



Port Moody Times

Thursday
December 17, 2020

PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY:
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DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Please complete this daily, prior to coming to school.

If you have not already signed this health check and submitted this to the school, either online or on paper, please complete this as soon as possible. This only needs to be submitted once per student.

NEW NEWS

Dear Parents,

Fraser Health will continue to provide COVID-19 Notification Letters over the Winter Break. SD43 schools will continue to support Fraser Health by forwarding these letters to staff and families during this time. A reminder that if you have questions in regard to COVID-19 or the contact tracing process to please either contact the COVID-19 Call Centre at 604-918-7532 or call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1.

Calendar	
December 14-18	Spirit Week: Monday – Accessory Day / Tuesday – Tropical Tuesday / Wednesday – Ugly Sweater Day / Thursday – Christmas Character Thursday / Friday – Pajama Day
Thursday December 17	Mid-Quarter Report Cards: Available on the Student and Family MyEd portals at 2pm.
Friday December 18 <i>(Last Day of Classes prior to Winter Break)</i>	Talent Show: PMSS students will show off their talents in a pre-recorded show to be shared during first period.
Monday January 4	Second Quarter Flip Date: On this date second quarter classes will flip, with the second (hybrid) class of the day becoming the first (learning group) class and the first (learning group) class becoming the second (hybrid) class.
Wednesday January 13	Parent Teacher Night: 2-5pm. Further information will be provided during the first week after the Winter Break.

“THANK YOU!” FROM THE SHARE SOCIETY: On behalf of SHARE, thank you for the tremendous support with our PMSS food hamper drive. Currently we are sorting the donations in preparation for pick up on **Thursday, December 17th**.

There is still time and additional opportunities (including financial donations) for giving to our community. If this is something you are considering, please visit the SHARE website under [CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS](#) to find out how you can help.

ATTENTION GRADE 12s: Please drop off your **LATE** Transcript Verification Reports to the box in the main foyer. **Counsellors need them even if there are no errors to confirm that you and your parents have reviewed the documents.**

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS: The counsellors and the IB Coordinator will be unavailable to answer questions or respond to emails over the Winter Break. We will not be able to complete references, Common Applications, or other requests for documents until our return to work. Any inquiries made will be answered before we leave, or after we return from our time off.

GRADWEAR PICK-UP: Gradwear can be picked up **tomorrow** in the MPR. If you do not have a PM class, please pick up your items at lunch time 10:30am - 11:15am. If you do have a PM class or are an IB student, please pick it up from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Students can pick up for other students **if** you have given them a written note indicating that you are giving permission for that student to pick it up.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: To access school photos or grad photos taken by Artona, visit the link below. Students will need their student ID to access the photos. Physical copies of the photos can be ordered directly through this website.

<https://artona.com/order>

VENDING MACHINES: Please do not insert more than \$5 in our vending machines. If a problem occurs we are unable to reimburse anything over \$5 and students/staff will then have to call the vending machine company (the phone number is on the machines). The vending machines also take debit cards.

ART SCULPTURES: Thank you Sculpture students for sharing your critter-head clay sculptures in the MPR display. It is now time for them to go home for the holidays to keep. Please take both your artwork and your name tag but leave the hook.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!: Don't forget to send in your Spirit Week photos via the Uploadit App!

ONGOING NEWS

TEEN HOLIDAY TRIVIA NIGHT: On **Monday, December 21st** from 6:30 - 8:00pm on Zoom, join this virtual quiz and answer holiday-related questions created by the Coquitlam Public Library Team Council for a chance to win prizes.

[Coquitlam.libnet.info/event/4736831](https://coquitlam.libnet.info/event/4736831)

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS: Looking for a good book to read over the holidays? The Library Learning Commons has many new fiction and non-fiction books, graphic novels, and new manga on the shelves. Browse our catalogue from home or at school, find your perfect book(s), place a hold on it and the library staff will put it aside for you on our holds shelf. Books will be signed out for you to enjoy over the holidays! Not sure what to read? Come in to the Library Learning Commons and the library staff will be happy to help you choose a good book to read.

