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NEW NEWS

B.C. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT: RETURN TO IN-CLASS LEARNING ON JUNE 1st

The following was published in the ministry newsletter *Learn* on May 16th. We will update later this week with more specific school information:

The Provincial Health Officer has deemed it safe for B.C. K-12 schools to gradually expand in-class instruction, which will begin on June 1st. This decision is based on the most recent science and research available. Parents and guardians can choose to return their children to in-class instruction on a part-time basis as part of **B.C.'s Education Restart Plan**, with the goal of returning to full-time classes in September 2020.

Our top priority is student and staff safety; therefore, all Boards of Education and Independent School Authorities will be implementing strict health and safety measures that adhere to the standards set by the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC, as well as the **Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings**.

“School is the place where kids learn how to connect with others and grow together, and it's incredibly important for students who need extra support to get more time with their teachers and support workers”, said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education. “We've looked at what measures other jurisdictions are putting in place across the world and we're taking direction from our provincial health officials, so students, educators and staff know we're taking every precaution to protect their health and safety.”

For more information on health and safety standards for K-12 schools, including regularly updated frequently asked questions (which will soon be available in multiple languages), visit the **Ministry's Safe & Healthy School web page**.

INSTAGRAM:

Stay connected and look for some upcoming fun activities and contests by following us on Instagram!

Follow your student council at pmss stuco

Follow the official school site at portmoodyibsecondary

CLC 12: Congratulations to all of the Grade 12 students who completed their Capstone Interview on Friday. We were so impressed by the preparation, detail and wonderful stories that were shared. Students who did not complete their interview will be contacted next week by their CLC teacher to organise another interview time. ***Reminder:*** CLC is a mandatory class required to graduate.

SCHOLARSHIPS / BURSARIES: Have you been awarded scholarships or bursaries from universities, colleges or other sponsors? If so, we want to list your Awards in the 2020 Commencement Programme! Please send the details of your awards (name of post-secondary institution, or scholarship sponsor/Award name), or forward email messages of congratulations to Head Secretary, Ms. Pfingsten at epfingsten@sd43.bc.ca by ***Monday, May 25th***.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Registration for International Summer School is open. The application form can be found at: <http://www.internationaleled.com/programs/summer-program/>

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Woldring at kwoldring@sd43.bc.ca or in the International Student Channel on Teams.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2020-21: At this time we will be postponing our student council elections for the coming year. We feel it is important to be able to meaningfully engage the whole student community in the process of elections and we hope that this can be done early next school year.





Get to know...

Jennifer Whitcher



<p><i>Something I am reading right now is...</i></p> <p>The Lions of Al-Rassan, by Guy Gavriel Kay.</p> <p>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You By Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi.</p>	<p><i>My Favourite book is...</i></p> <p>The Fionavar Tapestry by Guy Gavriel Kay. I bought it for its size and beautiful cover for a long airplane ride, and was enthralled. I have since read all of his books and seen him speak about his writing multiple times.</p>	<p><i>I have been a teacher for...</i></p> <p>20 years. I have taught English, Chemistry, Physics, Math (all three current streams, and some that don't exist any more), Science, and Theory of Knowledge.</p>	<p><i>My most interesting job was...</i></p> <p>teaching Science camp at SFU. I had a grade 3 student say that she hoped I would be her Chemistry teacher one day, I received my first Pokemon card (ghastly), and was working with one of my best friends.</p>
<p><i>I am most proud of...</i></p> <p>my children, of course. And not giving up when faced with challenges, and living each day for what it is while trying not to dwell on the past, or worry about the future.</p>	<p><i>I spend my spare time...</i></p> <p>painting, baking, sewing, teaching my son how to drive, and napping.</p>	<p><i>When I was in High School...</i></p> <p>I was a cheerleader, played the flute in band, and stayed in PE through grade 12.</p>	<p><i>If I was not a teacher I would be:</i></p> <p>sad. I have known since I first learned teachers existed that I was going to be a teacher. It doesn't matter what I am doing or where I am, I find myself helping those who need explanation or assistance.</p>

