



This Week in the Dog House


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

February 20 - February 24, 2017

Casting for the "Breakfast Club" play, after school on Tuesday, February 28. (see poster)

MONDAY, February 20th

- Gr. 10 Classroom visits (Blk D) - Course Forms
- Belmont Counsellors visit Spencer

TUESDAY, February 21st

- Swim Team meet @ YMCA 3:45 - 4:45 pm
- Belmont Cheer Team practice @ 3:30 pm
- Belmont Counsellors visit Spencer
- Gr. 10 Classroom visits (Blk D) - Course Forms
- SPEAC - Emergency Planning Meeting at Belmont in the Learning Commons - 7pm

WEDNESDAY, February 22nd

- Grade 9 assembly in Theatre - course selection - Block A
- Grad hosted BBQ
- Pro-Kindness Day - PINK Bandanas
- Belmont Cheer Team practice @ 3:30 pm
- Global and Intercultural Meeting in room B307
- Girls' Rugby practice 3:45 - 55 pm
- Belmont Improv Troupe meet in Belmont Theatre 3:30 - 5:30 pm
- Belmont Cultural Night from 5 to 7pm

THURSDAY, February 23rd

- Homework Study Club meet at lunch in Room A201
- Gr. 10 Classroom visits (Blk D) - Course Forms
- Hosting the AAAA Island Senior Boys Basket ball
- Prom/Safegrd meeting at 7pm - Learning Commons

FRIDAY, February 24th

- Profession Development Day for Staff
- Hosting the AAAA Island Senior Boys Basket ball

SATURDAY, February 25th

- Hosting the AAAA Island Senior Boys Basket ball

Grade 12s, Don't forget to check the scholarship website for updates.

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

Coming Soon

- Feb 27th - deadline for submission for BC Quebec Exchange

Congratulations to the Junior Basketball team for finishing in the finals in the Island this weekend hosted at Belmont. We lost the final game to Claremont 49-41 in a thriller. Off to the provincials next Friday!!

Congratulations to Julian Foggitt for making the Canadian under 18 rugby team. He will be travelling to Las Vegas and France in the near future for various competitions. Well done Julian!!

Reserved for "scruffy" news. Our Robot is in a competition today.

Second semester is also the start of course selection for next year. There will be lots of activities surrounding this. You can get a head start by reviewing the online course forms and course handbooks at: <http://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/parents/course-selection-2016-17/>

Grade 9 students selecting courses for grade 10

- 9:10AM Assembly on February 22nd (Theatre)
- TAG mock selection to follow on February 22nd
- Classroom visits - February 28th, March 1st and 2nd (Block D)
 - Grade 9 course forms due for collection that week

Grade 10 students selecting courses for grade 11

- ~~9:10AM Assembly on February 15th (Theatre)~~
- ~~TAG mock selection to follow on February 15th~~
- Classroom visits - February 20th, 21st, 23rd (Block D)
 - Grade 10 course forms due that week

Grade 11 students selecting courses for grade 12

- **COMPLETED!**

Wed Feb 22 - Pink Shirt Day - All students & staff should come to school in their Pink Attire for the Annual Belmont Positivity Day! Wear your Pink to show support for all students & staff! Pink Bandanas will also be distributed to everyone during TAG!

BELMONT CULTURAL NIGHT, on February 22 from 5pm to 7pm we will host a cultural night in the social commons area. Students, staff, family and community members will all come together to celebrate culture. The evening will commence with a special children's drum performance and then food tables will be set up with various food, music and creative art options. Come one, come all!

Aboriginal Education @ Belmont

Tuesday : Free Traditional Tea served at the Lakeside Café
Thursday: Drop in Q&As with Alli from Camosun College who will be in the Career Centre from 1-3pm

Grade 11 Student Matthew Brabant, member of 848 Royal Roads Royal Canadian Air Cadets, has been chosen to participate on a five-day Familiarization Sail onboard the Her Majesty's Canadian Ship YELLOWKNIFE. Good luck and Have Fun!

