



March



MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar 17, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 2 GHEF

This Friday's schedule: Day 1 ABCD Flex

NEW!

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

Model UN - meeting at lunch in library today. Planning meeting for CVSMUN Friday at lunch in room 404.

Junior Jazz - our first rehearsal will be today at lunchtime in the band room. New members are welcome.

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 - come get your fries, poutine and chicken strips at lunch in the front foyer and support your Mountain Bike team.

FOOD SAFE certificates have arrived, please come to the careers office to collect them.

Isfeld today The Den is serving chicken chowder with buns. Scoop up a warm lunch for only \$3. On Wednesday we are going big with our grilled cheese. Bigger bread, extra cheese and same price! Skip the line with cash.

All students who applied for the Italy 2026/2027 exchange - please come to a meeting in room 104 at the beginning of lunch on Thursday.

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

Isfeld Interact is grateful to students and staff for raising over \$500 on Pink Shirt day for the Tumbler Ridge community. The Interact club then match this donation and a total of **\$1000** was sent via Lake View Credit Union (LVCU) and parent advisory council. Thank you everyone!

NIC Fest – reminder about NIC Fest happening this Thursday, details are in reruns below. Forms are at the office.

Yearbook Grad Comments, the one that goes in the Yearbook below your Grad Photo, has had their deadline extended to **Tuesday, April 7**. Up to 150 characters in length. Keep it positive! All comments are vetted by the administration. Rejected comments cannot be replaced.

Grade 12 students! Interactive Economics field trip - On Wednesday, May 6, Isfeld students will have the opportunity to take part in a full-day interactive economics field trip to Nanaimo, hosted by the Fraser Institute. This program includes hands-on activities, group challenges, pop-culture-based simulations, and real-world problem-solving designed to make economic concepts fun, practical, and relevant—no economics background required! We have a limited number of extra spots available for Grade 12 students who are interested in joining the trip. The bus will leave Isfeld at 6:45am and return at approximately 3:30pm. A free breakfast and lunch are included. If you'd like to attend, please see Ms. Murcheson or stop by the Careers office to connect with Ms. Watt or Mr. Lineger to pick up a consent form. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! If you are wearing green, bring a small bowl and come by the front foyer at lunch to get something lucky.

"Francophonie week" - today's Kahoot for everyone is found [here](#).

SPORTS!

3 vs.3 Basketball Intramurals - A reminder to signup for 3 vs. 3 basketball intramurals. Deadline to signup is Thursday.

“All Sorts of Sports” intramurals – this is the last week, and dodgeball 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

Track and Field – practice today and Thursday at the Vanier Track. Try to get to the track for 3:30. If you have any questions please see Mr. Hagel for more info.

Ultimate - the date for North Island Championships has changed, please complete the new survey on TEAMS with your updated availability. Practices for everyone on Wednesday and Friday this week.

Boys Rugby – practice today after school.

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.

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

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 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 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

Grads! Yearbook quotes are due by **March 20th this Friday**. Please see the QR code on the hallway posters to get it completed.

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 10th**.

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 to request a nomination form. Completed forms are due **April 17th**.

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: Mon, Mar 16th 3:30-5-45pm and Sat, 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/>