

THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 TODAY IS DAY 1

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING BREAK!

Have a great last day of school everyone! Classes resume on Monday, March 31st.

SPIRIT WEEK MARCH 10-14



SPIRIT WEEK ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY

Hula Hoop competition at the Devils Den

THURSDAY

Cornhole at the Devils Den

FRIDAY

Spike Ball Tournament

CLUB EVENTS

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENTS HAPPENING SOON

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR GRAD PHOTO TAKEN

Grade 12's if you haven't had your Grad photo taken, please contact Artona over Spring Break and make as appointment as soon as possible.

Don't miss out on appearing in the yearbook and group photo with your fellow grads!



ATHLETICS



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For secondary sport updates and information...



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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE AND/OR TIME	TEAM NAME	EVENT/OPPONENT/VENUE
Fri. Mar. 14 @ 4:00pm	JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY	HOME game vs. Terry Fox upper field

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

KPU ENTERTAINMENT ARTS EVENTS

<u>Battle-Lab at KPU Entertainment Arts</u>: Create a game asset for a project by Advanced Game Development graduates, open to all skill levels. Then, compete in the Mystery Game Competition, win prizes, and enjoy casual gaming with lunch and snacks provided. **March 22.**

Enter the Volume: The World of Entertainment Arts at KPU: Explore visual effects and virtual production with an industry panel, live demonstration, and interactive experience. Enjoy catering, campus tours, portfolio reviews, and prizes, while checking out student showcases. Dive into the world of VFX and discover what KPU's Entertainment Arts program has to offer. March 29.

Both events take place at KPU Richmond Campus, 10 am – 3.30 pm.

YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCE

The fourth annual Youth Justice Link Conference will be held at UBC Allard School of Law on **Saturday, March 29, 2025** (9 AM - 5 PM). This free legal conference for youth is on the topic of bridging the gap between youth and BC's legal system - perfect for a student who is interested in pursuing law in their post-secondary career, or someone who wants to learn more about BC's complex legal system.

Free snacks and lunch will be provided. Register here.

DISCOVER YOUR PITCH

Students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to participate in valuable workshops and practice sessions, taking their business knowledge and presentation skills to the next level. The culminating investor pitch competition (May 22) sees the top teams pitch their business ideas live to a panel of business leaders for a chance to win cash prizes. **Program starts April 2.** More info.

MINERVA LEARNING TO LEAD PROGRAM

This free leadership program is for female and gender diverse youth in Grades 10–12 to help them explore their leadership potential, build confidence, and create a supportive network for their educational and career journeys. Session dates are Wed, April 9 – 16 – 23 – 30, 6-8 pm, online. One alumna will be awarded a \$1,000 leadership award, one alumna will receive a full scholarship to the Shad Canada Summer Program. Apply now!

CAMP IGNITE

Female students, currently in grades 11-12, will have the chance to explore the many aspects and specialties associated with firefighting. Camp Ignite is a three-night, three-day camp (August 7-10, 2025, Lower Mainland location TBA) that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. Apply here by May 1.

ARCHITECTURE SUMMER WORKSHOP

This FREE program provides teens aged 15-19 with the unique opportunity to work with some of Metro Vancouver's leading architects and other industry experts to develop their portfolios and applied art practices. Participants learn about creative approaches to building public spaces and discover new ways of seeing the built environment. The program runs August 5-15, Granville Island. Apply here by May 31.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Reminder: Our internal scholarship package offers 60 different scholarships and bursaries exclusively to our graduating class. This package also includes the District Authority Awards (for demonstrated excellence in the Arts, Athletics, Trades, International Language, Applied Design/ Skills/ Technology, Indigenous Matters and Community Service). Deadline is April 2. You need one reference letter, resume, personal letter, and the name of a teacher who is supporting you. More here.

LOOKING FOR MORE SCHOLARSHIPS?

The <u>Career Centre Website > Financial Aid tab</u> is currently listing 50+ different awards (Please note the little arrow after the first 30 awards that gets you to page 2). Maybe you have some extra time over Spring Break to have a look. Also, remember to do your own research, i.e. your parents' place of employment, credit union, insurance providers, unions, etc.

