



March

MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mar 18, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 3 BADC

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:

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

Improv – after school today on the Stage.

Grad Exec meeting – NO meeting today.

Junior Jazz - today at lunch in the band room. Please bring your lunches and we will eat first and then play music.

It's grilled cheese day! Celebrate the last Wednesday of March with a big sourdough grilled cheese for \$3. Cash preferred.

Lifeskills is selling **Spring Treats** in the front foyer today. Rice krispies with lucky charms \$3 and Gold coins (chocolate dipped cookies) \$2.

All students planning to attend NIC Fest tomorrow, come to a short meeting at the beginning of lunch in room 201. If you are unable to make it, please check in with Ms. Beckett by the end of the day.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATION – we have a new date for our next First Aid certification. Tuesday June 2, 2026, cost will be \$60 and you must be at least 16 years old. Come to the Careers office to register.

"**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 –

Ultimate – practice today for everyone.

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

RERUNS

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.

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](#).

Interactive Economics field trip for Gr 12s - on Wednesday, **May 6**, 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! Please see Ms. Murcheson or Careers for a consent form.

CAREER CENTRE/WORK EXPERIENCE/VOLUNTEERING

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

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

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.

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.