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## **Palmer Career Centre Newsletter –** **January 2018**

Grade 10-12 students and their parents please visit the Career Centre District Website for post-secondary updates, events, volunteer opportunities and scholarship information:

<http://sd38careercentre.weebly.com/calendar.html>

and Ms. Mayer Career Centre facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ms-Mayer-Career-Centre/333673583360594>

Students are encouraged to visit the Career Centre Bulletin Boards to see what the latest with scholarships, post-secondary events and interesting opportunities and volunteering.

### **Reminder for Gr. 12 Students:**

All 2018 grads may make an appointment with Ms. Mayer to discuss your post-secondary plans and options. Graduating students should be in the process of submitting their post-secondary applications. BC students applying to out-of-province universities should be familiar with admission requirements, important deadlines, how to apply and submit applications before Jan 2018.

**B.C. Institutions:** Students may apply directly to the institution or use EducationPlannerBC - <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca>

This service allows a student to apply to several institutions using a common form. Students will be asked to create an account using their Personal Education Number and pay an application fee for each school applied to.

**Ontario Institutions:** B.C. students must apply on-line through the Ontario Universities Application Website: <http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/>

It is recommended that BC students apply by mid-November. Rank your university choices. **It is also recommended that you submit official hardcopies of your grades to your choice post-secondary institutions in Ontario if required.**

**Alberta Institutions:** Use the on-line application service <https://applyalberta.ca/>

**All Other Institutions:** Varies – please check their website.

**NEW! StudentsTranscripts Service (STS).** Please note that the PSI "Choices" form is no longer available and replaced by the StudentsTranscripts Service (STS). Students need their PEN number to register.

The Ministry of Education has just launched the *StudentTranscripts Service (STS)*, a new online application for students to view their marks, scholarships and transcripts, and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions and third parties.

To access the service, visit the Ministry of Education's *Order Transcripts and Certificates* website at [www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca) and follow the instructions found there.

1. **Register for a BCeID** (a BC Government account that provides you with access to B.C. Government online services)
2. **Register for the StudentTranscript Service** using your BCeID
3. **Log in** to your StudentTranscripts Service using your BCeID.
4. **Follow the steps in order to have transcripts sent electronically to post-secondary institutions.**

**\*Note:** Some Post-Secondary institutions may require your grade information earlier than available through this process. Ensure you are familiar with each institution's requirements regarding grade submission. If required, order an official hardcopy transcript from the main office (\$5.00 per transcript).

**Questions/concerns** regarding ordering your official documents. Email: [studenttranscripts@gov.bc.ca](mailto:studenttranscripts@gov.bc.ca)

*Be sure to include your name, birth date, Personal Education Number (PEN).*

#### **Document Deadlines:**

Many universities & colleges require additional information such as transcripts or supplemental applications or profiles, this is called a "document deadline". This is separate from the application deadline and varies depending on the institution.

***Register to write the TOEFL/IELTS and/or the LPI if you are required to do so. Contact the Career Centre or the individual post-secondary institutions you are applying to for requirements and exemptions.***

#### **Reminders to Grade 11 Students:**

If you are planning to attend a USA post-secondary institution after graduation, it is a good idea to register for and to write your SAT admission exam during your Grade 11 year! This allows enough time to have your SAT scores ready for your Fall application. See the College Board website for registration details: <http://student.collegeboard.org/>

#### **Port of Vancouver Leadership Opportunity Presentation – for grade 10 & 11's**

**JAN 18/18** – (Thursday Lunch) Come to a presentation in the Palmer Library to learn more about the Port of Vancouver Leadership Program to build leadership skills, develop public speaking and presentation skills and gain a comprehensive knowledge about the Port of Vancouver. You will learn about assisting with presentations, participating in various community events and volunteering.

#### **UVic Info Session at Palmer**

##### **JAN 29/18 - – Library at Lunch**

The University of Victoria is coming for Lunch Presentations to tell us about what the University of Victoria experience is like and learn how they can make a difference for you in your education. Learn about programs, opportunities, residence and campus life.

## **Skilled Trade Exploration Program (STEP) - SPRING 2018**

### **FEB 7/18 – Application Deadline**

Are you in Grade 11 or 12 and curious about exploring a skilled trade? See your counsellor or career advisor today, to apply for Richmond School District's one-week *STEP Program*. Apply to work for an entire week with the Richmond School District carpenters, plumbers, electricians, landscapers or H-VAC technicians. If you like Information Technology and computers, you may be particularly interested in H-VAC. Applications for this exciting work experience program are available from your Career Information Advisor or counsellor. Deadline to submit your COMPLETE application is Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't delay if this fantastic exploration opportunity is of interest to you!

### **For students in Gr 8-12:**

#### **FEB 21/18 Youth Train in Trades Workshops (Plumbing or Professional Cook)**

Register by Feb 14.

The Career Programs Office is offering the '**Education on Action**' series in 2017/18. Experience a morning in the SD38 'Youth Train in Trades' Professional Cook Program or the Plumbing Program. Acquire practical hands-on skills. These workshops are open to Grade 8 - 12 students. Limited seats available. To register for one of the workshops, contact Ms. Mah at: [sumah@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sumah@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-668-6000 ext 3766.

<http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/forms/education-action-ace-it-program-workshops>

<http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/about-us/forms-flyers>

### **Study and Go Abroad Fair Spring 2018 Vancouver**

Don't miss Canada's largest international university and student travel expo!

Free seminars starting at 12 noon.

**Date: Feb 25, 2018**

**Time: 1:00 - 5:00 pm.**

**Event Location:** East Ballroom at Convention Level

Vancouver Convention Centre

999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC

Attend the fair and find out how you can study or travel abroad. Learn about studying a whole degree program abroad (undergrad or postgrad), or a shorter-term program - find out about admission requirements, program options and scholarships. Discover gap year and other travel options: volunteering, work abroad, internships and language travel. For details and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/study-and-go-abroad-fair-vancouver-spring-2018-tickets-14906755507>

### **Other Event Dates:**

**JAN 24/18:** Langara Journalism Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/journalism/information-sessions.html>

**JAN 25/18:** Langara Education Assistant Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/education-assistant/information-session.html>

**JAN 29/18:** UBC Sauder BCom Info Session <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ubc-sauder-undergraduate-office-8557797163>

**FEB 10/18:** KPU Graphic Design for Marketing Early Application Interview and Portfolio Reviews <http://www.kpu.ca/design/gdma/features>

**FEB 17/18:** ExploreUVic (on Vancouver Island) <https://www.uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events/explore/index.php>

**FEB 17/18:** Quest University Open House Preview Event <https://questu.ca/quest-admissions-open-house/>

**FEB 19/18:** Langara Social Service Worker Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/social-service/information-sessions.html>

**FEB 20/18:** Veterinary Technology Information Session(s) at Douglas College <https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/science-technology/veterinary-technology>

**FEB 21/18:** Langara Journalism Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/journalism/information-sessions.html>

**FEB 22/18:** Langara Education Assistant Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/education-assistant/information-session.html>

**FEB 23/18:** Discovery Day - KPU Langley <http://www.kpu.ca/events/discovery-day-kpu-langley-0>

**FEB 24/18:** KPU 'Surrey' Open House <http://www.kpu.ca/openhouse/surrey>

**MAR 1/18:** Explore Capilano Information Night <https://www.capilanou.ca/future/visit-cap/Explore-Capilano/>

**MAR 8/18:** Langara Bachelor of Science in Nursing Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/nursing/information-sessions.html>

**MAR 19/18:** Langara Social Service Worker Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/social-service/information-sessions.html>

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