



Port Moody Times

Monday
February 3, 2020
Day 1

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

ARTONA: Artona will be in the MPR *tomorrow* from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm to take Grad photos (cap & gown) of those who missed being photographed in Semester 1 and photos of any new students.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: If you are an international student, please check the Times for your name. If your name is on the list, please see Ms. Woldring ASAP in Portable 2 to pick up your blue form.

GRADE 9-11 PARENTS: On *Tuesday, February 4th*, counsellors are hosting a parent evening between 7-8pm. We will be sharing Course Programming information for next year's course selection process.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: Programming assemblies will occur this week during FLEX. Each grade will meet on a different day to receive information from counsellors and the IB coordinator regarding next year's course selection process. This is a **REQUIRED** assembly for all students to attend. At the END of the assembly the course selection forms will be handed out.

Here is the schedule/room for each grade level:

| Date | Time | Grade/Class | Location |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Wednesday, February 5 th | FLEX BLOCK | Grade 11 | Small Gym |
| Wednesday, February 5 th | FLEX BLOCK | IB Grade 11 | Drama Room |
| Thursday, February 6 th | FLEX BLOCK | Grade 10 | Small Gym |
| Thursday, February 6 th | FLEX BLOCK | IB Grade 10 | Drama Room |
| Friday, February 7 th | FLEX BLOCK | Grade 9 | Small Gym |
| Friday, February 7 th | FLEX BLOCK | IB Grade 9 | Drama Room |

ATTENTION GR. 9 HOMEROOM 2 STUDENTS: Reminder that you will be meeting Ms. Nagra and Ms. Woldring on *Thursday February 6th* in Portable 2 at Flex to continue work on the Grade 9 Inquiry Project. See you there!

SOAR LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR: Grade 10 students who are interested in being SOAR Leaders next year are invited to fill out an application form and return it to Mrs. Tsui in room 323 before *Friday, February 7th* at 3:00pm. Application forms can be picked up from the door to the biology office between rooms 323 and 324.

ATTENTION GR. 9 HOMEROOM 9 STUDENTS: Grade 9 Homeroom 9 (Ms. Mehai and Mr. Straumford) - We have moved our next meeting from February 7th to *Tuesday, February 11th* during FLEX in room 321. Bring your finalized inquiry question to share with us. Please see Ms. Mehai or Mr. Straumford if you have any questions.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA: The theme this year is "Going Forward, guided by the past. The Library Learning Commons has many books by prominent black authors and books which commemorate and create awareness around this topic. Come by the Library Learning Commons this month and check out books from our display.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE PMSS INFO SESSION, Wednesday, February 12 – Douglas College visits PMSS for an info session at lunchtime in the **Drama Room**. Grade 11 & 12 students are invited to explore their options with Douglas's small class sizes and university transfer pathways.

OPERATION – THIS IS YOU! Search and Rescue, & Environmental Response with the Canadian Coast Guard: FOR GIRLS ONLY! A free, hands-on experience on FEBRUARY 22 to encourage girls to consider careers in STEM-based fields such as Marine, Aviation, Aerospace, and Defence. Registration details on the App: NEWS/Opportunities/Careers channel

GREEN COLLAR FUTURES CAREER CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, FEB 8/20– Hilton Metrotown, Burnaby, from **9 am – 2:30 pm**. A FREE Green Career conference for youth in grades 10-12 to learn about exciting career opportunities in the 'green economy'. Includes lunch, prizes & a \$500 Scholarship! More details on the Mobile App, OPPORTUNITIES CHANNEL NEWS. Register **ASAP** -this conference sold out very early last year! **Registration closes February 4/20.**

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FREE TRIP – BOARDING CALL FOR GRADE ELEVEN STUDENTS! If you're a Grade 11 student thinking about post-secondary, consider applying for this UNIQUE award. Offered only to 20 lucky Grade 11 students outside Alberta, this award covers the cost of food & accommodations, provides you with \$500 to cover the cost of travel, allowing you to experience a weekend of exciting events exploring the university and the city of Edmonton, **May 29-31/2020**. Apply by *February 17/20* at *UAB.CA/BOARDING*.

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS - \$5,000 – 55 awarded to Canadian residents or landed immigrants; students must demonstrate evidence of community service, leadership in school and community, and commitment and aptitude for your chosen career path. To be considered, you must be nominated by the school (one allowed). **UPDATED DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR NOMINATION: FEB. 7/20**. More details, and the Nomination Application Form on the App, *Scholarships Channel*, and the school website: Career Centre. A limited number of application forms are also available in the Career Centre

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, Ms. Mehaj, 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.

SPORTS

BADMINTON TEAM TRYOUTS: Come down to the gym for badminton tryouts! Seniors will be after school on **Thursday, February 6th** and juniors will be after school on **Friday, February 7th**. See you there!

CLUBS

GREEN TEAM CLUB – ELECTRONICS AND BATTERY RECYCLING DRIVE: Hey PMSS! The Green Team is running our annual Electronics and Recycling Drive until **Friday, March 6th**. This is the perfect opportunity to recycle your unwanted electronics and batteries. Bring them to a green box around the school or in the Library for collection.

