



Port Moody Times

Thursday
October 1, 2020

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

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NEW NEWS

PARENT FORMS & STUDENT FEES: School District 43 uses the KEV School Cash Online for both fee statements and registration forms. Relevant fees and forms have been updated and you should have received an automated email notification.

Please remember to submit the start of year forms posted online including one completed Daily Health Check form which verifies students and parents are aware of what is required each morning.

The Emergency Release Form (goldenrod) and Student Information Verification sheet (pink) distributed separate from the School Cash Online forms are also required at this time.

2020 PSAT TEST: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 – If you're thinking of college in the U.S. you will need either a SAT or ACT score for admission consideration. PMSS offers the Practice SAT to Port Moody students, an inexpensive way to prepare for the SAT. Registration fee is \$30, payable by cash or by cheque made out to Port Moody Secondary School. The test will start at 2:30 pm and takes approximately 3.5 hours. Registration begins **September 29th**; Mr. Gibney will be available lunch times in the MPR to collect your fee and register you for the exam; first come, first registered – registration with full fee payment closes **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9**.

COUNSELLING CENTER UPDATE: This year the counselling center will need to adjust how we meet/connect with families. We are not having students/families come to our offices during the pandemic. Our spaces are too small to accommodate meetings safely. As well, the main office is closed to all but the office staff. Students and families may email us questions, and we will respond. With the increase in email volume, we may need a day or so to respond. Soon, we will have access to a space to meet with students by appointment. This will likely be set up by the beginning of October. We will also utilize Teams for meetings with parents. We are excited to include Ms. Zhou, a teacher who is training with Mr. Gibney to become a school counsellor. She will be working with us and supporting students for Quarter 1 and 2. The new alpha loads are as follows:

Ms. Campbell (A-K)
Cicampbell@sd43.bc.ca

Mr. Gibney (L-Z)
Jgibney@sd43.bc.ca

Ms. Zhou
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LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS: We are happy to announce the Library Learning Commons is now able to increase our accessibility and availability. Please view [this slideshow and videos](#) about how to use the PMSS LLC both in person and remotely. <https://bit.ly/2She7mc>

FALL PRODUCTION - DRAMA – INFORMATION: Even though the climate of the world is impending a lot of extra-curriculars, the theatre is going to persevere and put on a fall production this year (whether it is a virtual performance or a socially distant gathering is to be decided). Rehearsals will run virtually from the comfort of your own homes. If you are interested in being a part of the production OR want more information on upcoming Drama news, please join our PMSS Drama Microsoft Teams page by using the code: **qhdm37p**. As always, feel free to reach out to Mr. Meredith, at jmeredith@sd43.bc.ca, if you have any questions or wondering how you can get involved. Open to all grades (including grade 9!), no prior theatre experience needed.

SFU VIRTUAL INFO SESSION 2020 – Thursday, October 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm – Grade 11 & 12 parents and students are invited to join university recruiters and advisors for a PMSS-specific virtual info session. **Capacity is limited to 100 participants.** Registration details on the Career Centre Online Post-Secondary page.

UBC CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARDS – UBC's entrance award program is designed to financially support academically qualified students entering UBC from high school who would not otherwise be able to attend without significant financial assistance. This program offers entering students one-time & renewable awards of up to \$80,000, to cover the full cost of a degree and living expenses. Students and families or guardians must complete an application to demonstrate financial need. Application forms will be online in **October 2020** at <https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/entrance-award/>. Applications & documents must be received by **December 1/2020**

TD CANADA TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP—valued up to \$70,000 each; awarded to Grade 12 Canadian students who have demonstrated community leadership. Details on the school website/Career Centre/Scholarships. **Deadline for submissions: November 13/20**

ONGOING NEWS

TERRY FOX – MARATHON OF HOPE: This year is the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and **Port Moody Secondary** is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest heroes. Please join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to: <http://www.terryfox.ca/PortMoodySecondary>. Together, we can all make a difference! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation



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.

