



March

MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar 10, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 2 GHEF Flex

This Friday's schedule: Day 4 HGFE Flex

NEW!

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

Art club – meeting today at lunch in Room 509.

Computer Programming club – reminder that we are meeting tomorrow at lunch in Room 506. All skill levels welcome, including beginners!

Tasty Tuesday – NO Tasty Tuesday today.

Today at the Den we have fresh, homemade cookies, scones, muffins and a new batch of brownies. Tomorrow is our regular grilled cheese day and Thursday we will have soup! We encourage you to bring cash when possible, as it saves us the fees with debit payments and helps us keep prices low.

Europe 2026 trip – meeting today at lunch in Room 205.

Model UN – meeting at lunch today in **Room 404** (location change).

HEALTH EXPLORE – If you have expressed interest in the Health Explore program for **next year**, please come to the Careers office if you have not filled out an application form.

University of Calgary recruiter will be visiting Isfeld today from 3-4pm to provide information and answer any questions regarding programs of study offerings, application process, important deadlines, student campus life, and financial aid. Stop by the main foyer after school to learn more about U of C opportunities!

Hop on over for fresh lemonade and delicious Easter cookies – today at lunch in the front foyer.

Grad photos in yearbook - if any grads would like to preview their grad photo that will go into the yearbook they can do so during flex block in Room 100 with Mr. Green on Friday. After March 13th the photos will be confirmed and no changes will be made.

Any student taking **English online** and needs to take the **Literacy 10 or 12 assessment**, or you would like to retake it, please sign up with Lisa in the office.

Hey Grads – if you don't want to be part of the Most Likely To page in the yearbook, please see Mr. Green at lunch today.

Grade 9 Band Trip - bus/van sign up sheets will be up today at lunchtime.

Junior Jazz - tomorrow is the last day to sign up for this group.

International students are invited to come to room 403 today for Pizza lunch.

Chew & Chill for Indigenous students will be hosted at lunch today in the **Library** (location change for today).

SPORTS!

Track & Field - are you interested in joining Track and Field this spring? Come to a meeting in the gym on today at the start of lunch to sign up and get more info.

All Sorts of Sports Intramurals - today is the second week of our "All Sorts of Sports" intramurals, and volleyball will be offered this week. Today is open to Grade 10–12 students. There's no need to sign up, just show up and play.

3 vs. 3 Intramural basketball registration starts this week. If you are interested in playing you must sign up with a partner, on your own or join the spare list if you can't commit to the entire league. The signup sheet will be outside of the PE office. The league starts after Spring Break.

Boys Rugby – practice today after school.

Reminder to **Senior Girls soccer players** that we have practice after school. Get changed, and we will be meeting in the gym by the weight room before going out to the field.

RERUNS

Grade 11 or 12 students interested in attending NIC (North Island College) Fest on Thursday, **March 19th** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please sign up and pick up a permission form in the Front Office.

What to Expect at NIC Fest: Tour NIC classrooms, shops, studios, labs, and student lounges, Info Fair- learn about programs, services and supports at NIC, Meet faculty, support staff and current NIC students, complete event passport and spin the wheel to win prizes.

The senior Improv team is selling "Panago Coupons" to raise money for the trip to Nationals in Ottawa this April. Coupons are only \$14 and good for ANY medium size Panago pizza. Great deal, supporting an amazing cause. See any of the Sr Improv team members or Mr. Spencer for your coupons.

Explore program at Vanier – if you are in Grade 10 and would like to apply for next year's Explore Program, please submit an application to the Isfeld office or electronically to Vanier by this Friday, **March 13**, references take time to gather so don't wait until the last minute. Application forms are at the office.

Ms. Duncan has some **sheet music and books to give away for free**. Easy piano level pieces and song books with piano, vocals and guitar. Please pop into the band room at lunch today to take a look.

Are you in grade 10-12 and are curious about careers in health care or education? Join us for an engaging lunch & Learn where Indigenous professionals and community members will share their experiences, educational pathways, and insights into working in these fields. This will take place **Thursday March 12** 10:00 am- 12:30 am. Please connect with the indigenous education department for registration.

