



September

MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept 17, 2025	TODAY’S BLOCKS: Day 3 BADC	This Friday’s schedule: Day 2 GHEF Flex
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NEW!

For important but “previously run” current events and reminders, be sure to check the re-runs and items below:

Magic the Gathering – first meeting this Friday during Flex, in room 305. Everyone welcome!

Grade 8 Band Students – your instrument choice sheets are due by the end of school today.

Robotics - there will also be an open house tomorrow, **Thursday, September 18th** from 6pm to 7pm in the Highland "Botshop" for those interested in learning more before the program starts. Space is limited! Cost to participate for the season is \$250 (including out of district travel on Vancouver Island). Meetings will be Tuesdays & Thursdays after school at Highland. For more information on the program, visit the Robotics 71 website, <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/robotics71/>, or contact matt.sydor@sd71.bc.ca.

Europe Trip 2026 meeting today at noon in Rm 205. It is for anyone interested and students who have already registered. See Ms. Bayles or Ms. Mulrooney if you have questions.

Pizza sales - there will be pizza for sale today at lunch. We will have lots of BBQ chicken pizza this week! \$3.50/slice. Support those going to Germany next year.

Improv – everyone please attend as we are finalizing class lists. If you can’t make it please let Mr. Spencer know. New members always welcome.

Gr 8-11 Leadership - meeting today at lunch in room 100. Open to anyone new.

Terry Fox Fundraising is in full swing. Just a reminder we are encouraging all grade 12 students to raise at least \$50 over the next 3 weeks to join the 'cheer' squad on Terry Fox Day, don’t miss out on the fun. Happy Fundraising!

School Nurse – the school nurse will be here at lunch in St Services today, no appointment necessary.

SPORTS

Gr 8 Girls Volleyball - If you are interested in playing Grade 8 girls Volleyball this year, please come to a meeting at lunch today (Wednesday) for a brief meeting and sign up. If you can't make it, please come see Mr. Hagel in the gym.

Jr. Girls Volleyball Tryouts – today for call backs, 3:30 - 5:00pm.

Gr 8 Boys Volleyball – practice today 3:15-5:00pm.

Gr 9 & 10 Boys Volleyball - practice tonight 5:15-7pm.

Senior Girls Volleyball – Practice tonight 7-9pm.

Today is the first day for **Grade 9 Volleyball lunch-time Intramurals**. We have a 4 team tournament set up, but there is still room to join if you want to play. Come at the beginning of lunch and check in with Mr. MacKinnon.

X-Country Athletes - mandatory lunch and learn meeting this Thursday in Portable 6 (dark portable). Bring your lunch! Treats will be provided.

RE- RUNS

Swim team - there will be a brief meeting for anyone who would like to race on the swim team, this **Thursday** at lunch in room 400. If you cannot attend, please see Ms. Armstrong.

Queer and Allies Club (QAC) - will be having their first meeting of the year this **Thursday** at lunch in Mawhinney House (portable that looks more like a house). All are welcome!!

Vanier is hosting a University Women’s Basketball Game & Skills Clinic on Sept 27th. They are hoping to get female students to come out and join the skills clinic along with watch the game. On Saturday, Sept. 27, the team will run clinics for girls:

- Ages 8–12: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Ages 13–18: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost of each clinic is \$20 per participant, which also includes free admission to the evening exhibition game.

Breakfast at the Canteen – a reminder that lunch is available online through the Munch a Lunch program (e-mail sent to families last week), you can order weekly if you choose. Now you can order a breakfast too! For \$2, you can either prepay online and your name will appear on a list, or you purchase a breakfast for \$2 with CASH ONLY in the morning. This option is only available for breakfast at this time.

A reminder for those who are ordering lunch, please put your container in the blue bins set up around the school, do not put them in the recycle bins.

All Grade 11 and 12's! Are you interested in attending or learning more about McGill University? An academic recruiter will be at Isfeld this **Thursday** in Student Services from 12-12:30. If you are interested, come join us to learn about McGill's programs, housing, athletics and student life! See you Thursday at lunch in Student Services.

Gr 10-12 Volleyball Intramurals - today is the first day for Grade 10-12 volleyball lunch time intramurals. If you haven't signed up you can still come at the beginning of lunch and we will put you on a team.