MSF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS CLUB – ROSE GRAM: Valentine's Day is coming up faster than you think! Surprise your significant other or your friends on this special day. A single rose is \$3 or 2 for \$5. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Remember all proceeds go to an international humanitarian non-governmental organization, "Doctors Without Borders".

MATH COMPETITION CLUB: Interested in one of the biggest math contests taken each year! The Math Competition club will be starting the Pascal (Grade 9), Cayley (Grade 10) and Fermat (Grade 11) registration on **Tuesday, January 14th** **and every Tuesday until February 4th** in room 220 after school. Bring \$5 and we'll see you there!

STUDENT COUNCIL – FREE HOT CHOCOLATE EVENT: Hey Port Moody! Student Council is hosting a free hot chocolate event during Flex on **Friday, February 7th** in the cafeteria. You need to bring your own mug. See you there!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

UBC ENGINEERING EVENTS FOR GIRLS - UBC Engineering exploration programs encourages young women to explore engineering as a career option. Choose from a list of events beginning February 1 and extending to April 17. More details and how to apply on the App's Career Centre/Opportunities Channel, or on the Career Centre/Opportunities section of the school website.

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARY– If you are a Tri-Cities grad planning on post-secondary, with demonstrated financial need, good grades and a history of school and community involvement, visit <https://coquitlamfoundation.com/2020-scholarship-and-bursary-application-form/> for details on 9 different scholarships/bursaries. Deadline to submit **by email: before 4 pm, February 14/20**

SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS– SFU is recruiting **350+** student volunteers to help run their children’s summer camps from June 29 – September 4. Positions are available for students who will be 14 years old by June 29/20 (required commitment: 2 full weeks of volunteering). More details on the App: Volunteering Channel. **DEADLINE: APRIL 26/20.**

VANCOUVER AQUARIUM YOUTH VOLUNTEER TEAM – Recruitment is now open for youth volunteers ages 14-18 for 2020 Spring Break opportunities. Your role will have a high level of public interaction and allow you to gain knowledge in marine biology and conservation. Group interviews are being held **February 15**. Spaces fill quickly; check the App/Volunteering NEWS channel for more details & application instructions.

BC-CHINA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHINESE – Fifty, **\$500** awards for BC Grade 12 students studying Chinese. Applicants must be Canadian citizens/permanent residents, have **completed Mandarin Chinese 11 with a minimum course grade of 86 %**, & be enrolled in Mandarin Chinese 12. You must be nominated to apply; see Mr. Ip before **Wednesday, February 5** if you wish to be nominated. More criteria at: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/scholarships-awards

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, February 4th at 9:30 am in the Conference Room
New parents welcome.

PMSS GRAD 2020

AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT AFTERGRAD MEETING: Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm in the Library
All are welcome to come and assist with planning AfterGrad 2020.

NEW EVENT:

PUB & TACO NIGHT FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd:

Port Moody AfterGrad Committee is asking for your support with our Pub & Taco Night Fundraiser. Any questions? Please contact Lisa Sumner at tyness@telus.net or Joleen Mills at v.joleen.m@gmail.com.

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AFTERGRAD FUNDRAISER

Tickets \$25
Door prize and
50/50 draw

**PUB &
TACO
NIGHT
AT THE
NEW
LEGION**

Saturday, Feb 22
6-11 pm
(taco bar 6:30-8:30)

Everyone welcome!

Buy tickets at
[www.eventbrite.ca/e/
89494423229](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/89494423229)

Organized by
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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: *February 20th, March 19th, April 16th and May 21st.*

COMMUNITY NEWS



Kindergarten and Cross Catchment Registration

Our Kindergarten Registration opens on February 3 to 5. Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2020 may enter school in September 2020. You may defer your child's enrollment until September 2021. Please register at your catchment school. Use our [School Locator](#) tool to determine your catchment school.

Our Cross Catchment Registration opens on February 6 to 12. Application forms can be accessed online on at www.sd43.bc.ca. Please note applications will be processed based on the the availability of space in schools and on a **RANDOM DRAW PROCESS**.

Invitation to Participate in the 2020-2021 Budget Process

The Board of Education appreciates and recognizes your many and valuable contributions to our school communities. With that in mind, we wish to invite you to participate and share your input at our first budget meeting on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020**, in advance of staff preparing the budget. Your input can help shape the budget proposal for the Board of Education to consider in April 2020.

If you or your group would like to provide feedback on the proposed budget, please refer to the [2020-2021 Guidelines for Stakeholder Input](#) and submit the information through [this online process](#) before 9 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer at 604-939-9201 or email jtoderas@sd43.bc.ca.

In addition, we welcome your attendance at any of the three stakeholder information and feedback events in April below:

Regular Public Meeting - Presentation of 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget | Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 7 p.m.

Special Public Meeting - Stakeholder Feedback | Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Regular Public Board Meeting - Final Budget Presentation and Board Approval | Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7 p.m.

All events will be held at Winslow Centre Gymnasium, 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam, BC. Learn more: Visit the SD43 Budget website at www.sd43.bc.ca/budget