



Port Moody Times

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NEW NEWS

STAGE 3 – JUNE 1ST SCHOOL:

The Ministry of Education has a 5 stage approach for resuming in-class instruction. Each stage is guided by health and safety guidelines, measures, protocols and orders as well as the principles developed for continuity of learning during the pandemic. These include the following:

- Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and employees
- Provide the services needed to support the children of our essential workers (ESWs)
- Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance
- Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students

Starting June 1st schools will be moving from stage 4 to 3. While school is open for more students the routines, schedules and operation of the school will look different (details to follow later this week). Online teaching and learning continues as the primary platform in June. The purpose for student attendance at school is to receive support with the online learning.

Later this week we will share the specific schedule (ex. start time and end time). Our planning of the schedule and routines is largely dependent on the feedback collected from the parent survey. If you have not yet submitted a response please do so and we thank those of you who have, as the information is of great assistance. Please note that your intentions can change in June but for now we are trying to gain preliminary numbers of students in the building as we have density targets to consider.

Survey Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y79on9ae>

General Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade 9 / 10	Grade 11/12	Remote Learning	Grade 9 /10	Grade 11/ 12
Alpha: A - L	Alpha: A - L		Alpha: M - Z	Alpha: M - Z

Please note: Students need to know their home room number as we organize them by alpha groupings and will be using home room numbers interchangeably with alpha breakdowns. Students of ESW's and those needing additional support (beyond the scheduled day) continue to receive access and support as per stage 4.

Further information will be distributed throughout the week. Thank you very much for your ongoing support and patience.

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](#)

HEY PORT MOODY! Ever wondered which PMSS teacher you were most like? Click the link below to find out and don't forget to post your results on Instagram and tag [@pmss_stuco](#)!

<https://quiz.tryinteract.com/#/5ec17887deb6d800141217b9>

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. Pfungsten at epfungsten@sd43.bc.ca by the end of **today**.

PMSS FAVOURITES COOKBOOK: We are so excited to share the finished 'PMSS Favourites Cookbook', a compilation of delicious recipes submitted by the PMSS community! We have some tried-and-true favourites alongside traditional family recipes for a variety of delicious meals to share with family. Thank you so much to everyone who submitted a recipe, and we hope you enjoy trying them out! Click the following link to view: [PMSS Favourites Cookbook.pdf](#)

LIBRARY NEWS:

Watch the Summer Solstice at Stonehenge 06/20:

Stonehenge will stream the summer solstice live for the first time in its 5,000-year history. Meaning that everyone can experience this once-in-a-lifetime event from home. The streaming will cover both the sunset & sunrise. 6/20 Sunset is at 21:26 BST (4:15 pm EDT 6/20) and 6/21 sunrise is at 04:52 BST (11:30 pm EDT 06/20). [[English Heritage Facebook Live](#)]

Free Netflix Documentaries on YouTube:

Netflix has provided 20+ hours of documentary features and series on their YouTube channel for free. No subscription or sign up is required. [[Netflix Documentaries on YouTube](#)]

Art, Design & Photography video courses for free:

Enjoy 20+ free creative online courses via Domestika: includes courses in drawing, photography, and design. Doesn't require sign-up. [[Domestika](#)]

Meet the San Diego Zoo's Baby Animals:

While the zoo is closed, take a moment to view their newborn Baby Pygmy Hippo as well as a video line up of all the baby animals at the zoo. [[San Diego Zoo YouTube Channel](#)]

Visit the Red Planet Virtually

Google & NASA's Access Mars: While actual travel to the red planet may not yet be possible, NASA has partnered with Google to offer a tour of a 3D replica of the Martian surface as recorded by the Curiosity rover. [[Access Mars w/Google](#)]

WW Norton - Offering [free workshop recordings](#) from instructors, authors, and Norton team members to help support teaching goals

GALE/Cengage - [Access to select Gale resources](#) are temporarily open to help libraries and schools respond to the global pandemic

