



Port Moody Times

Thursday
December 16, 2021
Day 2



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

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WINTER BREAK: A note to parents and students that our school and school office will be closed during Winter Break, which runs from **Monday, December 20th through Monday, January 3rd**. School will reopen on **Tuesday, January 4th**.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS: Counsellors and the IB Coordinator will not be available over the break to complete references, or respond to email/phone calls. If you have something that requires our support, please connect with us prior to the break. We will respond once we return to work in the new year.

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION:

Registration and information available at the website [How to Get Vaccinated](#)

LOST & FOUND: If any of the following items belong to you, please come to the office to claim:

- phone
- ring
- Guess wallet
- 2 airpod cases
- 2 gift cards
- 2 compass cards
- and a partridge in a pear tree..... 😊

SKI AND SNOWBOARD TEAM: All members of the Ski and Snowboard team need to log into teams for information regarding our trip on **Friday, December 17th**.

CURLING TEAM: Anyone interested in participating in curling this year, please meet in the small gym on **Friday, December 17th** at the start of lunch.

BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS: Interested in playing in basketball Intramurals? Sign up now at: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkSzP9VqkBULVBuh-nlBxBva5UOEU4UkxFQkdfMUFGJRjJMVD4V0g4MzRFSy4u> or sign up at any of the posters around the school.

MOBILE FOOD ORDERS: A reminder to all students that if you are ordering food to be delivered, pickup is in the lower parking lot/student drop off spot. Please add this as a note to all your food deliveries so that the driver is aware.

PROGRAMMING CLUB: Hello PMSS! Are you interested in problem-solving and programming? Programming Club is offering the Canadian Computing Competition on **Wednesday, February 16th** for students looking to engage in fun problem-solving with programming! The CCC is a 3-hour contest hosted by the University of Waterloo's CEMC. It will be held online, in person, at school. There are two divisions available: the junior division is for students with basic programming skills, and the senior is for students with intermediate to advanced programming skills. Top-performing students are recognized by the University of Waterloo for admissions and scholarships and may qualify for the Canadian Computing Olympiad and Canada's International Olympiads in Informatics team!

If you would like to write the contest, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Fi5YbXZ6uH>. Registration is due at the latest by **Thursday, January 27th**, the \$8 fee will added to School Cash Online soon after. More details will be provided after registration. If you have any other inquires, please feel free to contact us at 088-bxiong@sd43.bc.ca.

REACH FOR THE TOP CLUB: On Tuesday the Port Moody Secondary Reach for the Top quiz team took on Windemere Secondary from Vancouver. Our grade 9 and 10 junior team played well against the excellent Windemere squad and fought hard. Unfortunately for PMSS the Junior team did not prevail. The Senior team played a nail biter of a game with the lead see-sawing back and forth several times over the course of the game. In the end it came down to the final few questions with the outcome uncertain until PMSS took the second to last question to ensure victory. If you are interested in joining in on the action, Reach for the Top meets on Monday's at Lunch in the Library. Come and play a round with us and see if you like it.

GRADE 12 LITERACY ASSESSMENTS: Attention all Grade 12 Dogwood Diplomas students! The Literacy 12 Assessment is a required assessment for graduation. All Grade 12 students who have not written their assessment will be writing it the **Monday, January 24th** from 9:00-12:00. Please do not schedule appointments, work, or anything else during this time. It doesn't matter when you are registered in English 12—you will be writing it January 24th. Details on where you will be writing will be posted in January. Grade 12 IB students wrote the assessment in November and can disregard this notice.

ATTENTION ALL GRADS! Time to put in writing all your positive memories that happened during your last 4 years of high school! These write-ups go with your photo in the PMSS Yearbook. Please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/RyjESz8py1>

You will be asked to provide your Grad write-up for the yearbook and your baby photos. These are all due by **Friday, January 14th**, but you should get them done asap. If you need access to a computer you may come down to room 201 during Flex or lunch.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR DOWNTOWN EAST SIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE: There will be boxes in the Blues Zone. Please check our posters around the school for needed items and make sure that all clothing is bagged and labelled with gender and size. Clothing is due by **Thursday, December 16th**.

