOMING FOR LARGER UNIVERSITIES

While the majority of BC universities and colleges have flexible admission processes to first year university in most programs, the three largest BC public universities along with one specialty institution have very early 2020 deadlines that students cannot miss if they want to be considered. Here are these deadline dates to apply for 1st year admission in September 2020:

UBC: Application deadline for all programs is **January 15th, 2020**

SFU: Application deadline for all programs is **January 31, 2020**

UVIC: Application deadline-all programs [except Nursing] is **February 28, 2020**

Emily Carr University: Admission deadline is **January 15** to all programs.

NURSING PROGRAMS - APPLICATION DEADLINES 2020

Perhaps the most competitive program admissions in BC are for Nursing [Bachelor of Science in Nursing - BSN] degree programs right across the province. Here are some upcoming deadlines:

UVIC/CAMOSUN: Students applying to UVIC Nursing must apply through one of our partner colleges. The deadline for students applying to the Camosun College/UVic BSN program for September 2020 is **December 15, 2019** at noon.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE: BSN (Years 1 and 2) – **January 15, 2020**

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY: BSN – **January 31, 2020**

UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY: BSN – **January 31, 2020**

DOUGLAS COLLEGE: Applications **open** for **Academic Foundation for Potential Nursing Applicants** – the first year for our Nursing program – on **February 1st for the Winter 2021** intake for students that missed Fall 2020 deadline. **This will only be open for 3 days.**

COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES: Deadline to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is **February 15th** and all the academic requirements, including a CASPer Assessment, must be submitted by **February 28th.**

COAST MOUNTAIN COLLEGE: Applications must be received by **March 31** and all supporting documents by **April 15.**

ENGINEERING TRANSFER PROGRAMS

In addition to the many Engineering degree options at UBC, UVIC and SFU there are excellent 'transfer' options that allow students to start in a smaller program. However, these programs are also limited in their capacity and admission is selective. Upcoming deadlines include:

University of the Fraser Valley [UFV]: Engineering Transfer & all other selective admission programs is **January 31, 2020**

Thompson Rivers University [TRU]: Engineering Transfer (Year 1 & 2) and Software Engineering is **March 1st, 2020**

OTHER HIGH DEMAND PROGRAMS WITH EARLY DEADLINES

Across the province there are a number of other high-demand programs in specialty areas that have early application deadlines. These include the following:

Respiratory Therapy at Thompson Rivers University: February 1, 2020

Veterinary Technology at Douglas College: January 15

Animal Health Technology at Thompson Rivers University: February 15

Diagnostic Medical Sonography at the College of New Caledonia [Prince George]: Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2020 and all accompanying documentation must be submitted no later than April 30, 2020 for consideration for the September 2020 intake.

All Application Deadline Information in this publication was provided by Member Institutions.

PSBC, formed in 1974, is an informal collaborative of recruitment offices from all 26 BC public post-secondary institutions along with a small number of private, non-profits. PSBC exists solely to provide students, parents and high school Counsellors across BC with information about options in the provincial public post-secondary education system.

www.postsecondarybc.ca