

# Friday File



January 15, 2021

**COWICHAN SECONDARY**

# Important Dates and Events

- JANUARY 26-29 - ALL GRADE 10 STUDENTS TO WRITE THE GRADUATION NUMERACY ASSESSMENT
- JANUARY 27 - ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL (PLC)
- JANUARY 28 - LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR QUARTER 2
- JANUARY 29 - COMPLETION DAY FOR QUARTER 2
- FEBRUARY 1 - FIRST DAY OF QUARTER 3.
- FEBRUARY 4 AND 5 - GRAD PHOTO RETAKES
- FEBRUARY 9 - QUARTER 2 REPORT CARDS ISSUED TO STUDENTS
- FEBRUARY 12 - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY. NO SCHOOL
- FEBRUARY 15 - FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL

# Daily Health Assessment

A reminder for families that a daily health assessment must be done for students attending all SD 79 schools. Prior to attending school, each attendee must screen the following symptoms/conditions and follow the related steps as outlined: <https://sd79.bc.ca/covid-19-updates-health-and-safety/>

## 1. Key symptoms include:

- Fever, in absence of fever reducing medications•
- Chills
- Cough or worsening of chronic cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and / or vomiting

**2. International Travel** - Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

**3. Confirmed Contact** - Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

# Post Secondary Planning

Canadian Universities Event is hosting their online CUE BC Winter Edition. Students from across BC will be able to connect directly with recruiters and advisors from Canada's top universities to learn more and imagine their next steps after high school. This Winter edition will be less focused on presentations and more focused on drop-in chats and Q&As, so that students can get quick answers to their questions. Any high school student from anywhere in BC is invited to join us and connect with nearly 50 Canadian Universities all in one place!

**Dates: Wednesday, January 20th & Thursday, January 21st**

**Time: 4 pm - 7 pm PST**

**Where: CUE Website ([cuebc.org](http://cuebc.org))**

**Cost: FREE! But registration is required**

**Planning on attending a college or University in BC?**

The following is an excellent site for information including application deadlines: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca>



# Scholarship and Bursary Update

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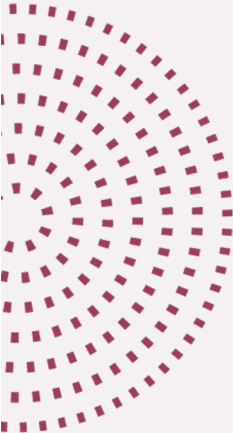
The following link on our webpage is an excellent resource for students and parents to get more information on scholarships and bursaries:  
<http://css.sd79.bc.ca/graduationresources/>

At this point grade 12 students can be creating an academic resume, approaching teachers and community members for letters of reference (remember, people appreciate at least 2 weeks notice) and drafting an autobiographical essay.

# Provincial Scholarship Opportunities



Grade 12 students: Please see the following Provincial Scholarship Opportunities:



**BC Excellence Scholarship:** The BC Excellence scholarship is awarded to 55 well-rounded high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career paths. One applicant is chosen by the school. Students wanting consideration should

submit an academic resume and their Autobiographical Essay to Mr. van der Linden by **Wednesday, January 27.**

**BC Pathway to Teacher Scholarship:** Is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates (provincially) who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K-12 teaching. Students are to apply on their own. See the following for more information: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>

Students wanting more information or help applying should see Mr. van der Linden

# Virtual Events at VIU

Join an informative and fun open house-style event held online by Vancouver Island University.

These ZOOM sessions are for you to learn more about the university, program options, and answer application questions.

Please register for one of the following events:

## **Future Student Information Sessions**

- Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m [https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_g900j2ZSQfyq1D\\_MtT4rZA](https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g900j2ZSQfyq1D_MtT4rZA)

## **Future Student Parent Nights**

- Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m [https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ql6TQQxFO1C6AKTA4Sv4og](https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ql6TQQxFO1C6AKTA4Sv4og)
- Wednesday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m [https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_V7yQeRDOS-qaARjxukYAdA](https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V7yQeRDOS-qaARjxukYAdA)

## **Student Experience Panels**

- Tuesday, January 19, 2021 [https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Us4SdDb6R0Cv7D\\_a4\\_UMhg](https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Us4SdDb6R0Cv7D_a4_UMhg)
- Monday, February 22, 2021 [https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EYRuZ7eiS-2Px0hNBbDSSw](https://viu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EYRuZ7eiS-2Px0hNBbDSSw)

To learn more about our upcoming events, visit: <http://viu.ca/recruitment-events>

# Updates from UVIC

**University of Victoria Event Updates for January 2021-** ([Registration for these events available on Tours and Events page](#))

**Discover UVic sessions** (Jan 18 and 27): These general recruitment presentations are oriented toward undecided grade 12 students still deciding where/whether/how to apply and keen grade 11 students doing some planning for next year.

