



COWICHAN
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
**THURSDAY
THUNDER**
JUNE 3, 2021

An hourglass with white sand is positioned in the center, with a calendar page visible in the background showing dates like 22, 23, 30, and 31. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark grey box.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 4th Grad option choice due into the school
- June 18th Last day of Regular classes
- June 18th Grad BBQ at the school in the afternoon
- June 21st Completion Day
- June 24th Grad Ceremony at the school (day)
- June 24th Drive To Grad (evening)
- June 24th Report Cards

COWICHAN SECONDARY MEMORIAL FOR 215 STOLEN LIVES

In their own act of recognizing and learning the truth on their reconciliation journey, the Environmental Stewardship class at Cowichan Secondary School installed 215 orange ribbons along the fence at the school. The memorial is a poignant reminder to all of the 215 stolen Indigenous lives. Interspersed among the ribbons are messages to the community and to the children who lost their lives.

The students stated it was an act of learning the truth of what happened at Residential Schools across Canada and hoped that the memory of these students would lead their generation to fully embrace reconciliation.

As one Indigenous student said, “Yesterday we honored the 215 children from Kamloops residential school. Not only, but we honoured the fallen. We honoured the survivors. As an indigenous person, we indigenous people are in mourning for the children that didn’t make it home. I can’t imagine what the survivors went through.”

The memorial will remain as a reminder of the work we have to do.

The above article and pictures was written by Director of Communications Mike Russell and published on Sd79 website)





**XE' XE' SMUN'EEM (OUR SACRED CHILDREN)
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED**

In recognition, love and support for our Indigenous community and the 215 stolen lives discovered at the Kamloops Residential School site.

COWICHAN SECONDARY EXCELENCE “C” AWARDS (SEE CRITERIA SLIDE)

At the end of each year, Cowichan Secondary recognizes students who strive for excellence in the areas of scholastics, service, fine arts, and athletics. In the past, each category was identified through teacher nomination. Due to Covid, we do not have the information we need for Athletics and Arts and are looking to you to nominate yourself. We also will tweak the categories slightly to honour outside of school participation due to school activities not being able to continue. Ex. For athletics, if you participated on at least two community teams in 20/21 or if you met the school-based criteria in the previous school year (19/20), then you have met that category standard.

Please email csscareerssecretary@sd79.bc.ca your self-nomination and a brief description of how you meet either the arts, athletics, or both criteria. These will be vetted to ensure the standard is met. We need your self-nomination by noon on Friday June 11th.

MAJOR SCHOOL AWARDS

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENT IS RECOGNIZED AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR GRADES 10-12. RECOGNITION IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE AREAS OF SCHOLASTICS, SERVICE, FINE ARTS AND ATHLETICS, IN THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES AND SILVER AND GOLD "C" PINS.

Category Criteria For "C" Awards

- **SCHOLASTICS**- Presented to students who maintain a high level of achievement, Honours with Distinction (GPA 3.8)
 - **SERVICE**- Presented to students who, through voluntary service in the school, make a significant contribution to improving the school and enriching the school life of fellow students. All teachers, coaches and administrators will be asked to submit a list of students' names which will be weighted according to the time and effort spent. Service with Distinction qualifies a student for a "C" as defined below.
 - **ATHLETICS**- Presented to students who have participated on at least two major extra-curricular teams in one year or have been a member of a team, which qualified for the Provincial Championships.
 - **FINE ARTS**- Presented to fine arts students in good standing who have excelled in a significant extra-curricular manner in the fine arts areas while representing the school and who have been nominated by their teachers (e.g. Film & Music Festivals, Art Exhibitions, National Contest Winners etc.)
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- **SILVER "C" AWARD**- Presented to students in good standing who in a school year excel in at least two of the areas of scholastics (Honours with Distinction), service (with Distinction as nominated by staff), fine arts, or athletics.
 - **GOLD "C" AWARD**- Presented to students in good standing who in a school year excel in at least three of the areas of scholastics (Honours with Distinction), service (with distinction as nominated by staff), fine arts, and athletics.
 - **PLATINUM "C" AWARD**- Highest award given for excellence in all areas: service, fine arts, athletics, and Honours with distinction.