PMSS TIMES: The PMSS Times will be distributed on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Announcements will not be read over the PA at this time. The Times will also be posted in the Cafeteria under the clock.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – DEADLINE: NOV. 5/20- Students planning to attend Queens U with a 90% + average who wish to apply for the Chancellor's Scholarship **must be nominated** by their high school. Port Moody is permitted **two** nominations; submit a completed School Nomination application form + required documents to Ms Truax or Ms Campbell **before 3 PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**. Complete details & forms are on the Career Centre Online/Financial Aid & Scholarships page.

2020 UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – University of Toronto National Scholarships are awarded to outstanding Canadian students who will attend the U of T in September 2021, covering tuition, fees and residence for 4 years, and more. Scholarship criteria: Canadian citizens or permanent residents or protected persons who demonstrate original and creative thought, are committed to school and community and high achievement in academic and creative pursuits. Details and the application form link are online at <https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/> . **DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCT. 22/2020**

2020 MOREHEAD CAIN SCHOLARSHIP – The Morehead-Cain is a four-year merit scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The scholarship provides full tuition for all 4 years, all student fees, housing & meals, and a 4-year Summer Enrichment program. Students apply by school nomination: 3 permitted. More details on the school website: **Career Centre/Financial Aid & Scholarships**. **Deadline to apply for nomination: THURSDAY OCT. 1, 1 pm**

C.U.E.: VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY INFO FAIRS, WESTERN CANADA 2020

Getting ready to explore a future career path means equipping yourself with information – don't miss this important annual fair with universities from across Canada. Registration now open to attend an annual CUE Info Fair **online**. Check the details on the PMSS website, Career Centre/Post-Secondary Info and register today!

Future Student Virtual Events/Information Sessions

KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

October 3, 12 pm – 2 pm

Virtual Open House

kpu.ca/openhouse

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

September 21-25

Connect with current Ryerson students

November 9-13, 16-20

Connect with Ryerson faculty and staff for program -specific sessions

<https://www.ryerson.ca/admissions/undergraduate/at-home/virtual-open-house/>

SFU

September 23, 8:00-9:00am

<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours.html>

Prospective Undergrad students

U of Alberta

September 22, 29

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/index.html?v=canadian>

UBC

Future students Live Virtual Vancouver Campus tours throughout **September and October**, listed on the Undergraduate Future Student Portal:

<https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events>

U of Calgary

October 14 (for BC students) 10-11am MST

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events>

U of Manitoba

September 21-October 29

<http://umanitoba.ca/admissions/recruitment-info-sessions>

U of Toronto

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U of T Webcast for Prospective Students
Monday, September 21 at 6:00 PM• U of T Webcast for Prospective Students
Monday, September 28 at 8:30 AM• U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, October 5 at 6:00 PM• U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, October 26 at 8:30 AM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, November 2 at 6:00 PM• U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, November 9 at 8:30 AM• U of T Webinar Prospective Students
Monday, November 16 at 6:00 PM• U of T Webinar for Prospective Students
Monday, November 23 at 8:30 AM |
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U of Saskatchewan

September 24 3:00-7:00

https://admissions.usask.ca/tours-and-events/open-house.php?mc_cid=10722f22dc&mc_eid=de4d49eda6

UVIC

September 22, 29, October 6, 27, November 12, 17, 24

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/index.php>

PARENTS

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

FIRST PAC MEETING: Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Hello PMSS parents. Would you like to help run the PAC by attending once a month meetings and make decisions on what the students need or what the student budget money goes towards? Please join us via Zoom for our first meeting of the year.

We are looking for someone to be the **PAC Treasurer** as well as **Grade 12 parents** that would like to plan the **2021 Grad**. It is ONE HOUR of your time a month until the actual month of the Graduation, where you may be asked to put in more volunteer hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be part of our planning and committees, please feel free to email Sherry@Gearforce.com.

Note: The Zoom meeting link will be posted in next Tuesday's Times.