- Feb 28, March 1, March 2nd - Elementary Schools Basketball Jamboree from 3 to 6pm
- Feb 28th - Casting for the "Breakfast Club"
- Mar 1st - Concert Band - BandFest @ UVic
- Mar 2nd - Career Fair organized by ABED & Career Centre 9:00 - 11:30 am
- Mar 7th - PAC Event-School Goals @ 7:00 pm
- Mar 7th - Dept. Head mtg. @ 3:40 pm
- Mar 8th - International Women's Day
- Mar 8-9 - Drumline @ BC Drumline Competition (Abbotsford)
- Mar 14th - Staff mtg. @ 3:40 pm
- Mar 17th - End of Term 3
- Mar 17th - St. Patrick's Day/Day before Spring Break BBQ!
- Mar 17-18 - Rugby Canada University 7s
- Mar 20 - 31 - Spring Break
- Apr 4th - PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Apr 4th - Dept. Head Meeting @ 3:40 pm
- Apr 7th - Indie Night - 6:30 to 9pm
- Apr 9th - Choir & Band @ Rink Cycle II - Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre
- Apr 11th - Staff Meeting
- Apr 11th - Report Cards Distributed
- Apr 12th - 3 hr. Early Dismissal Learning Conferences
- Apr 13th - Pro-D (school not in session)
- Apr 14th - Good Friday (school not in session)
- Apr 17th - Easter Monday (school not in session)
- April 21st - Sustainability class organizes an Earth Day event
- Apr 21st - West Coast Choral Festival @ Brentwood College
- Apr 24th - 28th - Spirit Week
- Apr 29th or 30th 9am to 5pm - Football fundraiser - Drive for your students sponsored by buick
- May 2nd - PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- May 2nd - Dept. Head Meeting @ 3:40 pm
- May 3rd - West Coast Jazz Festival @ VIU
- May 9th - General Election - youth at the booth program
- May 9th - Staff Meeting
- May 8-11 - Mother's Day Grams on Sale
- May 12th - Pro-D (school not in session)
- May 15th - "O'Canada"/Grad Song Auditions @ lunch in the CRM
- May 21-29 - Rugby Canada Women 7s
- May 22nd - Victoria Day (school not in session)
- May 22nd - Island Farms Victoria Day Parade
- May 23-27 - BMD Tour in Vancouver

Congratulations to Emily Rasmussen, Markus Myer, Christine Camaso, and Keira Tomalty who were nominated for a Leadership Victoria Award for the work they accomplished getting the Belmont's Health clinics open in addition to their continued support of positive mental health initiatives in our school communities. They will receive their award on March 2 at Government House, under the patronage of the Honourable Judith Guichon, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

TALE (Tourism and Leadership Exploration Program)

Are you interested in gaining knowledge and exploring the Adventure Tourism Industry? This eight week program is offered in partnership with SD 61 and West Coast Adventure College to students from July 4 to August 25, 2017. Learn about wilderness first aid, navigation, leadership, communication, risk management, trip planning and survival skills. Upon completion of the program including a four week work experience placement, students will acquire eight high school credits. See Mrs. Nicholson in the Career Centre for an application. For more information contact Tanya Larkin at tlarkin@sd62.bc.ca

Vancouver Island Youth Parliament

Applications are now being accepted for the 25th Annual Vancouver Island Youth Parliament (VIYP). VIYP is a model parliament for youth ages 14-18 from March 10-12, 2017, hosted at the Gulf Islands Secondary School. Students will develop skills in leadership public speaking and the parliamentary process. For more information go to <http://www.bryp.org/viyp.html>. Applications can also be picked up in the Career Centre.

The registration fee is \$45.00

Deadline to register is March 5, 2017

Explorations in Technology (TEAC 105) - Are you interested in learning about Computer Science, Electronic & Computing Engineering, Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering? Camosun College offers a dual credit course for high school students at the Interurban Campus for 13 Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The next class starts in September with a limited number of seats. Applications can be picked up in the Career Centre. The application fee is \$40.20 and tuition will be paid by the school. Students will receive 4 Grade 12 credits upon completion of the course. For more information please contact Nadine Nicholson at nnicholson@sd62.bc.ca

Discover Tectoria: This FREE one-day exposition of more than 70 Greater Victoria technology firms and research agencies includes a: Video Game Lounge (local companies allow you to test drive their inventions)

Research District (see some amazing projects post-secondary students have put together)

Startup Alley (get a sneak peek at the future of Tectoria)

Tradeshow (local companies demonstrating products, hiring staff, or co-ops)

Innovation Theatre (a line-up of great talks and panel discussions)

Combustion Chamber (Science demos for the kids!)