The UBC Faculty of Forestry is excited to share details about our upcoming monthly information sessions for the new school year. Upcoming sessions: **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.

Rise and Shine - Tools for Mental and Emotional Wellness - Rise and Shine is a wellness program for girls and gender diverse youth ages 15-24. This program contains 5 workshops designed to help youth develop essential skills to nurture their mental and emotional health and walk away with valuable and practical tools for navigating their resilience and building their confidence. Applications close **March 13th!** Register [here](#).

All Grade 12's! BC Hydro Power Pioneers Community Service Awards - The BC Hydro Power Pioneers annual Community Service Awards recognize students who dedicate a significant amount of their time and energy to volunteering in their local communities. There are up to twenty \$500 awards available to students in British Columbia. Please see Ms. Buckle or Mrs. Williams for more info or check out the Isfeld Bursary and Scholarship Calendar on the Mark Isfeld webpage for application info. Deadline to apply is **March 31, 2026**.

Learning to Lead - Spring Applications now Open! Learning to Lead is a leadership opportunity open to self-identified girls in Grades 10-12. Participants gain confidence through interactive workshops and activities within a fun and supportive community of friends and mentors. Applications close **April 3rd!** Register [here](#).

Kidovate opportunity - Kidovate fosters future-ready skills, building innovativeness, creativity, confidence, resilience, and business know-how. Students can "try-on" entrepreneurship in a fun, supportive environment, earn money, build their resume, and choose to donate part of their proceeds to a charity of their choice. Saturday, **April 18th** 10-4pm. Nanaimo North Town Centre. Find out more [here](#).

CAREER CENTRE/WORK EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Opportunity - Kitty Coleman is having it's Annual Park Clean Up on Sunday April 12th at 9:00 am. We will be raking and picking up branches. Bring Gloves, water bottle, and good shoes. Contact Sean.Pattison@sd71.bc.ca if you are interested.

Job opportunity - are you interested in the dental field? We have a potential opportunity for a student to work in a periodontist office, get trained and use this as a stepping stone into your dental career. For more information come to the careers office.

The Island District Operational Communication Centre (**RCMP/911 dispatch**) in **Courtenay** is actively recruiting! The first step in the application process is to attend a Career presentation. Our upcoming Career Presentations are happening: March 12 @ 6pm, March 30 @ 2pm, April 8 @ 6pm, April 27 @ 2pm. All are Virtual Zoom sessions, register [here](#). In person sessions will happen in Nanaimo on Apr 6 1-4pm @ Beban Park Social Ctr.

Applications are now open for **Island Health's Fall 2026 Step Up Youth Volunteer Program**. The Step Up Youth Program offers Vancouver Island youth aged 15–18 an engaging and meaningful volunteer experience in their local Island Health facilities. Youth in the program gain practical exposure to a healthcare environment and can explore a variety of health careers. Come to the careers office for your application.

NEW Sampler opportunity - are you interested in the health care field? Then the **Health Explore Program** is for you. Gain some real-life experience in hospital, speak to health care professionals in this semester long program. For more information come to the careers office.

BURSARIES/SCHOLARSHIPS

Grads! With spring right around the corner, we wanted to share a list of scholarships (over 1,500 awards totalling over \$4,000,000) available to students over March/Spring Break.

[Click here to check out the list](#), or you can find more information under our Grad – Scholarship Deadlines Calendar.

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship – valued at \$25,000, this scholarship is offered to help students overcome financial barriers and achieve their post secondary goals. Eligible students must come from a household with income under \$80,000, demonstrate resilience in the face of adversity and show a commitment to giving back to their community. This opportunity is exclusively open to Grade 11 students. Apply by **March 31, 2026**. Apply [here](#).

GRAD

Prom Closet Nanaimo for 2026! It is a pleasure to meet any Grads who are choosing pre-owned formal wear! We are offering gowns and formal suits through appointments at the closet. Please send this form to make an appointment promcloset.nanaimo@gmail.com

An appointment will be scheduled once the completed form has been received. Appointments are being scheduled on Tues, Weds and Saturdays.

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