**"I Want to Be in Theatre" Open House** (Jan. 16): For students interested in studying Theatre and exploring whether Theatre at UVic is where they want to be (or not to be). This is a fantastic opportunity to check out a live rehearsal, connect with Faculty and current students and learn more about the opportunities available in Theatre at UVic.

**Application deadline:** The application deadline for all programs is **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Late applications may be considered for some programs.

**Changing program on submitted application:** Students looking to change the program they have applied to should email their admission assistant by March 1<sup>st</sup>. It is highly recommended they request the change prior self-reporting.

Pro Tip: They should indicate that the email is regarding a program change in the subject line of the email and please include their Applicant ID or their V number.

**Self-reporting open from February 15 - March 15:** "Self Reporting 101" information sessions will be held throughout February to assist students navigate the [self-reporting process](#). We strongly advise all applicants to participate in one of these virtual sessions. Registration will be available on the [Tours and Events](#) section of our site.

**Virtual Appointments for students and their families:** While UVic recruiters are always happy to answer emails and take calls to answer questions, prospective students have the option to book a 30-minute virtual appointment with their student recruiter at any time. [Students can explore appointment availability and book their time slot here.](#)

# BC Ministry of Education Learning Survey

Each year the BC Ministry of Education conducts a Learning survey for students (in grades 4, 7, 10 and 12), staff and parents for each school in the Province. This feedback is used by the Ministry, Districts and schools.

Parents who have children in grades 10 or 12 can complete this survey by using the following link:  
<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

Once there, choose the Direct Access option under Parents, toggle our District, and then toggle Cowichan Secondary School. After that, please complete the survey.

Grade 10 and 12 students will be completing this in class next week.

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey.

# Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10

Grade 10 students will be writing the Graduation Numeracy Assessment at Cowichan Secondary from **Tuesday, January 26-Thursday, Jan 28**. Please see some important notes below:

- This assessment is a graduation requirement. Students in grade 10 must write this assessment as well as the Graduation Literacy Assessment in grades 10 and 12 in order to graduate.
- This is not a "math exam". Students will be assessed on their knowledge of numerical concepts from across the curriculum from grades K-9. Students do not write this as part of their Math course.
- Students are assessed on a four -point proficiency scale which will appear on their Transcript. The mark is not blended with any subject and there is no pass or fail.
- Students will be writing this electronic assessment in their block A class on the week of Jan 26-29. Block A teachers have been sent a schedule that they will share with their students.
- Students have the chance to rewrite this assessment if they would like to improve on the proficiency scale.

Grade 10 students not in an A block class and any grade 11 student who needs to write this will do so on January 28 at 9:00 in the Library. Please contact Mr. van der Linden first. Students can use this practice link to prepare: [https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/gradassessments\\_sample.htm](https://www.awinfosys.com/eassessment/gradassessments_sample.htm)



# Language Program

## YOUTH EMPOWERED SPEAKERS (YES) PROGRAM

*Investing in our next generation of language leaders*

**Want to learn your language and share it with others?  
Interested in a career in education?**

The YES program provides funding and support for B.C. First Nations youth ages 18-30 to pursue a career as an Indigenous language teacher.

**To Learn More:**  
[fpcc.ca/yes](http://fpcc.ca/yes)

**Apply Online:**  
[fpcc.ca/login](http://fpcc.ca/login)

**Includes funding up to:**

- \$10,000 scholarship (Bachelor of Education)
  - \$12,000 living expenses
  - \$9,600 summer employment/mentorship
  - \$4,800 mentor grant
- = \$36,400/per year**

**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

*We are here to support you!*

 Program Contact

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Great Opportunity for  
Indigenous  
Youth  
Aged 18-30





French 11 class : students teaching each other.  
This included everything from how to do origami to how to properly  
throw and catch a ball.

Students getting out on sunny days to learn outside  
and send positive messages to our community.

# Hello CSS Community

I have some exciting news to share: earlier this month I was offered and accepted a temporary principal position at Cowichan Valley Open Learning (CVOLC), beginning February 1. Although I am very excited about this leadership opportunity, I will miss working with the wonderful staff at Cowichan Secondary as well as being part of the CSS school community. I was warmly welcomed at CSS when I began in September and quickly felt very comfortable here.

On behalf of Cowichan Secondary School, I would like to warmly welcome Ms. Rhonda Laforge as a vice principal. Ms. Laforge brings much experience from various schools in the District as well as being a leader in the Cowichan Valley Teacher's Union. She will be starting on February 1 and taking over my administration portfolio including scholarships and bursaries.

Sincerely,

Kevin van der Linden



## Photo of the Week



Smiling students in Math 10 (Yes, they are smiling.....under their masks :)