- June 3-4 - Prom
- June 6th - Dept. Head Meeting @ 3:40 pm
- June 8th - PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- June 10th - Dance Rehearsal 9:00am - 3:00pm
- June 11th - Grad Ceremony @ 11:00 AM UVIC
- June 13th - Staff Meeting
- June 15th - Dance Rehearsal 4:00 - 9:00 pm
- June 16th - Dance Show 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- June 17th - Dance Show 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- June 20th - End of Term 4
- June 29th - Last day of School & Report Cards Distributed

Student Video Game Work Experience Program

The student Video Game Work Experience Program provides students with the opportunity to learn what it is like to work in a video game company.

The program will run from April - May 2017.

Each week placement will run Monday to Thursday

Hours will be from 9.30 am -3 pm.

To register go to

<http://www.vicvideogames.com/register/>

Open to Grade 11 and 12 students only

Canada Day Challenge - What makes you proud to be Canadian?

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1449069450337>

Every year, we ask youth from 8 to 18 years old across Canada to tell us what makes them proud to be Canadian by submitting their best, most dynamic drawings, photos or pieces of creative writing.

Volunteer Victoria is looking for students interested in taking part in the Canada 150 Youth Advisory Committee. If you would like more information on how to get involved please contact Ashley at ashley@volunteervictoria.bc.ca

When: Friday, February 24, 2017 from 11:00 am to 6:00pm

Where: Crystal Garden

Cost: Free

For more information go to <http://www.viatec.ca/events/discover-tectoria-2017>

Belmont Improv Troupe is welcoming new players every Wednesday in the Belmont Theatre 3:30 to 5:30. Tons of creative fun!! For more info please contact Mr. Cowie.

For a list of **upcoming career events, job postings and volunteer opportunities** go to

<http://bssccareercentre.weebly.com/>

Love writing? You came to the right place! Enter your original poem, short story or something in our "random" category. Create a new piece or polish up something written for a school assignment. If your entry is selected by the judging panel, you will win a gift certificate to the store of your choice, up to \$100 for first prize.

Contest age categories:

Junior (Grades 7-9 or born between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2004)

Senior (Grades 10-12 or born between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 2001)

Contest information, rules and entry forms can be found at this link: Contest runs from January 27 - March 27, 2017.

<https://gvpl.ca/audiences/teens/teenwritingcontest>

Sponsored by The Greater Victoria Public Library

Belmont Rugby is currently doing a Raffle to raise money for the upcoming season, and the prizes are awesome!

Tickets are being sold by the boys and girls rugby teams (Jan. 13th - Mar. 3rd, 2017)

Draw: March 3rd, 2017

Tickets are \$10

1st Prize:

- 2, two-day passes to the 2017 HSBC Canada 7s Tournament in Vancouver

- One nights accommodation at The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

- \$200 BC Ferry Gift Certificate

- Total value: \$800

2nd Prize:

- Salmon Fishing Charter for 2 with "A-Salt-Weapon Charters"

3rd Prize:

- Authentic Rugby Canada Jersey signed by the Bronze Medal Rugby 7s team from the Rio Olympics

4th Prize:

- 2, two-day passes to the 2017 HSBC Women's 7s in Langford

5th Prize:

- \$100 gift certificate to "The Local" restaurant

Thanks in advance, your support is much appreciated!

Charlotte Haley, Dan Beattie, Megan Evans, Claire Wilke and Ceara Mullin

The Vimy Foundation offers a prestigious summer scholarship to youth 15-17 years of age, to study the interwoven history of

Canada, France, and Great Britain during the First and Second World Wars. During the two week, fully-funded scholarship program, prize winners from Canada, Great Britain and France will visit key historical sites including lectures, visits to major museums, battlefields, cemeteries and memorials, including Vimy Ridge, where they will be introduced to ideas and viewpoints not typically taught in classrooms

[Apply for the 2017 Beaverbrook Vimy Prize](#)

Deadline for applications is March 1, 2017.

For a list of **volunteer opportunities**, please see

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