



# April

## MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 15, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 3 BADC

This Friday's schedule: Day 2 GHEF Flex

### NEW!

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

**New term** - a reminder that a new term starts tomorrow! Gr 8 & 9s please be sure you can see your new exploratories in MyEd. If you can't get into MyEd, please see Lisa in the office for a reset.

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

**Italy Exchange interviews** – reminder to check your interview time and day for this week and be sure to attend your interview.

**Improv** – NO Improv today!

**Grad Exec meeting** – today at lunch.

**Grilled Cheese day at The Den** – get a warm, freshly grilled sandwich today at lunch at The Den.

**Junior Jazz** lunchtime today in the band room.

**Student Leadership** - meeting today at lunch in room 100. New members (grades 8-12) always welcome!

**It's time for Isfeld's Got Talent!!** Are you interested in participating in the Spring Talent Show in May? Scan the QR code in the front foyer to sign up!

Are you interested in **Graphic Design**? the **Graphic Design Program** at VIU's Nanaimo campus is hosting an Open House next Wednesday, April 22 at 6pm in building 325, room 207. If you are a creative student who is curious about studying graphic design, VIU might be the place for you! See digital board and poster for more details and registration, or follow this RSVP [link](#). If students can't make the Open House, they can meet online to answer any questions about the program or graphic design in general. You can reach out anytime at [GraphicDesign@viu.ca](mailto:GraphicDesign@viu.ca).

### SPORTS!

**3 vs. 3 basketball intramurals** – today is the Quarterfinals for grade 10-12 3 vs. 3 basketball intramurals. Grade 8/9s are still in their round robin games. Check the schedule on the PE office bulletin board to see what time your team plays.

**Flag Football Intramurals** - starts Tuesday, April. 28th. If you are interested in playing, you can sign up outside of the PE office.

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

**Ultimate** – practice today after school.

**MBT** – meeting in room 400 today at lunch, all members must attend.

### RERUNS

**Literacy Assessments** – the list of students scheduled to write the assessment is posted in the office window, please check for your name and location.

The **high school beach volleyball season tournament** dates are set for June 5 & 6. Players from Gr 8-12 can register. Games are 2 v 2. Last year, Isfeld had 26 students participate at the beautiful Parksville courts. This year we have Beach Volleyball Olympian, Martin Reader, leading 2 practices to prepare. Anyone interested, please come to a meeting in Rm 205 Wednesday at lunch at 12:00. See Ms. Bayles for questions.

**UBC HEALTH ROADSHOW** - if you are interested in the health career pathway this is a great opportunity, to go to hands on stations with UBC medical students, tour NIC pre Health labs and meet the instructors and hear from Vancouver Island Health Authority. May 6<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30. For registration come to the careers office.

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

**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!

**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

**Explore Tourism Day** - a chance to explore careers in tourism and hospitality on this one-day tour. **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, for Gr 10-12. For registration come to the careers office.

**Trades Expo** - are you interested in a career in the trades? Join us on **May 1** for a one-day event at NIC in Campbell River. Where you will have an opportunity to meet professionals, tour and try various trades. Come to the careers office for registration.

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

**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.

**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<sup>^</sup>M). [G<sup>^</sup>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.

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

**Grads!** – there are still some of you who have not completed the mandatory Grad survey. It's very quick to finish, please get it done asap.

**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!

**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.