



Port Moody Times

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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/>

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

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 either 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**.

FRASER HEALTH WEBSITE: As incidents of exposure increase in the Fraser Health region, we have all been asking questions in an effort to better understand school and public protocols. The videos posted to the [Fraser Health website](http://fraserhealth.ca) (fraserhealth.ca > Back to school resources for parents and teachers) may be helpful to you. The first video is a Question and Answer session with Dr. Ingrid Tyler (posted October 13th). While 40+ minutes long, it has quite a bit of useful information and the transcript is readable from the same page. Below the first video is a series of shorter videos answering a variety of school based questions (updated October 16th).

REQUEST FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS: We recognize the location of the school is difficult for driver access but please be vigilant in considering others when deciding where you drop off / pick up, as well as how we all generally drive in and out of our school community. We have had several comments from neighbours recently expressing concern for the speed of cars, parking in no parking areas and in some cases blocking driveways.

ATTENTION GRADE 12s: The Counselling Department has set up a Scholarship Team for you to access the Grad presentations, scholarship presentations and documents. To join the team, use this code: eaca16k. Look under "Files" to see the uploaded presentations and files. Also, post any questions regarding scholarships/process/or questions about graduation and the counsellors will answer!

BC POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION INFO FAIR: The annual Post-Secondary Fair is now virtual! **Tri-Cities students in GRADE 11 & 12** will register for one of two online events: **Wednesday, November 4th at 2-6pm** and **Thursday, November 5th at 3-7pm**. Three Community Fairs open to anyone are also available. Find complete details **and the registration link** on the PMSS website/Career Centre: <https://tinyurl.com/Career-Centre-Post-Secondary>

GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS - UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA INFO SESSION (ONLINE) SD43:

When: **Tuesday, November 10th at 4-5pm**

Check Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or e-mail mchang@sd43.bc.ca for zoom link.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO SESSION (ONLINE) PMSS SPECIFIC:

When: **Monday, November 23rd at 5-6pm**

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

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TRADES - PARTICULARLY BAKING: Please complete the quick Office Form survey (link in Career Resource Teams (code: 46n1w80) and Mr. MacLean will follow up accordingly. This survey is available within each of the trades on the 43Careers.com website too.

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.

CHALLENGE EXAMS: The Delta School District is offering **Language Challenge Exams** for Grade 11 and 12 Language Courses. This year they will be offering Language Challenge Exams for the following courses: French 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12 and Spanish 11/12.

The purpose of Challenge is to permit students to obtain credit for a Grade 11 or 12 course who have already acquired the appropriate learning elsewhere. A successful challenge results in a student receiving credit for the appropriate content as well as a school mark.

To APPLY: students must access and complete the online form available here--

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

Once the student has typed the application online, they must print pages 7 to 10 inclusive of the application and bring to Mr. Gibney at lunch in the MPR who confirms student eligibility and approves the request. Students must also be advised that a deposit is required, only refundable if the student completes the exam. Students must also be able to travel to Delta to complete the exam on **January 23 or 24, 2021**.

The deadline for applications is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020 at lunch break.

ATTENTION 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.

ATTENTION 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.

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

NEW PMSS CAREER RESOURCE CENTRE TEAMS GROUP AVAILABLE: Please contact Ms. Chang to be added to the Teams page! Come drop by the Career Resource Centre or email Ms. Chang at mchang@sd43.bc.ca to be included in all the latest updates or if you want to have a quick Q&A!

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**

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.

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://sd43-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/65701429778?pwd=cjZtRHRUR0dCM21WOFEvUG51SkVKdz09>

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.