KIDSPORT EQUIPMENT DRIVE: Hey PMSS! If you have any old sports equipment please bring it in by **Friday, December 17th** and leave it in one of the Kidsport bins in your class or around the school.

GIVE TO SHARE! With the holiday season right around the corner, please show support by giving to SHARE Family & Community Services. You can also donate to SHARE directly via this link: <https://sharesociety.ca/donate-to-share>

The Port Moody Secondary School community has always done our part to donate to our community partner and we're doing the same this year. Thank you all for your generosity!

DECEMBER DECATHLON: Hey PMSS! Only two days remaining for our popular event, the December Decathlon.

Here's the Winter Spirit Week themes for the remainder of this week:

- Thursday, December 16: Holiday Character Day
 - Grade 9s: Elves
 - Grade 10s: Snow Humans
 - Grade 11s: Reindeer
 - Grade 12s: Santa
 - Teachers: Christmas Trees
- Friday, December 17: Ugly Sweater Day - Show off your ugliest holiday sweater!





ONGOING

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).

CAREER CENTRE

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

PLEASE READ: For the following items, please check the Career Centre Teams page (code: 46n1w80) or the website: <https://tinyurl.com/4x8ucpc6> for more info and links. Follow @pmsstransitions on Twitter and Instagram for reminders!

MT. SEYMOUR APPRENTICE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM:

For: Must be at least 15 years old and enjoys working with children ages 4-7

What: It will focus on improving both your skiing and riding technique to meet CSIA and CASI level 1 standard. Program participants will have the opportunity to achieve their volunteer hours working with our Bear Cub programs on the weekends.

Runs: Option A: December 21st - March 5th, Option B: December 23rd - March 6th with Exams March 11th –13th

Cost: \$199

DISCOVER UVIC INFO SESSION: **NEW**

When: (four dates to choose from) Thursday, January 6th (5:00pm), Monday, January 10th(4:00pm), Tuesday, January 18th (5:00pm), Wednesday, January 26th (4:00pm)

ON THE MIC TRAINING - IN-STUDIO KIDS AND TEENS WORKSHOP:

For: Students 9-17 that are aspiring voice actors

Program runs: 6 weeks from Saturday, January 8th – Saturday, February 12th, 2022, every Saturday from 10:00am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$399

JIBC: LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES DIPLOMA/ DEGREE PROGRAMS INFO SESSION:

When: Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, at 7:00pm

WORKBC CAREER EXPLORATION CONVERSATIONS:

For: Parents and guardians of gr. 9-12 students wanting to enhance their career coaching skills and gain exposure to workBC.ca tools to help with their youth's career path

When: Thursday, January 20th at 7:00pm PST

U OF ALBERTA GETAWAY:

For: Grade 11 students only

Description: Experience a Top 5 university in Canada! Your adventure will include transportation, accommodations, and a whirlwind weekend of exciting events. You'll have the chance to stay in residence, check out state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our 200+ programs, uncover hidden gems on campus, and experience UAlberta student life.

****Please check Career Centre TEAMS / website for full details**

When: Friday, May 27th – Sunday, May 29th, 2022

Deadline to apply: Friday, January 28th, 2022

UBC: ARCHIMEDES TALKS:

What: Three talks that will feature a variety of scientists and mathematicians, as well as undergraduate engineering teams that work on rockets, autonomous sailboats, and robots that play soccer.

For: High school students interested in math and science

Where: All talks will take place at UBC's Vancouver campus – in Irving K. Barber Learning Centre Rm 261

When: Saturday February 5th, Saturday, March 5th and Saturday, April 2nd

Cost: \$15.00 (covers all three talks and lunches)

GRADE 10 UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO FAMILY NIGHT:

What: If you're in Grade 10 and planning to attend university, you and your parents are invited to this online event to learn what you can do now to prepare.

