



Port Moody Times

Monday
December 16, 2019
Day 2

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: A gold key (possibly a house key??) was found either this morning or Friday afternoon on the 2nd floor.

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

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.

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.

SPIRIT WEEK: The last week of school before Winter Break is here so that means SPIRIT WEEK! Dress up with your friends and don't forget to tag @pmsstuco.

- **Monday** Winter Sports Day - Dress up in winter sports gear
- **Tuesday** Accessory Day
- **Wednesday** Candy Cane Day – Dress up in candy cane colours
- **Thursday** Pajama Day
- **Friday** Ugly Sweater Day

SENIOR COMPETITIVE DANCE TEAM: This new athletics team has been added into the **MySchoolDay App Channels**. Please subscribe to the channel to receive updates about tryouts. Anyone planning on attending the tryouts **today** from 3:30 to 5:30pm in the Drama Room please bring \$5, your water bottle and wear something comfortable to move and sweat in. Please contact Mr. Podwysocki for further questions.

ME-TO-WE CLUB – TAIYAKI SALE: If you ordered a delicious taiyaki from Me-To-We club, don't forget to pick them up in the Blues Zone after school **today**.

SOCCER INTRAMURALS: The finals for soccer intramurals are this **Tuesday** at lunch. The teams playing are Cott vs Storm. Come out and cheer them on!

ART DEPARTMENT: The art department is seeking files and rasps to use for soapstone carving. Smaller needle file tools are particularly needed.

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.

DOOR DECORATING CONTEST: Hey Port Moody! Student Council is hosting a door decorating contest for classes in Block 4. Work with your class for a chance to win a box of doughnuts for your class! The end of the contest is **Thursday, December 19th**. Good luck and happy decorating!

ELECTRONICS HOLIDAY SHUTDOWN: Winter break is coming soon and before everyone leaves for the holidays, we are asking all staff and students to do their part by giving the gift of energy savings this year. Did you know that when electronics remain plugged in, they draw roughly 5% of the energy used while in operation? With all the equipment we have in our schools, that can really add up.

This Friday, before everyone takes off for the holidays, we'll be asking you to **turn off and unplug electronics** in your classroom. To help you out with what can be turned off and unplugged, we will be handing out a shutdown checklist!

Thanks everyone!

PARENTS AS EDUCATION & CAREER COACHES JANUARY WORKSHOP – Port Moody's career coaching workshop for parents of PMSS students on **Wednesday, January 15** is now full and closed for registration: thank you for your interest.

SFU PROGRAM INFORMATION FAIR AT PMSS – Designed for **Grade 10, 11 & 12 students** on **Tuesday, Jan 14, Block 5**. Explore SFU's faculties, double degree and individual programs – for the 12's, explore programs before the SFU **January 31** application deadline; for Grade 10's and 11's - learn what courses you should take in high school to prepare you for admission.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Apply for the National Scholarship Program if you have a Grade 12, 90% average/35 IB points, and have **ALREADY** applied for admission to Western through the OUAC. Scholarships offered in the program range from \$2,500 to \$72,000. You must be nominated to apply. **To be considered for nomination**, check the App: Scholarships/Bursaries Channel NEWS. **Deadline to apply for nomination: JANUARY 17/20**

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

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

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**

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.

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, 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



Institution Directory

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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