		Get to know...	
		Mr. Wong	
			
Something I am learning about or something I am reading right now is...	My Favourite book is...	I have been a teacher for...	My worst or my most interesting job was...
all the new rules and guidelines to function in our new lives.	'And Then There Were None' – Agatha Christie.	6-7 years.	Most interesting: I worked as a tax consultant for 7 years. Taught adults how to do their taxes and also completed tax returns for others.
I am most proud of...	I spend my spare time...	When I was in High School...	If I was not a teacher I would:
my cat instagram @blaiseandpascal Go check it out!	looking up NHL content so I don't come in last place in Fantasy Hockey pools.	they called me Spidey – because of the quick reflexes while goaltending.	definitely try to make it as a pro-gamer in Overwatch (Not good enough though!)



Get to know...

Mr. D. Birch



Something I am learning about or something I am reading right now is...

“The Glass Hotel” by Emily St. John Mandel and “Small Game Hunting at The Local Coward Gun Club” by Megan Gail Cotes and I’m learning a TON about MS Teams and how to deliver effective remote learning experiences.

My Favourite book is...

I re-read some books just because they are so awesome. I re-read “The Tree Fort War” a lot as a kid. I re-read “The Long Walk” by Richard Bachman (aka Stephen King) every year or so. My current favourite is whatever I’m currently reading, but I recently read “The Expanse” series and – wow!

I have been a teacher for...

ever 😊. No, seriously, I knew I was going to be a teacher in grade 10 and began working as a recreation leader that summer, so I’ve been teaching for about 35 years in some form or another. I taught ESL in Korea for 3 years before becoming a BC teacher in 2000. So, 20 years teaching BC public school.

My worst or my most interesting job was...

Worst – that’s easy. Lot boy at a Hyundai dealer. I still have nightmares about my boss there.

Most interesting – tree planter. Lots of interesting things to see and do in the bush with a bunch of young folks!

I am most proud of...

earning my Master’s Degree – it only took 10 years!

I spend my spare time...

reading, writing, working on cars, tinkering with mobiles, cooking, baking, etc.

I also do chores, but is that time really ‘spare’?

When I was in High School...

there wasn’t any internet, cell phones were a brick and we made mix tapes on cassette. You could smoke at school so a blue cloud of smoke rolled out of the staff room every time the door opened and my French teacher left the room at least three times a block. Student’s could smoke too and the “smoke pit” was where kids like me didn’t dare to go. We rotated blocks and days so in our five block day we had four classes, and a double block before and following lunch. For example: Monday = A, B, C, Lunch, C, D. Tuesday = B, C, D, Lunch D, A. Wednesday = C, D, A, Lunch, A, B. Thursday = D, A, B, Lunch B, C. and Friday would be one of the other days. Sounds confusing, but it wasn’t and you got to start each day with a different class.

If I was not a teacher I would be...

a pilot or a photojournalist or a writer of some sort.

ONGOING NEWS

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.

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 be 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 @pmss43.

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!

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**

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>

PAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm by Zoom invite
Please email brendawithtwins@telus.net for more information.

PAC elections will take place. We are searching for a Secretary in particular, but all positions will be open.

PMSS GRAD 2020

AFTERGRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AFTERGRAD UPDATE:

PMSS AfterGrad committee want to let parents know an update on our AfterGrad 2020. As you are aware we have been trying to raise money all year to cover the costs to put on an AfterGrad party for our 2020 Graduates. Since September we have filled out grants, approached many businesses, had a cash raffle and a successful Pub Night to help cover these costs. We are so disappointed that we cannot follow through with the plans we had for our Grads big night. Postponing the event was not an option.