		<p>Get to know...</p> <p>Cherie Nagra</p>	
<p><i>Something I am learning about or something I am reading right now is...</i></p> <p>For fun: Peppa Pig with my daughter. She's learning how to read, so these books are perfect.</p>	<p><i>My Favourite book is...</i></p> <p>The Sun and Her Flowers and Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur. Although these are collections of poems, these 2 books exemplify the cultural experience felt by those of us born to parents who immigrated to Canada from India.</p>	<p><i>I have been a teacher for...</i></p> <p>10 years. I knew I'd be a teacher since I was about 12 years old when I taught my youngest brother how to read.</p>	<p><i>My worst or my most interesting job was...</i></p> <p>Most interesting was working at the Molson Indy, back when race cars used to shut down downtown Vancouver.</p> <p>Most soul crushing job was telemarketer, I quit after half a day!</p>
<p><i>I am most proud of...</i></p> <p>my daughter and completing my Master's Degree in 2017.</p>	<p><i>I spend my spare time...</i></p> <p>I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I love going to the beach and riding my bike. I like trying to make new foods. I also like watching Netflix and meme videos.</p>	<p><i>When I was in High School...</i></p> <p>We partied like it was 1999, because it was!</p>	<p><i>If I was not a teacher I would be:</i></p> <p>an artist. I like to express my creative side with portraiture and still life drawings. Drawing allows me to express myself.</p>

ONGOING NEWS

EBSCO SCIENCE REFERENCE CENTRE: *Science Reference Center* is a valuable online research tool from EBSCO now available on a trial basis through the library learning commons.

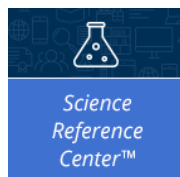


Designed specifically for high schools, *Science Reference Center* is an excellent source of reliable information on life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, technology and more.

Key content and features include:

- Full-text coverage for top **science periodicals** including *Discover*, *New Scientist* and *Popular Science*.
- High-quality science **images**, including stunning images of landscapes, plants, animals, rock formations, fungi
- Full-text, full-length **biographies**
- Full-text **science essays**
- Full-text **science reference books** as well as reference e-books from top educational publishers and university presses
- Full-text **science encyclopedias**

- Colorful **infographics** of 60 U.S. National Parks, each with historical facts and scientific data about the park's size, topography, animals, plants and more
- **Lesson plans** aligned to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and more than 1,000 **science experiments**
- **Google Drive and Google Classroom** integration for easy saving and sharing of content
- **Text-to-Speech for HTML articles** to help auditory learners, struggling readers and those developing English language proficiency
- **Citation tool** to help students format references
- **Advanced search** with Lexile® Reading Level and page length limiters to help address text complexity requirements
- **Curriculum Standards Module**, a tool that helps teachers in the U.S. and Canada correlate EBSCO content quickly and easily to Common Core, state or provincial curriculum standards



To access to **Science Reference Center**, simply click the button on the left.

When you are prompted for a user ID and password (remote access), please use the following --

User ID: **pmsllc** Password: **PMSS@SD43**

CURRENT GRADE 11 STUDENTS: The school district is still taking applications for its “**TRAIN in Trades**” programs for next school year. These amazing **tuition-free** programs offer students the opportunity to **gain their level 1 certification**, while still in high school, in 19 different trades. Information and application forms can found at 43Careers.com or by contacting Doug MacLean (cell: 604-341-8977 or dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca). Space is limited, please inquire soon if interested.

ACCESS TO NELSON AND PEARSON TEXTBOOKS: Both Pearson and Nelson Publishing have made a number of their texts available to students and families. To access Pearson resources please follow this link

<https://tinyurl.com/uhwhlre>. For Nelson resources please follow this link <https://tinyurl.com/w4hslcc>.

