

PMSS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO THE SCHOOL TODAY: K. Chelak, L. Byrne, A. Spagnuolo, M. Lukasiewicz, K. Jasinski, B. Veeken

STUDENT ID CARDS: Student ID cards are ready for pickup. Please come to the office at lunch or after school.

STUDENT PHOTO PACKAGES: Photo packages are ready for pickup. If you ordered photos, please pick them up in the MPR during Period 3/Lunch on *Thursday, October 28*th.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS – GRADE REP VOTING: Voting for Grade Reps (2 per grade) opens **today** at 11:30am. The voting link was emailed to students' school email. Please vote before the form closes on **Wednesday, October 27**th at 11:30am.

MUSIC CONCERT: The Music Department has its first concert tonight at 7:00pm for our own students only. There will be no audience permitted due to Covid protocols. We will video the show and post it to Teams later in the week.

BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: Jr. and Sr. Boys basketball tryouts will be held **tomorrow**, October 27th and Friday, October 29th at 7:00 pm.

<u>JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER</u>: The Junior Boys soccer team played a closely contested game yesterday against Centennial falling to a final score of 1-0. The next game is 3:30 tomorrow (Wednesday, October 27th) at Port Moody Rec Centre Turf against Heritage Woods.

PHILOSOPHER'S CAFÉ: Which is better? False happiness or real misery? Depressants or anti-depressants? Join us on **Thursday, October 28**th at lunch in room 217 to discuss this in our first Philosopher's Café! Please see Mrs. Kukulowicz if you have any questions.

HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK! Hey PMSS! Dress up for this year's first Spirit Week from **October 25th-29th** and participate in the Halloween Costume Contest on Friday and the classroom Halloween door decorating contest for a chance to win some fun prizes! Details are below:

Spirit Week:

- Tuesday, October 26th: Twin Tuesday (wear the same outfit as a friend!)
- Wednesday, October 27th: 90s Day (wear your acid-washed jeans, bucket hats, etc.)
- Thursday, October 28th: PJ Day & Halloween Door Decorating Contest judging
- Friday, October 29th: HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST (wear your costumes!)

Costume Contest:

Wear your costume on *Friday, October 29th* and enter the costume contest for four costume categories: *scariest, funniest, best group, and most creative*. Students AND teachers are encouraged to participate! Prizes will be offered. The form to submit photos will be shared with Block 2 teachers and classes will vote for their top contenders in each category. Decide as a group if you'd like to submit a photo for all or just some of the categories. Submissions will be reviewed over lunch, and we'll aim to have winners for the end of the day. Good luck to all!

Halloween Door Decorating Contest:

Block 1 Classes: Get ready for the school-wide door decorating contest! Along with your classmates, decide on a Halloween centered theme and embellish your door! Start decorating on Monday morning and submit a picture for submission by Thursday morning (before the end of block 1). Form link will be shared with teachers on Wednesday. Go to the Blues Zone in Block 1 whenever you need paper, and someone will be there to assist you. The Block 1 class with the best and most creative door will be selected as the winner! Have fun everyone!

Happy Halloween!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEE DEADLINE: International Students who are up for renewal: The deadline for International students to pay program fees for the second semester is **Monday, November 1, 2021**. Students are not guaranteed their place in our school after this date. Please see Ms. Woldring if you have any questions.

PROVINCIAL YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL: The provincial government is introducing the StrongerBC Young Leaders Council to give the next generation of BC's leaders a platform to shape government policy and priorities.

The council, which will be made up of youth 14 to 26, will provide direct and ongoing feedback to MLA Brittny Anderson, the Premier's Special Adviser on Youth, on the issues that matter most to young people. Topics may include economic recovery, the environment and natural resources, climate change, education, housing, mental health and other areas important to youth.

Applications for the council are now open and are due by **Wednesday, October 27**th. More information can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/youngleaderscouncil

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School retake images are now available for viewing and ordering online. Please go to <u>https://www.artona.com/schools/PMOD/programs/school_photo</u>. Sign in will be with the student's school ID and the two digit DAY of their birthday (e.g. for September 4th, enter 04).

<u>GRAD PHOTO SESSIONS</u>: Hey PMSS Grads! Artona will be at the school in November to take grad photos. You can start booking appointments online at <u>https://artona.com/schools/PMOD/programs/graduation</u>.