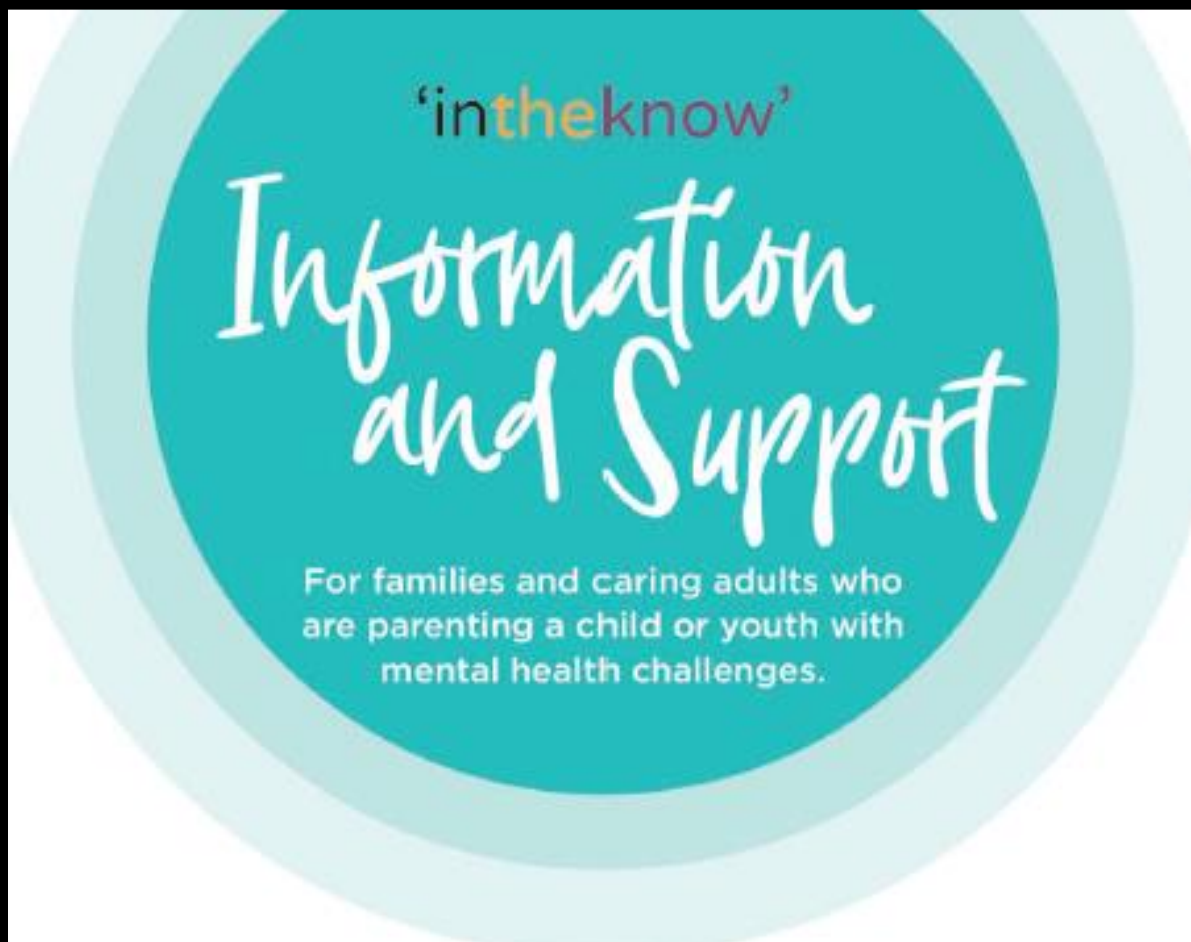
We decided as a committee to take the funds and split it evenly amongst our 292 Grads. Each Grad will be receiving a \$50 cheque from the school. We also had 35 prizes already collected for our AfterGrad Party and we randomly drew names for our Grad students to win. We hope you find other ways to celebrate your Graduate in a meaningful way while still following the Health Minister's guidelines. Don't forget to celebrate on June 20th, at 20:20pm (8:20pm)!

Sherry Nevalainen & Brenda Stewart
Co-Chair of AfterGrad 2020

PORT MOODY LIQUOR STORE FUNDRAISER:

Attention all Parents - Port Moody AfterGrad 2020 Committee is asking for your support with our Liquor Store Fundraiser. Please mention Port Moody Secondary AfterGrad 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.

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 teen's 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-langleytricityevents.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.internationalede.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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