



April

MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 20, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 1 ABCD

This Friday's schedule: Day 3 BADC Flex

NEW!

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

Choir – at lunch today.

Interact Exec – meeting today at lunch in the Seminar Room. Anyone welcome.

Environment Club is meeting today at lunch in Ms. Beckett's room (201). Everyone is welcome to join us.

Improv - No Improv today!

Sports Leadership - meeting today at lunch in room 510.

Grade 9 Band - remember to be in uniform and in your chair by 8:50am tomorrow morning for your last band practice before the trip.

EMR program next year (2026-27) - any students interested in doing the EMR program next year (2026-2027) must hand in their application for to the careers office not later than Friday 24th 3pm.

Congrats to both of the Ultimate teams for an impressive showing at the 2-day Dolphin Dive tournament in Nanaimo this past weekend. Both teams demonstrated good spirit and had a blast! The A-team finished in 6th place out of 22 teams, including teams from the Lower Mainland, Victoria and as far away as Penticton.

Math contest (Grade 8 only) - final call for any grade 8s interested in participating in the Waterloo Math Contest. If you have not already registered, contact Ms Welbourn in room 304 or send her a message on TEAMS.

The LINC Youth Centre is celebrating Youth Week on Friday, May 1st, with two exciting events you won't want to miss! There will be **Battle of the Bands**, and yes—solo artists are welcome too! Whether you sing, play, or perform, this is your chance to take the stage and show off your talent. This event is for all ages. We're also hosting a **Skate and Scooter Competition**, so bring your best tricks and get ready to compete! All skill levels are encouraged to join. There will be tons of awesome prizes to win, generously donated by local shops like 133 and Skull Skates. Make sure to come out, participate, and support your friends.

Buddy Bench - you may have seen these benches in elementary school, but we hope that by installing one at Isfeld we can continue this legacy by promoting inclusion and friendship. So next time you see a person sitting on the bench by the outdoor classroom, join them, share a conversation, and enjoy the sunshine.

SPORTS!

3 vs. 3 basketball intramurals continues this week with the grade 8/9 semifinals on Tuesday and the finals for both grade 8/9 and 10-12 on Wednesday. Good luck to the remaining teams!

Flag Football Intramurals - starts next week. Signup outside the PE office if you are interested in playing.

Ultimate - check TEAMS for details for this week's games, practices and meeting. Also check TEAMS and confirm that your availability is still correct.

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

RERUNS

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.

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 6th** 11-12:30. For registration come to the careers office.

BC Youth Week is just around the corner (May 1-7) - The LINC Youth Centre will be here at lunch **Apr 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!

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 21st**, 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 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.

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!

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. Appointments are being scheduled on Tues, Weds and Saturdays.