<u>ONGOING</u>

INVATA TUTORING PROGRAM: Need Service for CAS or extra volunteer hours? Join Invata and tutor students from K-8 in Math. Lessons are one hour a week through MS Teams. Contact me at <u>freetutoringservices@gmail.com</u> or find Monica Mihailescu (Grade 12 IB) around the school!

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS 2022: Delta School District is again offering Language Challenge Exams for students fluent in a language other than English. The exams are held in Delta on *January 29th and 30th, 2022*. Posters are up around the school with Delta's website - where you can access more information as well as the online application form. For further information go to their website <u>https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/</u> or contact Mr. Gibney at jgibney@sd43.bc.ca.

WOMEN IN STEM: TUNDRA is hosting a "Women in STEM virtual event" on **Tuesday, October 26**th @ 4pm. It's a virtual mentorship event where influential women in STEM speak with female identifying students who may be interested in pursuing a career in STEM. The event link with more information about the Women in STEM event including past mentors and presenters is <u>https://www.tundratechnical-stem.com/</u> Please see Mr. Sabot in Room 324 if you are interested in signing up for the event.

PARENT FORMS & STUDENT FEES: School District 43 uses the KEV School Cash Online for both fee statements and District Policies forms. Currently our focus is to collect the information from the various forms.

STUDENT PARKING PASS: If you will be parking in the lower parking lot please come to the office at lunch or after school to pick up a Parking Registration form.

PMSS TIMES NEWSLETTER: The PMSS Times newsletter will be emailed to parents and students on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Announcements will not be read over the PA. You will find copies of the PMSS Times outside the office and it will also be posted in the Cafeteria under the clock and in the LLC (Library Learning Commons).

SPORTS

SOCCER INTRAMURAL: Want to be a part of the soccer intramural? It will take place weekdays at lunch in the gym. Gather a team and use the QR code or the sign-up sheets by the gym to join!

CAREER CENTRE

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

For the following items, please check the Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or the website: <u>https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/ProgramsServices/CareerCentre/Pages/default.aspx#/=</u> for more info. Follow @pmsstransitions on Twitter and Instagram for reminders!

SFU: FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS INFO SESSION (VIRTUAL: When: Tuesday, October 26th at 5:00pm

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES FAIR (VIRTUAL): When: Tuesday, October 26th from 2:00pm - 5:00pm PST

RYERSON UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS: When: Wednesday, October 27th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm

COQUITLAM RCMP COMMUNITY POLICING AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS:

Volunteer Info session webinar: Thursday, October 21st at 7:00pm **Deadline to apply:** Thursday, October 28th

UBC BLACK FUTURES PROGRAM:

Description: UBC has an exciting new program called Black Futures that aims to facilitate access to higher education for Black students. It will offer a unique opportunity to explore your passions and hear from young Black leaders. You do not have to have an interest in attending UBC in the future to apply.

For: Gr. 10-12 students who identify as Black

Start date: Thursday, October 28th

Cost: Free

If you are interested in applying, please see Ms. Chang in Rm. 3065 at the Career Centre.

UBC PHYSICS CIRCLE PROGRAM:

For: Gr. 10-12 students **When:** Will begin on October 28th, virtually on Thursdays, from 5:15pm – 7:15pm for 2-3 weeks

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL INFO SESSION FOR SD43:

When: Thursday, October 28th at 6:00pm

SFU: PYTHON FOR DATA SCIENCE PROGRAM:

When: October 30th, November 6th, November 13th and November 20th from 1:00pm - 2:30pm For: Gr. 9-12 students

Cost: Free

YOUTH LEADERS IN LAW: RIGHTS REVIEW: **NEW**

Brief Description: This event will consist of an experienced legal professional informing youth about their rights, as well as an opportunity for questions.

When: Monday, November 1st from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

MCGILL UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL INFO SESSION FOR SD43:

When: Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:00pm

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY VISIT WITH SD43 (VIRTUAL):

When: Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:00pm

BRIGHT IDEAS SFU – STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

Brief Description: During our weekly workshops at the SFU campuses, teams of high school students work with university student mentors to create their very own sustainable startups with the help of a \$100 microloan from Bright Ideas. After participating in learning workshops, and creating and selling their product, teams have the opportunity to pitch their business to a panel of judges and over 100 spectators. Best of all, our program is **only <u>\$10</u> per student with over \$500 worth of prizes to be won**!

