



# April

## MARK ISFELD ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21, 2026

TODAY'S BLOCKS: Day 2 GHEF

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:

**GSA Meet-Up (Gr 8-12)** - Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> - GP Vanier Secondary (Multi-purpose Room). 12:30-3pm. Event includes Guest Speaker (Felicity's friend - Queer Centre Comox Valley), Queer History Jeopardy (Bree), and free time with activity stations and Queereoke. Please RSVP by 3pm Wednesday, April 22 to [Kristie.Keyworth@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:Kristie.Keyworth@sd71.bc.ca) if you would like to attend.

**Pride Prom!** - Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the lower level of the Native Sons Hall in Courtenay (360 Cliffe Ave). 7-10pm (doors open at 6:45pm). Theme: Space Oddities! Grade 8-12. Dry event, pizza and snacks included. Please register [here](#) for this free event if you are attending, names will be checked at the door.

**Art club** – meeting today at lunch in Room 509. There will an art exhibition in May for student work through the art club. If you are interested in submitting a piece of your work, please attend today's meeting for more information. If you can't attend, please connect with Ms. Larizza.

**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.

**CVSMUN** (Comox Valley Schools Model United Nations Conference) - registration and information in the front foyer at lunch this week.

**Model UN club members and CVSMUN organizers** - meeting at lunch in the library today at lunch.

**Junior Jazz** - reminder that we are meeting on Thursday at lunch this week.

**Grad Exec** – is CANCELLED today.

### SPORTS!

**3 vs. 3 basketball intramurals** - has been postponed until tomorrow at lunch. The grade 8/9s will play their semi-finals on Wednesday and the finals (for both grade 8/9s and 10-12s) will be on Thursday at lunch.

**Boys Rugby** – practice today after school.

**Track & Field** – important track meeting tomorrow in the MPR/stage. Last chance to confirm participation. We will also be talking about transportation options to the North Islands in Port Alberni May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Ultimate** – practice tomorrow is for the seniors only. Check TEAMS for details of this week's games, practices and meeting, and to confirm your availability is correct. Juniors and any players who have a light blue jersey, please return it to room 304 by tomorrow.

**Tennis club** - has a practice session today at the Anderton tennis courts from 4:00- 5:30pm. Please check the tennis club teams chat for updates, as there is the possibility of rain today.

### RERUNS

**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.

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).

**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.

**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

**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 this Friday **April 24<sup>th</sup>** 3pm.

**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.

**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

**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](#).

**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.