

# Cowichan Secondary School Career Centre Newsletter

December 2017

The Career Centre is located across the hall from the main office and we are open from 8:45 AM to 3:15 PM. Mrs. Leigh Blacklock is our Career Facilitator, Mrs. Cheryl Martin is our Work Experience Teacher and Mrs. Tanya Leech is our Career Centre Assistant.

- Dual Credit Trade Opportunities - Vancouver Island University & Camosun College
- Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Work Experience Opportunities
- Certificate Training (Foodsafe, etc.)
- Job Search, Job Board, Job Market Trends and Volunteer Opportunities
- National Scholarship Opportunities
- Career Exploration
- Grad Transition Program

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The next Youth Health Clinics are on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. A nurse from VIHA is onsite from 10:00-12:15. Walk in's Welcome!



## **Scholarship and Bursary Information:**

Local scholarship & bursary information will come out to you in February. We will host information sessions in February for these local scholarships and bursaries. Watch for more details in the new year. Throughout the year, students can check at the Career Centre for other external scholarships available outside of our school and district.

There is one **MAJOR EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS** for which students need to be nominated by the principal. These are big-money, high-calibre scholarships with very stringent criteria. If you have a child who thinks that they meet the criteria and would like to be considered for nomination, please have the student contact Mr. Coleman directly **BEFORE DECEMBER 15th**.

Here is the link to the external scholarship:

**SCHULICH:** <http://www.schulichleaders.com>

Calling all Early Grads, Train in Trade Grads or any Grad that would like to complete their Grad Transition interview.

Date: Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Book now in the Career Centre

### One Year That Lasts a LIFETIME

Are you interested in Studying in Ottawa? Working on Parliament Hill? Making lasting friendships? If you are, the Page Program is perfect for you. Please see the Careers Office if this is something that you are interested in.

### Vancouver Island University

Vancouver Island University offers many Entrance Awards and/or Scholarships to students who are currently in grade 12 and will be graduating at the end of the 2017/2018 academic year. If you are a grade 12 student and planning to attend VIU for the 2018/2019 year, once they have applied and have a VIU Student Number, they should be encouraged to log into their student record and complete the "Scholarship/Award/Bursary Profile" for any Entrance Awards they may qualify for.

### Work Experience

If you have a job, let's make it count! Work Experience is a course that allows you to earn school credits while gaining valuable experience in the work place. You will earn 4 credits for 90 hours of work! **If you are approaching or have met your 90 hours of work**, please come to the Careers office to see Mrs. Martin to report your hours. Mrs. Martin is in the Career Office during block B daily.

### SAT course information

SAT preparation course offered at Shawnigan Lake School. Course is offered in the spring after school hours at Shawnigan Lake. If this is a course that you would like to sign up for please see Tanya in the Careers office for details.

### Job Board

Looking for a job, make sure to check out the Job Board located in the main hallway outside the Careers office.

### Dual Credit Opportunity

- We still have spaces open for the February programs.
  - Do you want your first year of schooling FREE?
- Do you have questions regarding our Dual Credit program?

**Book your appointment NOW  
with Mrs. Blacklock in the Careers office**

<p><b>Dual Credit Programs</b> <b>ACE-IT</b> <b>Trades Programs</b></p> <p>Camosun College and Vancouver Island University in partnership with School District 79, are offering the following ACE-IT Trades programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automotive</li> <li>• Administrative Assistant</li> <li>• Carpentry</li> <li>• Culinary Arts</li> <li>• Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Electrical</li> <li>• Golf Course Management</li> <li>• Hairdressing</li> <li>• Heating and Cooling</li> <li>• Heavy Duty Mechanic</li> <li>• Health Care Assistant</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Introduction to Trades</li> <li>• Joinery/Cabinet making</li> <li>• Sheet Metal/Metal Fabrication</li> <li>• Plumbing and Piping</li> <li>• Trades Apprenticeship</li> <li>• Exploring Technology</li> <li>• Welder Level C</li> <li>• Welder Level C/Pipefitter</li> </ul> <p>These programs are open to Grade 11 and 12 students who can receive their dual credits, meaning University and Secondary School credits on their transcript. There is no tuition cost for these programs, however, you will be responsible to purchase any necessary supplies and books. Students are able to complete Level One or Foundation Technical Training before graduation. <b>Please visit the Career Centre to make an appointment with Mrs. Blacklock or email at <a href="mailto:lblacklock@sd79.bc.ca">lblacklock@sd79.bc.ca</a></b></p>	<p><b>ACE IT</b></p> <p>The Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training (ACE IT) program is the in-class component of a high school apprenticeship. ACE IT students are Youth Apprentices registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA).</p>
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**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Date	Event
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Early Grads & Ace-It, Grad Transitions Interviews
Dec 25 – Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Vacation