

# Cowichan Secondary School's Friday File

January 22, 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 27 – LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS TO MAKE COURSE CHANGES FOR QUARTER 3
- January 26 – PAC MEETING At 7:00 pm. INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE
- 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
- FEBRUARY 27 – DRY GRAD BOTTLE DRIVE
- MARCH 12 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SPRING BREAK

# INFORMATION ON NEXT PAC MEETING

Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 via Zoom

Zoom Link:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/68936827624?pwd=bjlkS2MvcjJneldkWEZhRlFkODZZQT09>

Agenda Items Include:

- Chair Report
- Treasurer Report & Funding Request
- Principal / Vice-Principal Report
- Student Report
- DPAC Report
- Grad Celebrations 2021 Committee Report
- Old Business
- Wellness and Recovery Center
- Bursaries
- New Business
- COVID exposure
- Ministry of Education's Learning Survey
- Numeracy / Literacy Assessments



# Scholarship and Bursary News

## **Local Scholarships:**

We have heard back from all local scholarship and bursary donors and we currently printing booklets for students and parents. There will be a session for grade 12 students in February about how to apply for these. In the meantime, students can be making an academic Resume and working on their autobiographical essay. Information on these can be found at: <https://css.sd79.bc.ca/graduationresources/>

## **District Scholarships:**

Cowichan Secondary Students will present District Scholarships on Wednesday, May 12. Due to health protocols, the format for presentations may be different than in the past.

## **Other Scholarship Opportunities:**

MyBlueprint Scholarship Opportunity:

More info at: <https://blog.myblueprint.ca/scotiabank-invests-30k-into-myblueprint-scholarship-program-1daa510615a4>

# 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)



# 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.



# Quarter 3 Course Changes

- Quarter 3 course change deadline is Wednesday, January 27th. Course changes will not be allowed once the quarter has begun due to building student cohorts. Please sign up in the counselling office for an appointment if interested in changing your Q3 courses ASAP.

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## **R.C.M.P. CAREER INFORMATION ZOOM SESSION**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE R.C.M.P.?

VIRTUAL RCMP RECRUITMENT SESSION & QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION VIA ZOOM

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021**  
**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Information in the Career's office



## GREETINGS GRAD PARENTS

For up-to-date news and info, please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages. Because grad celebrations are not sanctioned by the School, the Parent Organizing Committee for Dry Grad 2021 must communicate with you directly.

To make sure you are in the loop for information, please: · Send an e-mail to [cssdrygrad@gmail.com](mailto:cssdrygrad@gmail.com) with your:

- o Name
- o Email address
- o Phone number
- o Student's name

AND

· Join the Facebook Group (parents only):

Cowichan Secondary Dry Grad Parent Group 2021 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cssdrygrad>

AND

· Like the Facebook Public Page (everyone welcome):

Cowichan Secondary Dry Grad 2021 <https://www.facebook.com/cssdrygrad>

AND · Follow us on Instagram: [www.instagram.com/cssdrygrad](https://www.instagram.com/cssdrygrad)

You are not obligated to volunteer for anything if you send us your info. It is only a communication connection.

For More Information: Email: [cssdrygrad@gmail.com](mailto:cssdrygrad@gmail.com)

Janyse Gordon (Committee Co-Chair) – 250-709-8836 (Cell/Text)

Sue Plester (Committee Co-Chair) – 250-416-1023 (Cell/Text)



# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Cowichan Secondary Parking Lot**

**All Proceeds to Support Dry Grad**

**Please bring your empties and tell your family, friends and social media  
contacts to bring their empties  
We will need parents and grads to help.**

**Prizes drawn every hour for student helpers**

# Early bird pricing for the 2020-2021 Yearbooks is almost over!



Pay at the office with cash, cheque, credit or debit.  
\$40 until Feb 26th  
and jumps \$50 after!  
Take advantage of the early bird pricing  
Yearbook

## Woodwork 11/12

Examples of the modern Adirondack chair which the Senior Woodwork class has been building. As you can see from the many clamps it required a variety of complex joinery procedures. The students have done great work!







Photo of the Week:  
Some Creative Explorations in the Photo Room

# 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 and 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