COVID-19 PROVINCIAL SUPPORT AND INFORMATION:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support?utm_campaign=20200319_GCPE_AM_COVID_4_NOTIFICATION_BCGOV_BCGOV_EN_BC_NOTIFICATION

British Columbians can use the new provincial phone service by calling 1-888-COVID19, available seven days a week from 7:30AM to 8:00PM, with information in over 110 languages. Specific public health questions re: COVID-19 should be directed to your local health authority for response.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: SAFE & HEALTHY SCHOOLS:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools>

SCHOOL DISTRICT 43:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/COVID-19.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/COVID-19.aspx#/=)

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/faq/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/faq/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

STUDENT SUPPORT: Any teens needing additional support at this time with mood or anxiety please visit:

<https://www.gv.ymca.ca/mental-wellness>

<https://bouncebackbc.ca>

PMSS: Please make sure to stay connected by downloading the My School Day App <https://myschoolday.app/> for the latest updates and by following us on twitter @pms43.

PMSS TIMES: The PMSS Times will be distributed on Mondays and Wednesdays.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

ITALIAN-CANADIAN \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS – The Confratellanza Italo-Canadese Society is offering several \$1000 scholarships to students of **Italian origin** (having at least one parent or grandparent of direct Italian descent) who live within the GVRD and will be entering a post-secondary program in 2020. Application forms are available online; visit the school's website/Career Centre/Financial Aid & Scholarships: <https://tinyurl.com/Career-Centre-Scholarships>. Applications must be post-marked **JUNE 15/20** to meet the deadline.

STILL HUNTING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS? – Visit the Career Centre on the PMSS website, and check the Scholarships page. You'll find an outstanding scholarship resource called *Scholar Tree* in the list of Scholarship Search engines. With the school year coming to an end, ScholarTree.ca has added as many scholarships to their platform as possible. May is the end of peak scholarship season so there are a lot of awards with upcoming deadlines. Scholar Tree is currently advertising 45 scholarships that equate to 358 awards and a total of **\$690,750**, but you must apply this month!

YOUTH TRANSFORMING SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE – \$500 - The YTS, a registered, student-led group annually supports a scholarship program recognizing student dedication and commitment to service in the community. Students must have a minimum academic average of 70%, be actively involved in voluntary pursuits of any kind, and must be attending a Canadian post-secondary institution in September 2020. Visit www.youthtransformingsociety.org and click on 'YTS Scholarship' for detailed instructions and the application form. Deadline to apply: **May 23/20 at 11:59 pm**

COQUITLAM VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES DURING COVID-19 - Coquitlam has been forced to suspend some volunteer programs, but there are still ways to make a difference during the COVID-19 pandemic. In some cases, procedures and requirements have temporarily changed to ensure physical distancing. For example, orientations may take place by phone or video chat. Check <https://www.coquitlam.ca/city-hall/career-and-volunteering/volunteer.aspx> for details and to contact program coordinators.

COQUITLAM TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION - ROY KRUTOW \$1250 SCHOLARSHIP – 2 scholarships are awarded annually to the son or daughter of an SD43 teacher, current or retired/deceased – criteria: academic achievement, school involvement; preference given to students planning a career in education. FILLABLE application form on Career Centre online <https://tinyurl.com/PMSS-Scholarships>; deadline to apply: **July 1/20**

GET A HEADSTART IN ART WITH EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY AT GLENEAGLE SECONDARY – Register for Emily Carr's degree credit "Drawing & 2D Language" first year Studio course (FNDD 106) offered at Gleneagle Secondary this fall, **Tuesdays, 6 – 9 pm, Sept. 15 – Dec 8/20**. Available to current Grade 11 or Grade 12 students or recent graduates. Students who achieve a B grade or higher will be approved to have their portfolio requirement waived for admission to ECU! Visit Sd43's Career & Trades Programs/Post-Secondary Courses at [http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/TransitionPrograms.aspx#/="](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/TransitionPrograms.aspx#/=) for admission requirements and the application form. **(Note that Diploma Verification forms will be provided directly to Emily Carr University by SD43)**. Only 20 spaces available. Instructions from SD43 Transitions Coordinator:

- Students will **print off and complete the application**
 - Ignore "student number" on page 5: students do not have an ECUAD number, leave it blank
 - Students and Parents need to complete fully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- When they are ready to submit **only pages 2, 5 and 6 of the application**:
 - Create a .pdf use a scanner or a free app (like "Lens" in Office 365 or "Scanner for Me")
 - **Send those 3 pages directly to Joni Taylor at Emily Carr U. (jtaylor@ecuad.ca) by May 22/20**
 - Applications will be ranked by date of receipt.

BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS – 25 President's Entrance Awards valued at **\$4,000** are offered **ONLY** to graduating high school students entering programs between *April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021*. More than 125 additional BCIT Entrance Awards are also available, at **\$6,000** each. Award package at www.bcit.ca/finaid

PARENTS

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

PMSS GRAD 2020

AFTER GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PORT MOODY LIQUOR STORE FUNDRAISER:

Attention all Parents - Port Moody After Grad 2020 Committee is asking for your support with our Liquor Store Fundraiser. Please mention Port Moody Secondary After Grad when making a purchase at PoMo Liquor store (by 7-11). We earn 4% of sales from every purchase; currently we have made just over \$410. Anyone can support this fundraising effort, please tell your neighbours and relatives. Purchases made prior to **May 31st** will support AG2020 funds, after that day will be the start up for AG2021.

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 date: **May 21st**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

'intheknow'

Information and Support

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health challenges.

IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES.
CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION - JOIN BY
COMPUTER OR PHONE.

TEENS & SCHOOLS

Secondary School is an important time in a teen's life, and for teens struggling with mental health and/or substance use challenges, it can be a tough time. This ItK brings together a principal and a parent to discuss what they have done as adults to support things going well for teens in secondary schools.

Registration Required:

<https://itkmayjune-langleytricity.eventbrite.ca>

Video: [TEENS & SCHOOLS](#)

Cost: Free of Charge

Date: June 1, 2020 2pm – 3pm

Discussion facilitated by FamilySmart Parent in Residence

Watch the video on your own time and come together with other families for a facilitated discussion.



familysmart.ca

Coquitlam Continuing Education

The school district will be opening registration soon for summertime Grade 10-12 high school credit courses. The following two options will be provided as Distributed Learning through Coquitlam Open Learning:

Coquitlam Open Learning Gr 10-12:

Grade 10-12 full credit courses

Free to eligible school-aged BC Residents aged 13 to 19 years old.

Registration available to students enrolled in SD43 schools only, starting this Friday May 8, 2020. Students are not eligible for courses they are currently taking in their current schools, (they can take those starting in July, including Fast Track)

Online courses with flexible start dates which should be completed within 10 months of registration. Students will participate in various online activities which may include Moodle online lessons, online discussions, and e-mail interactions with the teacher. Students can begin these courses within a few days after registering.

Registration information: www.ce43.com

Course information: <https://tinyurl.com/SD43COL>

Fast Track Gr 10-12: Complete a full credit course from July 2 to August 3:

Fast Track courses follow a blended learning model:

- two weekly synchronous class sessions (Tues/Thurs or Wed/Fri, mornings or afternoons (see specific courses for scheduling). These class sessions will most likely be conducted online.
- three days of online work. Teachers will be available these days for online tutorial support.

Note: This program is best suited for students wishing to complete the selected course within a 6-week timeline.

Program Dates: July 2 - August 7 (Note: there will be no tutorials July 27 and August 3)

Program Times: Tues/Thurs or Wed/Fri, mornings or afternoons

Registration information: www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

Course information: <https://tinyurl.com/SD43FastTrack>

Registration begins at 6:00 AM on Tuesday May 19, 2020.

Registration is closed to International Students (who can register for high school credit courses at <http://www.internationale.com/>)

Registration in May available to students enrolled in SD43 schools only. Non-SD43 students may register on or after June 1. For registration and course information visit

www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

Summer Learning Statement: COVID-19:

At this time registration for our summer learning programs (***Elementary Skill Building, Middle Skill Building, Secondary Skill Building and Secondary Remedial***) has been postponed until further notice. We continue to plan for summer learning under the direction of the ministries of Health and Education and will provide an update on our website as soon as more information becomes available. At this time we are unable to confirm that this year's summer learning program will run and should we be able to move ahead with summer learning the program likely be significantly smaller in scope and the delivery format will likely be significantly different.

Check our website for information and updates: www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

[Coquitlam Continuing Education](http://www.coquitlam.ca/continuing-education)

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