PMSS' FIRST FRENCH WRITING CONTEST!: Cherches-tu quelque chose à faire pendant le pause d'hiver? Submit your best piece of French writing for consideration in PMSS' first ever French Writing Contest. Texts could include essays, poetry, or short stories with categories for Grade 9, Grade 10, and Senior. There will be prizes! Maximum length one page, double spaced or 400 words. Upload submissions to <https://bit.ly/2JxCxqF> by **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

ACTIVE LIVING: PMSS students, are you engaged in physical activity outside of school? Are you participating in volleyball, kick boxing, dance, hockey, soccer, basketball, mountain biking, archery...? It doesn't matter what it is, are you living an active life? If so, send us what you are doing, include a picture with a brief 1-2 sentence description, don't forget to include your name. We are planning an active living section for this year's yearbook. Send pic and info to Mr. Straumford (dstraumford@sd43.bc.ca). "Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude and your mood."

WANT A PERSONALIZED DECORATION ON OUR HOLIDAY TREE? WANT TO WIN A PRIZE? Follow the PMSS Library Learning Commons on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/CITwWf9hAYT/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link Comment with your favourite book/movie of the year. Not on Instagram? No problem. Just visit <https://sd43bccs.sharepoint.com/sites/PMSSlibrary> and fill in the form. We'll turn it into a tree decoration and enter your name in our draw. Draw open only to members of the PMSS student community. One entry per student. On display until **Friday, December 18th** in the Learning Commons.

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 UPloadit" 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!

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.

CLUBS

GREEN TEAM CLUB – HOLIDAY SHUTDOWN REMINDER: Holiday Holidays PMSS! Before you leave this **Friday, December 18th**, help make sure to turn off and unplug devices for our annual Holiday Power Shutdown! Remember to refer to your classroom checklist that your teacher has!

MATH COMPETITION CLUB: Hey PMSS! Interested in math contests? The Math Competition Club is excited to announce that we will be offering the American Mathematics Competition 10 and 12 (AMC 10/12) remotely on **February 10, 2021**. Registration is **\$5** and will end next **Thursday, December 17th**. Follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS9n2Z6qaLI9HpQF5uFCO68dUNUY3WDQ2WTM2RTdBUDVOU1M2SFVRNTdJOS4u> to register. All grades are welcomed. If you'd still like to sign up for the Math Competition Club, be sure to do so here: <https://bit.ly/PMSSMCC2020>. We hope to see your names on the form!

CAREER CENTRE

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

NEW INSTAGRAM PAGE FOR CAREER CENTRE! – FOLLOW: PMSSTRANSITIONS: Teams, school website and twitter not your thing? Well, you finally have one more option! Instagram! To celebrate, we are doing a giveaway of U of T swag! Please check out our Instagram page PMSstransitions for rules and a picture of what you can win! Contest ends **Thursday, December 17th** @ 3pm!

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO | LAW VIRTUAL MARCH BREAK PROGRAM:

Runs: March 15th - 19th, 2021

Applications are open on Wednesday, December 16th, 2020

Fees: \$700 / module plus \$98 registration fee per student

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP:

Amount: \$5000

Require nomination from the school. The school can only nominate **one** candidate.

Internal deadline: Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 at 3:00pm

Forms & more info found on Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80), PMSS Career centre calendar or at the Career Centre (Rm 3065)!

BC TEAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

For: Mainly refugee students or English learners

Applications are open - **Deadline:** Sunday, January 31st, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80), or PMSS Career centre calendar for more details!

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE - CIRCLE OF FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications are open - **Deadline:** Sunday, January 31st, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80), or PMSS Career centre calendar for more details!

VCC DENTAL HYGIENE INFO SESSION:

When: Wednesday, January 13th & Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021 @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

CANADIAN COAST GUARD COLLEGE VIRTUAL PRESENTATION:

When: Tuesday January 12th, Thursday January 28th & Tuesday February 9th, 2021 @ 4:30pm

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

SUMMER STEM INSTITUTE:

Description: SSI is an international program that provides academically talented and highly motivated students the opportunity to learn through a data science and research bootcamp, a Masterclass lecture series, weekend challenges, and a mentored research project

For: All high school students

Tuition (Financial Aid available): \$2450 - \$6450

Applications are open - **Deadline:** Early – Friday, January 15th, 2021, Regular- Friday, April 16th, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80), or PMSS Career centre calendar for more details!