When: Thursday, February 24th, 2022, from 3:00pm – 4:30pm PST

KPU FUTURE BUSINESS CONFERENCE:

For: Grades 11 and 12 high school students interested in business competition

Prizes:

- 1st Place Team: \$1000 tuition award + \$50 Visa Gift card for each member of the team
- 2nd Place Team: \$50 Visa Gift card for each member of the team
- 3rd Place Team: \$25 Visa Gift card for each member of the team

When: Saturday, February 26th, 2022 from 10:00am – 4:00pm

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: LAW MARCH BREAK WEEK (VIRTUAL):

For: Grades 10-12 students

Runs: Monday, March 14th – Friday, March 18th, 2022

Cost: \$800 CAD + \$98 registration fee

Deadline: No formal deadline – open until spots are filled

VOLUNTEER / WORK EXPERIENCE**STEPPING4WORDS – MATH TUTOR (PAID):**

Where: On St. John's St (5 min walk from Port Moody Secondary School)

Commitment: Approx. 12 hours per week after school hours

Apply: info@stepping4words.com with a cover letter

AUNT LEAH'S TREES (VOLUNTEER):

For: All ages

Positions available: cashiers, customer service reps

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AT THE MUSEUM (VOLUNTEER):

For: 13+

Positions: Front door taking donations, gift shop

When: will take place December 1- 24th, with hours available from 12:00pm – 9:00pm

SUNSHINE SOCIETY:

For: All high school students

Positions available: Chair member, environmental team member, social media marketer, website design member, internal communications member, external communications member, grant writer and campaign manager

Deadline to apply: Thursday, December 16th

ADVENTURE PLAY CARE SOCIETY: OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP LEADER:

For: Students aged 16+

When: Monday, December 20th – Monday, January 3rd, 2022, from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Where: Will meet at places like White Pine Beach, Buntzen Lake, Lafarge Lake, Lion's Park, Mundy Park, Westhill Park and more

SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

2021-2022 FRENCH FUTURE NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST:

For: Grades 10-12 students

Value: Ranges from \$1k - \$20k

Deadline: Friday, December 17th

BC COWBOY HERITAGE SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS:

Value: \$500.00

Deadline: Friday, December 31st

JANUARY MARIE LAPUZ YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD:

For: Anybody 16+ that has been dedicated to helping the 2SLGBTQ+ community

Value: Up to \$1000 in awards

Deadline: Friday, December 31st

MINI-MED SCHOLARSHIP:

For: Grade 12 students who participated in all 4 Mini-Med School 2021 sessions (Live or On-Demand)

Value: \$1000

Deadline: Friday, January 7th, 2022

JOHN EVANS ENGINEERING ENTRANCE AWARD:

Value: \$5000.00

Deadline: Monday, January 10th, 2022, at 9:00pm PST

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: FRED VANVLEET ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP: **NEW******

For: Domestic black or Indigenous students with financial need applying to Rotman Commerce

Value: \$57,000 inclusive of tuition an annual stipend of \$1000 for books with a chance to be mentored by Fred VanVleet

U of T Deadline (must complete Awards Profile): Thursday, January 13th, 2022

BEEDIE LUMINARIES' SCHOLARSHIP:

Value: Up to \$40,000, access to mentors, peer support groups and summer paid internship opportunities

Deadline: Thursday, January 13th, 2022

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP:

****Student must be nominated by the school**

Value: \$5000.00

School deadline: Friday, January 14th, 2022

2022 STEAM HORIZON AWARDS:

Value: \$25,000

Deadline: Friday, January 14th, 2022

WESTERN UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP:

****This scholarship requires school nomination.**

Value: Up to \$72,000

School nomination deadline: Friday, January 14th, 2022, at 3:00pm

CMOLIK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:

School nomination is required. Students that have faced adversity and/ or financial difficulty is encouraged to apply!