For: Gr. 10-12 students Cost: \$10/ student Program dates: Saturdays from 11:00am – 2:30pm for 7 weeks Deadline to apply: Wednesday, November 3rd at 11:59pm

POST-SECONDARYBC VIRTUAL FAIR:

When: Wednesday November 3rd, Tuesday November 9th, Thursday November 18th, Wednesday December 1st and Tuesday December 7th from 9:00am – 7:00pm **Registration is required on the PSBC website**

SFU: BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INFO SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS (VIRTUAL):

When: Thursday, November 4th from 6:00pm – 6:45pm

YORK UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS (VIRTUAL):

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

IVEY HBA INFO SESSION: **NEW**

When: Monday, November 8th at 6:00pm

KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY INFO SESSION FOR SD43:

When: Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00pm

SFU INFO SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS (VIRTUAL):

When: Wednesday November 10th from 5:00pm - 6:00pm and Tuesday November 23rd from 5:00pm - 6:00pm

JA COMPANY PROGRAM - BUILD YOUR OWN START-UP:

For: Students of all grades interested in business Cost: Free

Program Dates: November 16th – April 17th in the evenings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays **Registration deadline:** Sunday, November 14th

UBC SAUDER BCOM FALL PREVIEW 2021:

When: Monday, November 15th at 4:30pm

WESTERN UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION FOR SD43:

When: Tuesday, November 16th at 5:00pm

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL INFO SESSION FOR SD43:

When: Wednesday, November 17th at 6:00pm

SHAD CANADA 2022: **NEW**

Brief Description: For the first time in two years, Shad will be on campus with 19 university partners across Canada. Collaborate with a community of like-minded grade 10 and 11 students from across Canada, live-on campus, dive into hands-on STEAM learning and social innovation - that uses #STEAM4Good, and make strides in confidence, teamwork, and critical thinking skills.

For: Gr. 10-11 students
Program runs: Sunday, July 3rd – Friday, July 29th, 2022
Cost: \$6100 (Financial aid available)
Deadline to apply: Monday, December 6th at 8:59pm PST

SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

DR. M. WOSK SCHOLARSHIP:

For: students aged 15-19 living in Metro Vancouver area Value: \$1000 Deadline: Sunday, October 31st

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: LESTER B PEARSON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:

Value: Will cover tuition, books, incidental fees and full residence support at U of T for 4 years **Deadline:** Friday, November 5th at 3:00pm (must return nomination form to Ms. Chang or Ms. Campbell)

QUEEN'S CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP:

Nomination by the school is required to apply Value: Possibility of renewing for 4 years total. Annual value is \$9k PMSS nomination application deadline: Monday, November 8th at 3:00pm

UBC INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

School nomination REQUIRED.

Value: Valued up to the full cost of a student's academic program and living expenses. The value of each award is dependent on the recipient's financial need.

School deadline to be nominated: Friday, November 12th at 3:00pm

UBC's deadline to apply: Wednesday, December 1st

TD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP:

Value: Up to \$10,000 Deadline: Monday, November 15th

THE LAUNCHPAD SCHOLARSHIP BY TUNDRA TECHNICAL:

For: Gr. 10-12 female identifying students interested in STEM Value: \$1500.00 Deadline: Monday, November 15th

THE GRAGOPEAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST:

Eligibility: Available for students in Gr. 12 intending to pursue post-secondary with a spinal cord injury **Value:** Cost of tuition + books and/ or other learning aids and other expenses related to their disability **Deadline:** Wednesday, November 17th

SCHULICH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP:

You must be nominated by the school to apply for the scholarship

Value: \$100k for students pursuing engineering, and \$80k for students pursuing math, technology or science **School nomination deadline:** Friday, December 3rd at 12:00pm

BURGER KING FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

** Note: You do not need to be a Burger King employee to apply Deadline: Wednesday, December 15th
 Value: \$1000 x 30

2021-2022 FRENCH FUTURE NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST:

For: Gr. 10-12 students Value: Ranges from \$1k - \$20k Deadline: Friday, December 17th

FCM CANADIAN WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP:

Eligibility: Open to any female Canadian citizen currently enrolled in *any year of study* at a Canadian Secondary School **Value:** \$1000

Deadline: Friday, January 21st, 2022

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PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm Join our meeting by Zoom: The link will be posted at a later date.