SURVEY FOR PARENTS

Through the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning, schools are renewing school plans. At Cowichan Secondary we are looking to include the voice of our parent community. Please consider filling out the four questions below. This is important work and the information guides us towards providing the best learning environment we can for students. The survey will remain open until Friday, June 11th.

<https://forms.office.com/r/MgrvYSqNWL>





VIU
NEWSLETTER

- **Upcoming Information Sessions:**
Fundamentals of Forest-Harvesting Practices Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm until August 4
[Join on Zoom](#)
- **Recruitment Updates:**
- **New Recruitment drop-in hours** – Starting in June, drop-in will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
[Click here to join!](#) Password: 441587 | Meeting ID: 666 0802 0912
- **VIU Virtual Recruitment Sessions** – Save the dates! Our 2021/2022 virtual information sessions have been scheduled and are open for registration. Check them all out [here](#).
- It's not too late for new full-time domestic students to enter [VIU's What's Next Campaign](#) to win one \$2,500 credit towards Falls 2021 tuition! Contest closes July 15th at 9:00 am PDT
- **Advising Updates:**
- **New Advising drop-in hours** – Starting June 21st the Advising Zoom drop-in will run from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday to Friday.
- **Information for new applicants:**
- If you missed the **Next Steps Presentation**, [watch it now](#)
- Visit [Ready, Set, Go - Launchpad to Success at VIU!](#)
- [After you have applied to Vancouver Island University](#)
- **Services for Aboriginal Students (SAS):**
- Did you know that SAS also offers a Zoom drop-in? New and prospective Aboriginal students are encouraged to pop-in to connect with an Advisor. [Details can be found on the website](#).
Alternatively, they can email SAS@viu.ca or call 250.740.6510.

IMPORTANT DRY GRAD INFORMATION

Next Grad Celebration Planning Committee Meeting

Monday, June 7, 6:30 pm

Please email cssdrygrad@gmail.com for zoom address

We are very close to being able to release details about June 26 red carpet grad event in terms of time slots

We are excited to tell you we will be able to have up to 40 grads at the Exhibition grounds at one time.

Still no parents - sorry

When we release the time slots we will need from you:

ONE email with all names and emails for every grad you wish to have together in a group

1st and second choice for preferred time slots

If you send names in different emails, we cannot guarantee they will be placed in the same group!

***So please get this information ready to send when the times are released, as it will be done on a first-come-first-served basis





SUN PRINTS PHOTOGRAPHY 10



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Photography students took advantage of the beautiful weather to make "sun prints". Here students took photo paper and placed objects on it to then let the sun expose them – followed by a rinse in water. The result is a blue and white print.



**CAMOSUN TRADES SAMPLER
SUMMER PROGRAM FOR
YOUTH**

Camosun is pleased to share that they have a new trades sampler program for youth aged 17-29 – Multi-Industry Trades Exploration & Employment (Mi-Tee).

This fully-funded 12 week program, starting at the end of June, will give learners an opportunity to explore several construction trades in a hands on environment with a focus on safety, skills upgrading and job readiness. Students will develop a resume, practice interview skills and network with construction companies in Victoria. This includes a 7-day paid work experience on a job site! Spaces are limited!

More information, including funding and admission requirements

Questions!? Please contact: Jayna Wiewiorowski at 250-370-3827 or wiewiorowskij@camosun.ca

<https://camosun.ca/programs-courses/find-program/mi-tee#program>



**\$\$\$ POTENTIAL FOR GRADE 12
STUDENTS PLANNING TO WORK
IN A TRADE AFTER GRADUATION
OR
ATTEND A
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FOR
TRADE TRAINING!**

Are you planning on working in a trade after graduation? If you are please contact the Career Centre.

You could be eligible for a \$1000 award!

Are you planning on taking trades training at a program after graduation at a college or university next year? If you are please contact the Career Centre.

You could be eligible for a \$2200 grant!

CSS SWAG SALE 50% OFF

CSS SWAG BLOW OUT SALE! 50% OFF!*

Beanie Toques
~~\$10~~ \$5.00 ea



Pullover Hoodies
~~\$35~~ \$17.50 ea



Sweatpants
~~\$35~~ \$17.50 ea



Scarves w/Pockets
~~\$10~~ \$5.00 ea



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***Sale items are in
the main office

