



This Week in the Dog House



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

Feb 19 to Feb 23rd, 2018

25th edition

The week ahead...

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

- Track throwing practice @ lunch

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

- Drygrad Parent meeting in the Learning Commons at 7pm.
- Fine Arts Dept. Photo Shoot in Theatre
- 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.
- Running practice @ 3:45pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

- Women in Trades and Technology – 8:30am to 3:00pm
- Business Department Tour – 8:30am to 1:00pm
- SPEAC meeting @ David Cameron
- Track throwing practice @ lunch

THURSDAY, February 22nd

- The Strengthening Connections Career & Education Fair in the Learning Commons 9 am.
- Running practice @ 3:45pm

FRIDAY, February 23rd

- **Non-instructional Day (school not in session)**

SATURDAY, February 24th

- Running practice at RBSS @ 9:00am

Coming soon...

- Feb 28 – **Pink Shirt Day**
 - Mar 1 - Miss Gaetz's Food Classes will be hosting a Bake Sale during Lunch in the front foyer.
 - Mar 6 – Gr 10 Assembly on WorkSafe in Block A
 - Mar 6 – Dept. Head Mtg. @ 3:45 pm in Learning Commons
 - Mar 6 – PAC meeting in the Learning Commons @ 7pm
 - Mar 7 – Skills Canada Regional Competition, registration opening soon
 - Mar 8 – Evening of Jazz in Social Commons
 - Mar 8 – International Women's Day
 - Mar 13 – Staff Mtg. @ 3:45 pm in Learning Commons
 - Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day
 - Mar 19 – Apr 2 – **Spring Break (school not in session)**
 - Apr 11 – Euclid Contest
 - Apr 18 – Report Cards issued in TAG
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SD62 District Bus Info 2018/19

The letter below was sent to all parents on Friday, February 16th via District email:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are proposing to make some changes to school bus registration starting in the 2018/19 school year and would like to share these changes with you before finalizing them. It is our hope that these changes provide parents with adequate time to decide about school busing for the 2018/19 school year. These changes include:

- Publishing the routes in advance of registration. This will allow for parents to find their routes quickly rather than waiting until the summer to learn them.
- Passes for 2018/19 will be issued before the end of this school year.

Note: Routes will likely remain the same as this year with some centralized drop-offs and pick-ups in order to improve efficiencies. In previous years, school bus routes were determined after students were registered to take the bus. Essentially, parents were registering for an unknown bus route.

Please join us next week and let us know what you think. We would like to outline the transportation related challenges we have heard from parents in the past and want to hear your input and feedback about these proposed changes.

- **Sooke:** Tuesday, **February 20 at Journey Middle School**, 7 p.m.
- **Westshore:** Wednesday, **February 21 at Belmont Secondary School**, 7 p.m.

As a growing school district, we are committed to providing eligible students with safe bus transportation to and from school. We look forward to chatting with you about these proposed changes to the SD62 transportation system.

Sincerely,

Harold Cull

Secretary Treasurer
Sooke School District #62

Thursday, March 1, 2018 – Information Computer Systems and Technology Tour – 8:30am to 1:00pm

Students will participate in fun hands-on activities and tour the campus. Pick up field trip permission forms from the Career Centre. Seats are limited and transportation is by school bus.

Explorations in Technology (TEAC 105) is a Camosun course geared to high school students who are interested in exploring basic skills and hands-on projects in Computer Science, Electronic & Computer Engineering, Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. This course is offered at Camosun Interurban Campus on Fridays from 3:00pm - 6:00pm for 13 weeks starting in September and in February. If you are interested in getting a 'taste' of different types of engineering then this is the course for you. Please see the Career Centre for an application and for more information. Seats are limited and the course is tuition free.

Belmont in partnership with Camosun College offers students seats in the Camosun programs listed below; **tuition FREE**.

Students will receive Grade 12 high school credits as well as certification from Camosun. This is a great way to get a head start in a career before you turn 19!

Please see the Career Centre for an application and for more information regarding the prerequisites.

Seats are limited and the school district will pay tuition.

