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Palmer News ~ December 2018



Happy Holidays!

The staff at Palmer wish you all a wonderful Winter holiday. We hope you find time to relax and enjoy time spent with your family and friends. We will see our students back at Palmer on Monday, January 7th.

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) – Next Meeting – January 8th 2019 at 7pm

Palmer PAC meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Library. It is an opportunity for parent to hear about the exciting things happening at the Palmer and to connect with Mrs. Savory, Principal or Palmer and to connect with other Palmer parents. The next PAC meeting is on January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. We will be having a special presentation from one of our Careers teachers, Ms. Ashley Van Kraligen. Ms. Van Kraligen will be presenting a new on-line platform that all students will be using to explore Career Options and Post Secondary Choices. The platform is called “MyBluePrint” and all students will be introduced to it next year. Many of our grade 10-12 students have already started to explore and create a profile on MyBluePrint in their Career Education Classes. Come out to PAC and see this powerful tool that your children will be using to explore and reflect on the Career and Post Secondary choices. All parents are welcome to attend PAC meetings and these Parent Information opportunities.

Minutes of PAC meetings are posted on the Palmer website. [Parent Advisory Council | Palmer Secondary School](#)

Term 1 Report Cards

Palmer no longer prints hard copies of Report Cards. Term 1 Report Cards are now available to view and print on the MyEd Parent and Student Portal. For instructions on how to access the portal, please see the [website](#) for detailed information.

Collaboration Morning – January 8th 2019

A reminder that teachers participate in Collaboration meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. This is an opportunity for teachers to learn and plan together to improve their instructional practices. These meetings occur during the first hour and twenty minutes of the school day. On these days, classes begin at 9:40am and the dismissal is at our regular 2:50pm. Have a nice sleep in on January 8th. We will see you at 9:40.

Dry Grad Committee

Currently there is no Parent/Guardian who has come forward to show interest in being part of the Parent Dry Grad Committee. Dry Grad is an important celebration for our graduates to have an organized and safe event to celebrate their years of formal education. This is a parent event that happens directly following the Dinner Dance Celebration on June 25th 2019. Please see Ms. Savory if you are interested in helping out in any way. Also, check our web site for updates.

Yearbook 2018-2019

Looking for the perfect Christmas Present for your favorite Griffin? Fabulous pictures and priceless memories. you have not bought a yearbook for this year, purchase one soon because they are now at the lowest price of the year!! Go to 'School Cash On-Line' and purchase your book for only \$45, the price will increase in the new year and we always sell out. A SUPER deal and a whole school year documented for you to enjoy for years to come!

Open House: Spotlight on Palmer January 17th



The staff and students of Palmer invite you to sample a bit of why we love to work and learn here. This special evening has been designed to give you a small taste of some of the wonderful things that are happening at our school. So take some time and see the displays, presentations, and entertainment. Feel free to ask questions and participate. Above all, enjoy sharing in our Palmer Pride!

The time line for the evening is:

6:30pm	Grade 7 Parent information Session
7:00pm	Spotlight Begins
7:30pm	Incentive/Pre-Advanced Placement Information Session

Palmer Library

The winter holiday is a perfect time to catch up on some reading! To learn about some of the new and upcoming arrivals and to plan your next pick, remember to visit the Palmer Library [website](#). It is a fantastic resource for information about digital and media literacy (among other topics) and make sure you check out the Book Review page (<https://palmerlibraryreviews.edublogs.org>) where we have book reviews by, and for, staff and students.

Griffins That Give

Want to get involved in your local community? Looking to gain community experience and become an engaged citizen? Then join Griffins that Give! This club provides many new opportunities to volunteer in the local community while allowing students to acquire insight about their own community. Moreover, this club occasionally provides resume building opportunities. During the month of November and December, students have volunteered at the Richmond Nature Park and Britannia Shipyards. Another opportunity is volunteering as a cashier or server for seniors at the Minoru Place Activity Centre. The opportunity at Minoru Place Activity Centre is one of the resume-building options, as it requires a weekly commitment. Since the winter holidays are approaching, multiple festive volunteer openings are available. At Thompson Community Centre, students can help with face painting, set up, and clean up as a Santa Holiday Helper. Also, students can help out with the Breakfast with Santa event at Cambie Community Centre. Besides these opportunities, there are also ones that involve teaching. For instance, students can volunteer as a homework helper at Anderson or Cook Elementary School. But that's not the end of the list yet! We have more volunteering events coming up in the future, so if you're interested, please come to our meetings during lunch! This year's student executives continue to maintain public relations so that community groups know that Griffins that Give is available to support them. The club meets every Wednesday at lunch in Mrs. Calaciura's room. New members are always welcome!

