



Port Moody Times

Thursday
November 12, 2020

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

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

FOUND: If any of the following items are yours, please come to the office to claim.

- A GM black car fob was found on the ramp of Portable 6 on **Thursday, October 22nd**.
- A USB battery pack charger was found in room 308 on **Friday, October 30th**.
- Two silver rings were found in the MPR on **Thursday, November 5th**.

STUDENT CALL TO OFFICE:

- Would **Alina W** please come to the office for a pickup.
- Would **Alexandru C** please come to the office regarding last year's yearbook.

REMINDER - GRAD CLASS OF 2021: Artona's mobile trailer will be on-site for grad photos from **November 16th-27th**.

Please note that you must pre-book your photo time. Bookings can be made here:

<https://artona.com/schools/PMOD/programs/graduation>. Artona's approved safety protocols can also be found at the same site.

REMINDER - GRAD CLASS OF 2021: Make sure to subscribe to our Grad 2021 channel on the App. Posted this week: information on how to book your grad photos.

MUSIC NOTES: All of our large ensembles - Jazz Band, Choir, Strings, Concert Band - are settling into a nice routine around the new quarterly timetable. These linear classes (year-long classes) are scheduled outside of the two-block timetable and may include an online element for contemporary learning potential as well as to compensate for reduced class time. As we come to the end of Q1, parents may be asked to sign your young musician's self-assessment assignment. We have no plans for any performances this year due to Covid 19, but we will consider putting on a show in Rocky Point Park in June if we are able.

SALMON TALES CLUB: Are you interested in science and conservation? Are you a writer? Are you an artist? If you said yes to two of these questions then I have a club for you! Salmon Tales is an initiative that will see students meet regularly, learn about salmon life cycles and conservation and write and illustrate a children's book about salmon to be distributed around the district. Meetings will be at 1:30 on Thursdays (in person or on Teams). If this sounds like something you are interested in please email Mrs. Sarte (asarte@sd43.bc.ca) or student teacher/Salmon Tales organizer, Ms. Shier (eshier@sd43.bc.ca), or fill out the form in this link. [Salmon Tales Sign up.](#)

GSA CLUB: PMSS has an anti-bullying, support, awareness, and friendship building club called the G.S.A (the Gay Straight Alliance) in support of LGBTQ2 students, friends, and allies. We meet on teams once a week for live chat. Members names are only public to each other and the sponsor teacher, then at the end of the school year records and membership are deleted. If you would like to be part of this social - socially aware group please e-mail Ms. Gardner at jgardner@sd43.bc.ca.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION (ONLINE):

When: Sunday, November 15th at 8:00am - 1:00pm

Please register in advance - Check PMSS Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre calendar for link!

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO INFO SESSION (ONLINE) -PMSS SPECIFIC:

When: Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre calendar for link!

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION (ONLINE) FOR SD43:

When: Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00pm-7:00pm

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre calendar for link!

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY INFO SESSION (ONLINE) FOR SD43:

When: Thursday, November 19th at 4:00pm

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre calendar for link!

EDUCATIONPLANNERBC: PARENTS AS EDUCATION AND CAREER COACHES – COQUITLAM:

When: Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre calendar for link!

BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Applications are open **Friday, November 13th** - Deadline is **Wednesday, January 13, 2021.**

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career Centre website for more info!

CMOLIK SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are open - Deadline for school nomination is **Wednesday, January 13, 2021.**

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ONGOING NEWS

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: You can now be a contributor for the **YEARBOOK!** With all of the social distancing this year, we are going to be calling on you, the student body to make our Yearbook great. We need your help getting outstanding photos of your friends and classmates. And don't worry, we've made it easy for you! Just follow these steps to get started:

1. Download the "Friesens ULoadIt" app from the Play Store or Apple Store.
2. Enter the School Code **267346** to be connected to Port Moody Secondary.
3. Start uploading or taking photos from the app. Note: You will need to add a name to each photo before you upload – keep these simple so we can sort the photos better (i.e., Math Class, Grade 10, Halloween, etc...)

The more creative and unique photos we receive the better the Yearbook will be, so get out there and start taking pictures!

INDIGENOUS NEWS: The Aboriginal Youth Leadership Club (AYLC) is starting once again. The aim of the AYLC is to explore and celebrate Indigenous cultures and perspectives while developing leadership skills, confidence and sense of belonging. In the past there have been such activities as canoeing, weaving, nature walks for medicines and cultural teachings such as Medicine wheel, and as well, opportunities for youth to do volunteer activities for our community events. Meetings will be monthly, and the duration will be 90 mins. For those interested in joining the AYLC, please send your name to awaunch@sd43.bc.ca. Space will be limited due to COVID restrictions and as set out by the Provincial Health Authority.

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

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS – Grade 12 students interested in a STEM post-secondary program (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) are invited to apply for the PMSS nomination for a **Schulich Leader Scholarship**, awarded at each of 20 Canadian universities to a student enrolling in a STEM program: up to 100 available at up to \$100,00 or \$80,000. Nomination application deadline: **NOV. 27/20**. Criteria details and app form on PMSS/Career Centre website: <https://tinyurl.com/PMSS-Scholarships>

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**

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting: The link will be posted at a later date.

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.

We are looking for someone to be the **PAC Secretary** 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.