Value: Up to \$40,000 per recipient, 1:1 mentoring, Career Coaching, and eligibility for additional internal awards/ grants

School deadline: Friday, January 14th, 2022

SOROPTIMIST BEA KELLY AWARD AND THE SPREAD YOUR WINGS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS:

Value: Varies

Deadline: Saturday, January 15th, 2022

SPEAT BC ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP:

****Domestic AND International Students can apply!**

Value: \$1000

Deadline: Saturday, January 15th, 2022

THE HOME DEPOT: THE HOMER FUND – ORANGE SCHOLARS:

For: Dependents of hourly p/t or f/t Home Depot associates

Value: Up to \$2500

Deadline: Friday, January 21st, 2022

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

YVR EMERGING ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

For: BC and Yukon First Nations artists who are between the ages of 17 and 29 years and who reside in BC or the Yukon

Value: \$5000

Deadline: Thursday, January 27th, 2022 at 4:00pm

DB PERKS AND LIFE SAVING SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP:

For: Grade 12's that are active lifeguards

Value: \$1000.00

Deadline: Monday, January 31st, 2022

AMAZON CANADA FIRST NOVEL AWARD: YOUTH SHORT STORY CATEGORY:

For: Anyone aged 13-17

Value: \$5000 and a mentorship lunch with editors of The Walrus

Deadline: Monday, January 31st, 2022

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST:

For: Open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1st, 2021, who are not enrolled as degree-seeking students of a post-secondary institution

Topic: "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?"

Value: \$2500

Deadline: Monday, January 31st, 2022

KIN CANADA BURSARY:

Value: \$1000

Deadline: Tuesday, February 1st, 2022

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP:

For: Grade 12's who are committed to a career in K-12 teaching

Value: \$5000

Deadline: Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 by 2:59pm PST

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARIES:

Value: 11 scholarships available (so depends), but only one will be awarded per student

Deadline: (For all scholarships) Tuesday, February 15th, 2022

PARACHUTE: STACEY LEVITT AWARD:

For: Any Canadian citizen or landed immigrant currently attending a Canadian Secondary School

Value: \$2500

Deadline: Sunday, February 27th, 2022

BCSTA SCHOLARSHIPS:

Value: \$500

Deadline: Monday, February 28th, 2022

LIONEL HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY SCHOLARSHIP:

For: Grade 12 students with financial need planning on pursuing a BSc in chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering at a Canadian university

Value: up to \$4000/ year

Deadline: Tuesday, March 1st, 2022

2022 WORKSAFEBBC STUDENT SAFETY VIDEO CONTEST: **NEW**

For: All high school students can apply

Value: Up to \$10,000 with bonus prizes available

Deadline: Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 at 5:00pm

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PARENTS

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

NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00 pm (*please note adjusted date*)

Join our meeting by Zoom: The link will be posted at a later date.

GRAD 2022

Grad 2022 needs the support of all families in our Port Moody Secondary School community.

Hello PMSS families, friends and relatives,

We have had a successful launch of the FUNDSCRIP gift card-fundraising campaign raising funds for the 2022 graduating class at PMSS. Our initial response has been strong.

As of Thursday December 9th, 2021, you can purchase gift cards directly from the FUNDSCRIP site and have them delivered to your own home at any time – think graduation, birthdays, weddings, friend’s day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Grandparents Day. With this new purchase option, a percentage of all gift cards will still go towards helping to fund the PMSS 2022 After Grad celebration in June 2022.

Here is the link to the online site: <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/6TMMSM>

You will use the Direct Shipping or E Gift Cards or Reloadable options. This will allow you great flexibility in ordering.

Please feel free to share this information with friends and families near and far. Every gift card purchase will bring us closer to being able to host an afterward event in June 2022.

Thank you for supporting the 2022 PMSS graduating class by purchasing your gift cards through this platform.

Meijane Quong on behalf of the Port Moody After Grad Committee



Tru Earth has hit TWELVE MILLION loads worth of laundry eco-strips donated to non-profits across North America. To celebrate they are offering us a 12% discount on your next order when we enter the code MILESTONE12 at checkout between Dec 17-19.

Use the links below to help support the 2022 PMSS GRAD CLASS fundraiser:

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/PMSSAfterGrad2022>