Isfeld's annual Terry Fox run - will take place on **Thursday, October 9th**. Last year Isfeld raised an impressive \$11,900 for the Terry Fox Foundation, which was one of the top schools in BC! Funds raised will again be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation, which works to achieve Terry's vision - a world without cancer. The TA who raises the most money will be rewarded with a pizza party. Use the following link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/100632> and donate directly to your TA. Thanks in advance for all your efforts!

Garden Club 2025 is ready to dig in! Come to Ms Parsons room, 401, at lunch on **Thursday** to get started on this Fall's garden. EVERYONE is welcome, staff and students, even if you've never been in a garden in your life. We will be doing Fall clean up, planting Fall veg, propagating strawberries, planting wildflower seeds for the summer, plus so much more! Come see what all the fun is about.

LINC's Youth Council - are you 12-18 years old and looking for an opportunity to plan events, grow your leadership abilities, meet new people, and give back to your community? The LINC is looking for new members to join its Youth Council! We would love to see you represent your school and join us this year! For more information please email: aparry@courtenay.ca or come to our information night on **Thursday October 2** at 6:00pm at The LINC.

Jr. Girls Volleyball Tryouts:

Wednesday, September 17th: Callbacks, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Thursday, September 18th: Callbacks and Development Team tryouts, 5:15 - 7:00 PM

See Ms. Cooke in Portable 3 or send an email if you have questions.

Want to purchase a healthy lunch or breakfast from Isfeld?? – an e-mail was sent to all parents and guardians yesterday providing information about this new option. A copy of the e-mail has been posted outside the office next to the printed announcements. The order site will stay open until the next session is opened so you can order week by week at this time.

Isfeld Spirit wear store - is open! [Here's the link](#) to order. Isfeld hoodies, t-shirts, sweat pants and more. Various colours available. Deadline to order is **Sept 25**.

CAREER CENTRE/ WORK EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEERING

RainTree Veterinary Hospital is hiring a kennel attendant/hospital maintenance position – here's an exciting opportunity for high school students in Gr 10-12 who may have a keen interest in veterinary medicine as a career (veterinary technician or veterinarian). The primary responsibilities would be patient comfort and hospital cleanliness. The hours are 3:30-5:30pm 3 days a week (Tues, Wed, Thurs). This is an entry level position and the hourly wage is \$17.65. If this position interests you, please send a cover letter and resume to Dr. Robin Rainford at jobs@raintreevet.ca

Did you do WEX12 over the summer? A reminder to all students who did a WEX12 course over the summer: Please bring in your hours logs and other documents if you want to get your credits for the course.

Dual Credit Trades Program - any Grade 11 students interested in doing a Dual Credit Trades Programs for next year (2026/2027), you must come to the careers office and apply ASAP!

Calling all Grade 10 to 12 students interested in becoming a firefighter - this year due to the new facility being built we will not be offering a fire camp, instead we will be offering the same as we did last year which is a full year once a week program for 8 to 10 students in the district. The program will be condensed module teachings based on the NFPA 1001 level I & II, this will give students a full well-rounded program with a certificate which could lead to possible employment as a volunteer or paid on-call firefighter locally or with other jurisdictions. This program will be practical evolutions only no written exams. If you are interested in more information about this program, please see your Careers Office (across the hall from the office).

Volunteer opportunity - Boys and girls Club is looking for school mentors again for the 2025-2026 school year. In-School Mentoring matches volunteer mentors with elementary school students to spend time with them during the school day. Mentors visit the school once per week for one hour during the school day. Mentors and students spend time together with their choice of activities like board games, sports, arts and crafts, reading, baking and other activities that they may enjoy together. If you are interested please come to the Careers Office to sign up.

BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS

Grads - if you’re going into Trades, check out the Jake Weitz Memorial Scholarship, the deadline to apply is **Mar 1**. Details under the Grad Tab.

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Grade 12’s: Last call for any grade 12 students interested in taking a **Dual Credit Academic course** at North Island College or Camosun College. Courses available outside of your school schedule include, English 115, Biology 160, Practical Nursing 101(DL), Medical Terminology 155, Criminology 135, and Business 105. There are many other courses available; please see your careers office to discuss your options and attain an application form.

Grads – save the date! **Wednesday Oct 1**, 10am-11am in the MPR. The counsellors and VPs will be meeting with all Grads to go over all things Grad. Please be sure to attend this important session.

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