



# March

## MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar 12, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 4 HGFE 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:

**Explore program at Vanier** – reminder that application forms are due tomorrow, Friday, at our school office or electronically to Vanier.

**Today at the Den** – today we will have tomato soup! We encourage you to bring cash when possible, as it saves us the fees with debit payments and helps us keep prices low.

**Choir** – today 3:15-4:30, NO CHOIR TOMORROW MORNING.

**Interact** – meeting today at lunch in Room 506. Anyone welcome.

**Garden Club** – is meeting today at lunch in Room 401 or the garden, depending on the weather. Everyone is welcome.

**QAC** – meeting today at lunch in Room 300.

Next Tuesday is St. Patrick's day! Bring a small bowl and wear green and come by the front foyer at lunch to get something lucky.

### SPORTS!

**Boys Rugby** – practice today after school.

**Girls Rugby** – practice today after school 3:30-5pm on lower Isfeld field.

### RERUNS

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.

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

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>** 10-4pm. Nanaimo North Town Centre. Find out more [here](#).

## CAREER CENTRE/WORK EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in the **Construction, Transportation or Metal Mechanical Trade Sampler programs** for next year, please come to the careers office to get an application. Interviews for seats take place in the Spring.

**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.

**Volunteer Opportunity** - Kitty Coleman is having it's Annual Park Clean Up on Sunday **April 12<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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, deadline to apply is **May 15**.

## 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

**Grad Survey** – a link to a Grad survey has been emailed to all grade 12 students to complete. The survey provides us with key information for the Grad ceremony so all Grads are required to complete it. If you are unable to check your student email then there is also a QR code to the survey posted in the main office window. Responses are due **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Valedictorian Nominations** – if any Grads are interested in being a valedictorian this year then you need to email Ms. Nicholls at [lisa.nicholls@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:lisa.nicholls@sd71.bc.ca) to request a nomination form. Completed forms are due **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**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](mailto: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/>