SD43 SCHOLARSHIPS

Reminder: Applications are due Tue, April 15. A variety of different awards are available for graduating SD43 students, ranging from \$500 - \$2,000 – by completing just one online application.

Required: Personal letter, brag sheet or resume. More info here.

BC TECH SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 3 x \$2,500 for grade 12 graduates entering a technology-related field of study. See details here. Applicants must show a passion for and involvement in the technology sector, and must have a "B" average. Apply by April 4.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

POST-SECONDARY EVENTS OVER SPRING BREAK

If you are in grade 12 and you are still unsure where to start your post-secondary journey, check out the Centre website or the PSBC website for a list of post-secondary events happening this Spring Break. Get insight into a variety of programs at different institutions and discover your future: Paralegal, Pharmacy Technician, Administrative Assistant, Recreation Studies, Design, Journalism, Foods & Nutrition, Hospitality, Baking, Culinary Arts, and many more.

KPU EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR FALL INTAKE

Still looking for a post-secondary program that perfectly fits your interests and career plans? Check out which KPU programs are still accepting applications, i.e., Engineering Certificate, Computer Information Systems, Bachelor of Technology, Entertainment Arts, Foundations in Design, Bachelor of Design (Fashion & Technology, Graphic Design for Marketing), Fashion Marketing, Interior Design.

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY: LEGAL PROGRAMS INFO SESSION

Join Cap. U faculty and advisors on **Tue, March 18**, 7-8 pm, for a virtual Paralegal Diploma and Bachelor of Legal Studies Degree Information Night to learn more about the program. Register here.

VCC CULINARY ARTS

Find out why VCC is Canada's top culinary school, training more chefs than any other school in the country. Learn about their state-of-the-art kitchens and full-service campus restaurants and talk to award-winning faculty members. The first portion of the session will run concurrently for in-person and online, then in-person will continue to tour the culinary facilities downtown. Register to attend **Tue, March 18, 9 am.**

VCC BAKING & PASTRY ARTS

VCC trains more students to become professional bakers than any other school in Canada. Students in VCC's award-winning baking and pastry arts programs get hands-on training in state-of-the-art kitchens and learn expert techniques for artisanal bread and pastry, chocolate, cake design. Register to learn more:

Tue, March 18, 11 am – noon, or Thu, March 20, 2-3 pm. | Online.

VCC PHARMACY TECHNICIAN INFO SESSION

Graduates of VCC's newly updated 37-week Pharmacy Technician Certificate find employment in a variety of settings including community and hospital pharmacies. Register to attend virtually on Wed, March 19, 10-11 am, to learn about the program and the steps required to become a Regulated Pharmacy Technician.

UBC SAUDER INFO NIGHT

Learn about the UBC Sauder's prestigious BCom & B+MM programs from UBC's Recruitment and Admissions team. Get insights into the admissions process, meet some students, and connect with the admissions team.

Thu, March 20, 5-6.30 pm, on campus. Register.

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY: OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Do you have a passion for the outdoors? On **Thursday, March 20** at 7.30 pm, CapU's faculty and industry professionals will deliver a presentation and answer your questions. Meet with current students to hear about their experience with co-op work and outdoor classes. Register.

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY VISIT

Are you a grade 12 student who is planning to attend McMaster University this Fall? Or, are you in grade 11 and currently playing with the thought to apply to McMaster this Fall? Now is a great time to learn and get your questions answered. West Point Grey Academy – **Tuesday, April 1,** 6-8 pm. Register. | Rockridge Secondary School – **Wednesday, April 2,** 6-8 pm. Register.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE HEALTH FAIR

On **Wed, April 2,** 5-8 pm, Coquitlam Campus, students have the chance to talk with instructors from the following programs in a fair-like setting: Biology, Health Care Assisting, Health Information Management, Hearing Instrument Practitioner, Medical Office Admin, Nursing, Opticianry, Psychiatric Nursing, Therapeutic Recreation. Register to attend.

LANGARA COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

On **Thu, April 3,** 4-8 pm, explore Langara College! Connect with faculty, discover the many programs and services, go on studio and lab tours, participate in hands-on activities, and munch on free snacks from various food trucks. Register and attend for the chance to win 1 of 10 tuition vouchers and apply for admission – **FREE!**Please book now by scanning the QR code or visiting artona.com/bookings