Dates to Remember

Please check out our WAAG (Week at a Glance): [Week At A Glance | Palmer Secondary School](#)

Winter Music Concert

The students gave a wonderful performance on December 11th. They performed for their peers in the afternoon and for family and friends in the evening. It is clear the students have been working hard at developing their skills! Thank you to the parents for supporting this at home.

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up

The Palmer parking lot is very busy before and after school with parents dropping off/picking up their children. Parents are reminded that the student drop off location is in the front round-about in the school. Parents should not be entering the north parking lot or driving down the south side of the school, as many students are walking in these areas. Parents are also strongly encouraged to drop their kids off at an alternate location away from the school and have their children walk to the school to avoid the congestion. Many students are having to sign in late because they are caught in a traffic jam trying to get into our parking lot. Thank you with your help with this.

Grad News

The grads had a very successful Winter Formal this past November. In early February we will be asking all grads attending the commencement ceremony for their approximate height to facilitate us in the ordering of the grad gowns for Valedictory. Our ceremony is not until June but our planning starts early! The grad committee will shortly be working on a Spring Grad Event so stay tuned for updates!

We hope you all have some wonderful time with family and friends over the Winter Break. We will see all of our students again on Monday January 7th 2019.

Helpful Websites

Palmer Web Site	http://palmer.sd38.bc.ca/
Career Centre	http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~ccnews/
Richmond School District	www.sd38.bc.ca/
Ministry of Education	www.gov.bc.ca/bced/
BC Coalition of PACS	www.bccpac.bc.ca/
R.C. Palmer Email:	palmer@sd38.bc.ca

Palmer Career Centre Newsletter – Dec. 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 the latest information regarding scholarships, post-secondary events and interesting opportunities and volunteering.

Grade 12s :

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 2019.

B.C. Institutions: Students may apply directly to the institution or use Education Planner BC: <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.

Application Deadlines:

DEC 1/18 – UBC Early admission deadline and Centennial Scholars Deadline

JAN 15/19 - UBC Final application deadline

JAN 15/19 - Emily Carr application deadline (Feb 1 for Portfolio)

JAN 31/19 - SFU Final application deadline (Dec 3 for Major Entrance Scholarship)

FEB 28/19 – Uvic Final application deadline

MAR 31/18 - Capilano Final application deadline (Career & Limited Enrollment check website)

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.

Student Transcript Service (STS)

The Ministry of Education launched the *Student Transcripts Service* (STS), an 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 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 Student Transcript Service** using your BCeID
3. **Log in** to your Student Transcripts 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).

IMPORTANT: Students applying to **UBC** for early admission and scholarship consideration are to provide UBC with their PEN and must order a transcript via the Student Transcript Service (STS) by December 1. Students have until January 31 (in all other cases) to fill in the STS. When ordering your transcript, select “send my transcript now and allow this Post-Secondary Institution to request transcript updates” and choose the default date (one year from the date of your order) so that UBC can receive your interim and final grades continuously. For details: https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/how-to-submit-documents/#from_a_high_school_in_canada_or_a_canadian_high_school_in_another_country

Questions/concerns regarding ordering your official documents. Email: studenttranscripts@gov.bc.ca

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

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/>

Other Event Dates:

NOV 28/18 – SFU Program fair at SFU Campus - <https://www.sfu.ca/students/events/sfu-program-fair.html>

NOV 28/18 – Explore Capilano 2108 - <https://www.capilano.ca/future/visit-cap/Explore-Capilano/>

DEC 1/18 – National Portfolio Day hosted by KPU. <https://nationalportfolioday.org/undergraduate-events/>

DEC 6/18 – University of New Brunswick info table in Palmer Lounge during Lunch

JAN 10/19 - Corpus Christi College Preview Night <http://corpuschristi.ca/news-events/events/preview-night/>

JAN 10/19 - Langara Nursing Information Session <https://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/nursing/information-sessions.html>

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