



# April

## MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 10, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 1 ABCD Flex

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:

**Easter Egg hunt** - look around the school and find the 13 easter eggs around the school. Scan the QR codes to get the secret sentence and come to the den during flex for a treat with it. The first 10 people with it will get a free treat from the Den.

**Alaska senior music trip students** - bus sign up is now in the band room. Please sign up.

**Political club** – we'll be meeting today in Room 404 (Ms. Mather's room) at lunch.

**Volunteer Opportunity** - SD71 is hosting a mountain bike Enduro race in Cumberland on Wednesday, April 29 and race organizers are looking for help with marshalling, collection of timing chips, and assisting with serving food, recycling and waste management at après BBQ. You would be absent from school all day, but you would receive 5 hours of volunteer time towards your graduation requirement. Please see Ms. Buckle in Student Services ASAP if you are interested in helping out.

**MANDATORY Grad Survey** – the QR code to the survey is posted in the main office window. **Responses are due TODAY!!!**

### SPORTS!

**Tennis Club** - meeting today at 12:00 in room 510 for information and sign up.

**Ultimate** - practice for Juniors after school today. Seniors, meet at front of school at noon.

### RERUNS

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**BC Youth Week** is just around the corner (May 1-7) - The LINC Youth Centre will be here at lunch on **April 15 and 22** to share events they have happening at The LINC- skateboard and scooter camp- prizes from 133 and Blue Toque, Battle of the Bands etc. Come say hello!

**Waterloo Math Contest (grade 8s only)** – Sign up today! Are you interested in logic and problem solving, or just math in general? Every year, the University of Waterloo organizes internationally recognized math contests. If you would like to write the contest this year or would just like more information, please sign up with Ms Welbourn in room 304 before Friday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

<https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/gauss.html>

**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](#).

**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

**NEW Food Safe certification opportunity** – Wednesday **June 3**. Cost is \$52. For registration, please come to the careers office.

**Job Opportunity** - Union Bay Historical Society. Work week Wed-Sun 9am-4:30pm. \$18.75/hr or higher depending upon experience. Ability to deal with public and share the history of Union Bay with visitors, reference Book "The Friendly Port" will help student gain knowledge of Union Bay's past. Ability to work with the Board of Directors, mainly Seniors. Ability to post interesting articles to Social Media. Research Historical information for the use of the Museum. Ability to work independently. Start date June 3 if possible. End date August 29, 2026. Location: Goalhouse Museum in Union Bay. Apply to Linda McKay [lindadawn@shaw.ca](mailto:lindadawn@shaw.ca) 250-757-9499.

**Volunteer opportunity** - Girls to the Power of Math (G^M). [G^M Program Information](#) is currently seeking mentors from high schools for the Huband Park Elementary program! We are looking for female-identifying mentors to teach elementary school girls math from Grades 2 to 4. Mentors are responsible for leading an 8-week program with at least 2 other mentors once a week for an hour, based on a set lesson plan. We are looking for well-organized and punctual people who are able to communicate well with both adults and children. Mentors should also be comfortable adapting and reacting quickly to the needs and level of understanding of the students. Lastly, interested mentors should have a passion for math! Volunteer hours will be awarded. Program: Huband Elementary, Mondays, April - June (10 sessions in total) from 3:30 - 4:30pm.

**Job Opportunity** - The Heritage Programs & Communications Assistant is an entry-level position designed for a high school or post-secondary student interested in communications, heritage, museums, tourism, or the non-profit sector. Employer: Filberg Heritage Lodge & Park Association, from May 19-Aug 28, 25 hours per week (Wed-Sun, 5 hrs/day), \$20 per hour.

**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.

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.

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: **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

**Trevor Linden Scholarship** - this scholarship is open to graduating students who have demonstrated strong leadership within their community, along with a proven record of school service and/or volunteer involvement. Apply [here](#). Deadline to apply is **April 30**.

**Grads!** Just because we are finished the Bursary Applications at Isfeld doesn't mean you should be! There are **TONS** of opportunities to help fund your post education goals! Be sure to be keeping an eye on the Scholarship Calendar and Bursary Information links under the Grad tab - and helpful websites like [Scholartree.ca](#)!

Are you going to post secondary to pursue **veterinary medicine and animal care** or into the **conventional medical field**? Check out the [Irene Cooper Educational Trust Bursary](#). There is no deadline to apply - the Trustees look through and select students monthly. You could be eligible for up to \$5,000 per term - \$10,000 per year!

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.

## GRAD

**GR 12s** - Are you attending **NIC** this Fall? Any NIC bound students who have been accepted to a program at NIC for the upcoming 2026/2027 academic year, now is the time to connect with the advising/navigating team for support with preparing for the transition to post-secondary. The schedule for next year was recently released so if a student has been accepted and paid the deposit, advisors can assist them with learning how to understand what courses to plan, what courses will transfer, how to register, financial aid, referring them to various supports such as our Department of Accessible learning and more. Book an appointment [here](#).

**Also Grads!** Don't forget to hand in your **30 hours work/volunteer hours** to the Careers Office, it is required if you want to graduate!

**MANDATORY 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!** 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). Appointments are being scheduled on Tues, Weds and Saturdays.