FORKLIFT TRAINING:

When: Tuesday, December 22nd & Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

SIMBI FOUNDATION: SCHOOL READ-A-THON NARRATORS NEEDED:

Who: All high school students can participate

When: Month of December 2020

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

BC STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE:

The StudentTranscripts Service (STS) allows you to view and order transcripts or certificates from B.C. secondary schools. All students applying to Post-secondary institution must complete this!

More info on this process is on Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80), PMSS Scholarship Information Team (code: eaca16K) and PMSS Career centre website.

BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Applications are open – **Deadline:** Wednesday, January 13th, 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:** Wednesday, January 13th, 2021

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

CANADIAN WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP:

Who can apply: open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council

Prize: \$1000.00

Deadline: Friday, January 15th, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for details!

FIRST AID FOR SD43 STUDENTS:

When: Friday, January 8th & Saturday, January 23rd, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

SFU INDIGENOUS PREVIEW DAY 2021:

When: Thursday, January 14th, 2021 @ 10:00am, Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 @ 1:00pm & Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 @ 10:00am

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST:

Who can apply: students under the age of 19 as of October 1st, 2020 who are not enrolled as degree-seeking students of a post-secondary institution

Prize: up to \$2,500 college scholarship

Deadline: Sunday, January 31st, 2021

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for details!

CENTRE FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY - DIGITAL BOOTCAMP:

Who is eligible: Gr. 11s & 12s

Deadline to apply: Sunday, February 28th, 2021

Early application: December 31st, 2020 - **Early bird application fee:** \$225.00

Check Career centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or PMSS Career centre calendar for more info & link!

PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, January 12th 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.

GRAD 2021

Grad 2021 needs the support of all families in our Port Moody Secondary School community!

ME-N-ED'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Port Moody Grad 2021 Committee is asking for your support with our Me-n-Ed's Pizza Fundraiser. On **Thursday, December 17th** you can dine in, have delivery or take out from the Coquitlam or Port Coquitlam locations of Me-n-Ed's.

We earn 20% from each order but you **MUST** mention that it is an order to support **Port Moody Secondary 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: **December 17th!**

PORT MOODY LIQUOR STORE FUNDRAISER

Attention all Parents - Port Moody Grad 2021 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 on St. John's Street). We earn 4% of sales from every purchase. Anyone can support this fundraising effort, please tell your neighbours and relatives. Thank you for your support!

BUDGET 2021-2022 CONSULTATION GUIDE

Dear members of our school communities,

The Board of Education appreciates and recognizes your many and valuable contributions to our school communities. With that in mind, we wish to invite you to participate in the 2021-22 Budget Process.

The [2021-22 Budget Process – Stakeholder Consultation Guide](#), is a comprehensive document regarding the budget process and includes the many way you can provide feedback to the Board of Education.

We invite you to share your input at our first budget meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, in advance of staff preparing the budget. Your input can help shape the budget proposal for the Board of Education to consider in April 2021.

In addition, we welcome your attendance at any of the three stakeholder information and feedback events in April, or through email (budgetfeedback@sd43.bc.ca) or mail.

Please visit the SD43 Budget website at www.sd43.bc.ca/budget to:

- Learn about government funding and allocation;
- Learn about the SD43 budget process;
- Learn about [Directions 2025](#), the School District's vision;
- Engage in the consultation by asking questions about the budget;
- Expect responses to your concerns and input; and
- Contribute ideas that align with the goals and objectives from *Directions 2025* on how to address the opportunities and challenges.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM) Board of Education

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



While we may have to celebrate differently this year, I wish you peace and happiness over the holiday season that carries through the coming new year. I encourage you to reach out to friends and family to maintain connections with those you love and take time to pause and express gratitude. Opportunities for taking part in acts of charity or kindness are plenty and I urge you to fill your heart and make the most of the holiday season. You may wish to rest your mind with a walk in nature, cozy up with a good book, or fill your house with the sweet aroma of holiday baking so that you will feel refreshed for 2021.

On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I would like to wish all of our students, parents, and employees a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Patricia Gartland".

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent and CEO

