



December

MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 15, 2025	TODAY’S BLOCKS: Day 1 ABCD	This Friday’s schedule: Day 3 BADC 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:

Grads! - a reminder to book your Grad photo session for the first week of January! See details below in the Grad section.

Gingerbread houses – please enjoy looking at the houses that have been put out, but please don’t eat, touch or ruin any of the creations, thank you.

There is no **Sports Leadership** meeting today, but please check teams chat for events happening this week.

Leadership 8-11 club - meeting today and tomorrow in Room 100! See you at 11:50!

Choir – at lunch today.

Improv – after school today on the Stage.

Interact Exec – meeting today at lunch in the Seminar Room. Anyone welcome.

Environment Club is meeting today at lunch in Ms. Beckett's room (201). Everyone is welcome to join us.

Youth4Law club - a reminder that Youth4Law student-led club is meeting today in room 305. Snacks and treats will be provided. See you there!

Want to be a part of a cultural exchange with students from Verbania, Italy? The Italy exchange 2026/2027 application is open on the school website. More information to follow at a meeting Friday at the beginning of lunch in room 104.

Need volunteer hours? If any students are interested in volunteering to hand out lunches during the lunch hour then please get in touch with Mr. Mills in the office. It won’t take the full lunch hour (about 15 minutes) and the time can be used for volunteer hours towards graduation.

It’s Spirit week! Starting tomorrow, here’s what to look forward to:
Tuesday: wear green & red
Wednesday: ugly/festive sweater day
Thursday: Christmas hat/headband/socks
Friday: pajama day!

SPORTS

Dodgeball Intramurals continues this week with the grade 10-12s playing on Tuesday at lunch.

Grade 8 Boys Basketball - important meeting for all those playing at Vanier. Meet in room 510 or find Mr. Joubert.

Gr 9 boys basketball – there will be a practice Tuesday @7:15am.

Junior B girls basketball - practice is CANCELLED for today, Monday. Please stay tuned for updated practice time.

RERUNS

Grade 11 students can now apply for Univ of Alberta Getaway 2026 at the Augustana campus in Camrose! The adventure will include transportation reimbursement*, accommodations, meals and a jam-packed schedule of events. You will become familiar with campus, learn about our programs, experience what sets U of A student life apart and meet other amazing students from all across Canada. Plus, you’ll get a

taste of the city surrounding campus. The getaway will be May 22-24, 2026. Students must apply by Jan 31, 2026. Apply [here](#).

Interested in a Cultural Exchange to Italy? – (meeting date/time change!) any students currently in grades 9-11 who are interested in participating in the Isfeld cultural exchange to Italy for the 2026/2027 school year, please come to room 104 at 12:00 on **Tuesday Dec 16 (NEW DAY & TIME)**. If you are unable to make it to the meeting please connect with Ms Jones on Monday or Tuesday.

Attention Isfeld Artists. The Yearbook Cover Contest has been extended until after the Christmas break. If you are interested in creating the cover of the 25th anniversary edition of the Mark R. Isfeld Yearbook then submit your 8½ x 11 art work (11 x 17 for a full wrap back cover-front cover design) digital or on paper to Mr. Green in Room 100 by **Tuesday Jan 6**. Questions? See Mr. Green in room 100 or check out the posters around the school.

We are looking for some **volunteers** next **Tuesday, Dec 16th** in the morning, for the **French Immersion Winter Feast**. Si vous êtes intéressés à nous aider avec notre repas annuel, venez parler à Mme. Keys jeudi - dans le matin ou après l'école (salle 101).

The UBC Faculty of Forestry is excited to share details about our upcoming monthly information sessions for the new school year. Upcoming sessions: **Jan 13, Feb 12 & Mar 12** (featuring a student panel) Students can [register here](#). These sessions are designed for high school students who are curious about the environment, sustainability, and the great outdoors. Participants will hear directly from our undergraduate advisors and have the chance to ask questions in an open, welcoming setting. Parents and educators are also encouraged to attend.

Interested in travel, a university experience, learning or improving your French language?

Official Languages Program/Programmes de Langues Officielles offers a variety of government funded summer programs across Canada for students with or without French Language. Food and housing covered. Want to know more? Email Cynthia Lachance (Instructor from Odyssey) cynthia.lachance@sd71.bc.ca Website for more info: <http://englishfrench.ca>. Deadline to apply is **Feb 3**.

CAREER CENTRE/WORK EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEERING

Calling Grade 10 students - any students interested in applying for the Trade Sampler programs (Auto, Construction, Metal) for next year please come to the Careers Office for more information.


Food Safe Certificates have arrived for the October Food safe. Please come to the careers office to collect them.

Hairdressing or Baking program - any students interested in the Hairdressing program or baking program at VIU we are offering a tour on Tuesday **Jan 13, 2026**. Cost is \$10. Come to the careers office to sign up.

BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS

Grads! Winter Break is a great time to start looking at and applying for **Bursaries and Scholarships!**

ScholarTree has shared a list of scholarships currently available and that will become available to apply for over the break – there are over 1,200 awards totaling over \$5,600,000.00!! [Click here to check out the list](#) Or you can find more information under our Grad – Scholarship Deadlines Calendar.

Also, now might be a great time to start thinking about preparing your application for your *Mark R Isfeld General Scholarship Nomination Form*! This application can put you in the running for 4 school nominated scholarships. Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2026!**  [Isfeld Nominations Form 2026_Fillable .pdf](#). Or you can find it on our website under “Grad – Bursary & Scholarship Information”.

GRAD

Grad Photos – Grads, it's time to book your session for your Grad photos. They will be happening **Jan 5-9**, in 20 min increments. You need to book a time, it's not a drop in. You were e-mailed all the details on Dec 9 so please check your e-mail. [Here](#) is the link to book, it's also on our website slider. Even if you don't plan to purchase photos, we still need one for the yearbook, newspaper and Grad booklet given at the Grad ceremony.

Get your **30 hours** in if you haven't already!

Grad Attire Program – the program will operate out of Comox Valley Dodge at 278 North Island Highway (Old Canadian Tire building) on the following dates: Monday, Jan 19th 3:30-5:45pm, Sat, January 24th 10am-

3:15pm, Monday, Feb 23rd 3:30-5:45pm, Saturday, Mar 14th 10am-3:15pm, Monday, Mar 16th 3:30-5-45pm, Saturday, Apr 18th 10am-3:15pm.

You can **book a fitting appointment** using the following [link](#).

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/>

Be sure to follow [isfeldgrads26](#) on Instagram for all Grad news & updates.