



This Week in the Dog House



<http://belmont.sd62.bc.ca/>

February 5 to Feb 9th, 2018

23rd edition

The week ahead...

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

- Belmont Ambassadors meet buddies from Daxing High School @ lunch in Room A201
- TC02 Presentation for gr. 9's in Theatre during Blk C
- Jr & Sr Boys' Rugby practice at 3:45 – 5:30pm
- Girls' Rugby practice at 3:45 – 5:30pm. All grades and playing experience welcome.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

- Daxing high school students integrated into classrooms with Belmont Ambassadors
- Grad Photo retakes in Hospitality room 8:30am – 9:00pm
- PAC meeting 7pm in Learning Commons
- Dept. Head meeting @ 3:45pm in Learning Commons
- Jr & Sr Boys' Rugby practice at 3:45 – 5:30pm
- Girl's Rugby practice at 3:45 – 5:30 pm. All grades and playing experience welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

- Grad Photo retakes in Hospitality room 8:30am – 9:00pm
- Grade 10 Course Selection Assembly in Block A - Theatre
- Report Cards distributed in TAG

THURSDAY, February 8th

- Grad Photo retakes in Hospitality room 8:30am – 9:00pm
- Belmont Music Department welcomes our family of school (middle) for a morning performance

FRIDAY, February 9th

- Girls' Rugby practice at 2:30 – 4:00pm. All grades and playing experience welcome.

Coming soon...

- Feb 12 – **Family Day (school not in session)**
- Feb 13 – Staff meeting @ 3:45pm in Learning Commons
- Feb 14 – Valentine's Candy Grams
- Feb 20 – Fine Arts Dept. Photo Shoot in Theatre
- Feb 21 – SPEAC meeting @ David Cameron
- Feb 21 – Victoria Conservatory of Music "The Bills" 12:45pm & 2:15pm
- Feb 22 – The Strengthening Connections Career & Education Fair in the Learning Commons 9 am
- Feb 23 – **Pro-D (school not in session)**
- Feb 28 – **Pink Shirt Day**
- Mar 7 – Skills Canada Regional Competition, registration opening soon
- Mar 19 – Apr 2 – **Spring Break (school not in session)**

Belmont's Concert Choir played host to four other local high school choirs, as well as the Coastal Sound Youth Choir from the Lower Mainland on Saturday Jan. 27th. Close to 200 musicians gathered for a day of sharing & learning together from First Nation guests and Choral Clinicians. It was a wonderful celebration of community!

Soldier for a Day is a fun way for students to learn more about the role of the Army Reserves, how a soldier is trained and some of the things they do as part of the Canadian Armed Forces. Participants will be given the opportunity to see some of the equipment and vehicles used and may also experience a portion of an annual fitness test and may receive basic instruction in marching and drill. Students will also get a closer look at the different educational and job opportunities in infantry, pipes and drums band, artillery cooks, drivers, mechanics, communications, etc.

When: Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 10:00am to 3:30pm

Location: 715 Bay Street, Victoria BC

Register online <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/soldier-for-a-day-victoria-registration-42131689016>

See the Career Centre for more information.

The Business Department at Camosun College is inviting students to tour their department and to learn about their business programs and careers by participating in hands-on activities. Students will also meet instructors and Camosun students. Date: Wednesday, February 21st from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Please pick up a field trip permission form from the Career Centre. Spaces are limited and students will be transported by school bus.

Dual Credit South Island Partnership (SIP) Programs

In addition to last week's SIP announcement, please also congratulate the following Belmont students who have successfully completed **Bio 103** and gained valuable experience as a first-year university lab oriented course. They will achieve a transferable university credit, and 8 grad credits for completing Bio 12 and a recognized post-secondary course. All of them will have the benefit of a "head start" in their career pathway at a post-secondary institution. Belmont and Camosun's Biology Dept. are very proud of their work ethic, diligence and their capacity to embrace the challenges involved in managing a university course while attending high school.

Alana T.	Devon W.	Jasleen S.	Mirian C.
Anguli B.	Emily L.	Jena J.	Mya N.
Ashley G.	Emily P.	Jocelynn E.	Paige S.
Christine C.	Emily R.	Jolann S.	Reet M.
Cirila B.	Emily S.	Karsen W.	Sierra I.
Connor E.	Emma E.	Megan W.	Sydney W.
			Tyler S.

The school district sponsors and pays the tuition for qualifying students. Now is the time to plan and apply for any of the SIP Programs. For more information on **Biology 103**, please see Mrs. Nicholson or Mrs. Hyde in the Career Centre for an application. You may also wish to talk to your counsellor, or Ms. Choma in A304. Please note Bio 103 is only offered during semester 1.



Smudging Ceremony – January 29th

At the beginning of the semester, on January 29th during lunch, Belmont welcomed Elder Shirley Alphonse who performed a Smudging Ceremony. Elder Shirley is a member of Cowichan First Nation and is a very respected Elder in the T'Sou-ke community where she resides.



Smudging is an ancient cultural tradition which is practiced across North America today. This ceremony grounds us with the earth and cleanses and protects the mind and body with sage, cedar and sweet-grass. It is a reflective practice which is meant to focus us for the day, week or month ahead. We thank Elder Shirley for her gift of time, spirit and care for the students and staff of our school.

Check out the ***Belmont Scholarship website*** for detailed information and application procedure.

<https://belmontscholarship.weebly.com/>

Follow our Belmont Athletes through our Twitter feed [@belmont_sports!](https://twitter.com/belmont_sports)

Course Selection 2018-19

On January 31st, We welcomed students and parents from Spencer and Ecole John Stubbs for an information evening including a presentation and open house as we begin our annual course selection process with grades 8 through 11. Our theatre was filled to capacity as we welcomed next year's grade 9s.

Thanks to all the students and parents who attended.

A reminder to all students and their families that our course selection booklets are available on the home page of our school's website.

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