Carpentry	Heavy Mechanical Trades
Electrical	Sheet Metal & Metal Fabrication
Horticulture	Welding
Joinery	Computer Network Electronics Technician
Plumbing & Piping	Electronics & Computer Engineering Technology
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic	Information and Computer Systems
Professional Cook	Legal Office Assistant
Community Support & Educational Assistant	Medical Office Assistant
Health Care Assistant	Office Administration
Automotive Service Technician	

Apprenticeship Program. Are you working in a trade such as cooking, carpentry, electrical, mechanics, etc? with a trades-qualified journey person? You can earn up to 16 high school credits for 480 work-based training hours. You will be registered as an apprentice with Industry Training Authority (ITA) and you will be eligible for a scholarship/award of \$1,000. Please see the Career Centre for an application and for more information.

The **Euclid Contest** is April 11th. If any students in Grade 12 or Grade 11's are interested in writing it, please see Mrs. Conway ASAP.

Our **Belmont Chinese New Year celebration** was a huge success last Thursday night. Chinese music, food, games and trivia were all part of a lively evening. Thank you to all the students and staff who made this night a wonderful event.



Feb. 28 BCCPAC (BC Confederation of PACs) Educational Award: This \$1000 award is granted to a well-rounded grade 12 student who understands the importance of parental involvement in education and is planning to pursue a vocational, technical or academic post-secondary program.

<http://bccpac.bc.ca/memberships/awards/bccpac-educational-award/>

Congratulations to Maggie Mackinnon, Liv De Couvreur, and Carmen Izyk! All three Belmont rugby players made the *Canadian Women's 7s Rugby Team* that will be competing in the Youth Olympic Games this summer in Buenos Aires. The girls will begin their quest for gold at the International Las Vegas 7s from March 2nd-4th. Good luck!

Congratulations to Sierra Gillis on her RBC Training Ground identification and funding. Sierra competed at the RBC Training Ground event last year and was identified by Rugby Canada as an athlete with the potential to be a future Olympian in Rugby 7s.

RBC TRAINING GROUND - is a talent identification and athlete funding program designed to uncover athletes with Olympic potential and provide them with the high-performance sport resources they need to achieve their podium dreams.

Follow our Belmont Athletes through our Twitter feed @belmont_sports!

Scholarship update

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

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

One consideration when applying for scholarships is a cost-benefit analysis of how to allocate your time. For example, today's featured scholarships include one national award, one university program specific award, and one local award. Clearly your odds of success are linked to how many applicants there are, and we have no way of knowing precisely how many students will apply for each. But it is worth noting the size of the **potential** applicant pool will be smallest in those awards only open to limited numbers of students.

Feb. 23 Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards: Five awards of \$1000 each are offered in a competition open to graduating students nationally, based on the 2018 theme "The Legacy of the First World War". Students must submit an original work (text, visual art, audio or video production) and the completed application form. For further information and to apply, visit:

<http://www.warmuseum.ca/learn/school-programs/the-colonel-douglas-h-gunter-history-awards/#tabs>

Feb. 28 UVic Gustavson School of Business Black Press Business Scholarship:

An award of \$5000 is given to one outstanding student from Districts 61, 62, and 63 who applies to UVic's Bachelor of Commerce program. For further information and to apply, visit:

<https://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/entrance-scholarships/dept/business.php>

March 12 Sooke Teachers' Association Scholarships: Six scholarships of \$1000 each are available to students of the Sooke School District who are planning to attend full-time post-secondary school. Three of these awards are reserved for students whose parents are current members of the Sooke Teachers' Association and one is reserved for an Aboriginal student. Criteria considered include leadership, service, financial need, and academic standing. Applications must be received at the STA offices by March 15th. Alternatively, completed forms may be submitted to the Belmont counselling suite **by March 12th. The application is available here:**

https://www.sooketeachers.org/uploads/3/8/5/7/38577759/scholarship_application_2018.pdf

(Paper copies are also available in the Counselling Suite in the Scholarship Bin.)

Social Media Awareness + Parenting the Digital World



Date: May 16, 2018

Time: 7pm

Venue: Belmont Theatre

**For Parents of School-Aged
Children**

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more! **Don't miss this FREE event!**

- ☐ **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- ☐ **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- ☐ **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
- ☐ **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – what will they find?
- ☐ **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**



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