



PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY

Home of the Lions

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are off and running with the start of another exciting school year. The start of the year has been especially busy as we welcomed our new Lions, our grade 8's with an orientation and barbeque in August, and got all students settled into classes in September. I would like to extend a big thank you to our counselling team for working so diligently on student schedules and creating schedules for, and welcoming our new students and families. Our custodial team did a tremendous job preparing polished floors and clean classrooms for the return of our staff and students. Thank you also to our amazing office staff for the hours of work and preparation over the summer to ensure our school start-up was so smooth.

During the first few weeks of school we have had grade assemblies, school photos, fire and earthquake drills, a welcome back barbeque and our Grade 8 pancake breakfast. We also had our Terry Fox Run on September 26. Thank you to all students who participated and represented our school so well in the community as we went through the neighborhood for the event. A big thank you to our Leadership students who helped to organize and run the event.

I would like to pass along a safety message to all students as this is a priority for us and we want to keep everyone safe. All students are reminded to only use the designated crosswalks when crossing the streets. The streets around our school can get very busy and there is much construction and we want to keep everyone safe. It is always a very good idea also for pedestrians to make eye contact with the driver before crossing the street so you know they have seen you.

Our next PAC meeting is on Tuesday October 3rd at 5:00pm in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend. At this meeting our PAC will be looking at gaming fund applications submitted by staff.

On behalf of all the staff at PMSS, we are looking forward to another exciting year filled with much opportunity and success for our students.

Robin Smalley
Principal

October 2023

- 2 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
- 3 PAC Meeting 5pm, Library
- 9 Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- 12 Photo Retakes
- 20 Non-Instructional Day
- 30- Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10/12
- 3 Assessments

November 2023

- 1-3 Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10/12 Assessments Continued
- 7 PAC Meeting 5pm, Library
- 8 Early Dismissal 1:41pm
- 10 Non-Instructional Day
- 13 Remembrance Day School Closed
- 15 Diwali Celebration
- 15 Report Cards online
- 16 Early Dismissal 1:41 Parent Teacher Interviews

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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – October 2, 2023

A reminder to family's that school will be closed on **Monday October 2nd** for the statutory Holiday, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day for all Canadians to commemorate the history and legacy of the residential school system.

It's a day to honour the resilience, dignity and strength of survivors and intergenerational survivors and remember the children who never came home. It's a chance to engage and educate people about B.C.'s colonial history and how it has and continues to impact Indigenous communities.



Thanksgiving!

Wishing all our students and family's a wonderful Thanksgiving! Reminder, no school on **Monday, October 9, 2023.**





YEARBOOK
IS ON SALE!



~~\$80~~ **\$55**

**EARLY BIRD PRICE
UNTIL DEC 15, 2023**

SCHOOLCASHONLINE.COM

Photos

Reminder! Student photos are now online

Images from photo day are now online for students and families to view and order. Please let them know they can scan the QR code on their access card, or log in on our website here:

https://artona.com/student_requests/digit_code

Don't forget – Photo Retake Day

If students aren't happy with their photo or missed photo day, they can have a photo taken on October 12, 2023. They will have until October 19, 2023 to order for free shipping.

A reminder of what to expect next:

We'll be in touch when packages are shipped. We will ship the first batch of packages from photo day about two weeks after the first cutoff. Students and families who order the digital image will receive it via email right after checkout.



Grad Spirt Wear

A message to our Grade 12's!

You will be able to order your 2024 Grad Wear soon! Please look out for information on TEAMS next week on how to order. This will all be done through school cash online.



Grad Photos



Grade 12 Students can now book their Grad Portrait appointments.

The Artona Mobile studio will be here at the PM parking lot from November 19-28. Appointments are booked online at [Artona Grad Photos](#)

Reminder: Please only book one appointment & only book an appointment that works for you. Please make sure when you register you fill out your student number, first and last name correctly. Once you have booked your appointment you will receive a confirmation email with your booking.

Need help? If any grads need help or have any questions, please see Gulp our YES Program Coordinator at lunch in room 223.

Lockers

Grade 8 lockers have been assigned by their period 1 home room teachers. For grades 9-12, if a student wishes to have a locker the following process is in place:

- 1). Student Fees to be paid (School Cash Online).
- 2). Once fees are paid, students are to message our Head Secretary Lynne Tolksdorff on TEAMS requesting a locker.
- 3). Ms. Tolksdorff will assign a locker with combination and message the student directly with the details.



Attendance – Absences and Missing School

Surrey Secondary Schools uses an automated system that sends a daily call-out voice mail / or email message to your home / cellphone if your child has missed any classes.

If your child is going to be absent or late from school please call or email the school office in the morning. If the office has not been notified of an absence or late arrival the student will be marked absent (or late), and you will receive a call / or email home.

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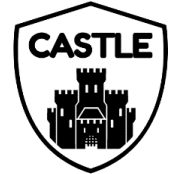
Extended Vacations – If you are going on holiday or will be away from school beyond 5 days please have your student pick up a “Student Missing School Time” form from the office. (These forms can also be found on the school website). This form is to be signed by a parent / guardian, your child’s teachers and returned to the office 2 weeks in advance of the absence.

Afterschool Programs

Did you know that in conjunction with the Surrey School District we have 4 afterschool programs run out of Princess Margaret Secondary?

CASTLE (Character, Awareness, Strength, Tenacity, Leadership, Empowerment):

CASTLE is an after-school mentorship program geared toward male identifying students in grades 8 - 10 that runs weekly. Participants will work with a mentor throughout the program. CASTLE will also utilize motivational guest speakers, events and create unique opportunities and projects for participants to give back to their school in meaningful ways.



Time: Mondays 3:00-4:00

Location: Room 118

Contact: Yousif Shaboo / Email: shaboo_y@surreyschools.ca

Alkhyama

Alkhyama is an afterschool program which focuses on leadership, team building, inclusivity, and community involvement. Al-Khayma is an Arabic word which can be translated to "The Tent". In this program geared towards individuals who are new to Canada, students will learn important personal development skills while improving communications skills and engaging with the community. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to participate in Community Action Projects over the course of the program.

Time : Wednesdays 3:00-4:30

Location Room: 118

Contact: Yousif Shaboo / Email: shaboo_y@surreyschools.ca

REACH

Reach is an employment readiness program for Grade 10/11/12 students. This program will be delivered through weekly 1.5 hour sessions facilitated by Community Schools Partnership staff and partner groups. REACH will prepare and guide students to immediate jobs in recreation and youth/youth programs as well as hospitality. Sessions include lessons and activities around themes of leadership, community, recreation, and health. Students will also gain work experience in after-school and spring break programs and receive important certifications including: First Aid, Customer Service, Principles of Healthy Childhood Development and Food Safe. For more information click here [REACH \(surreyschools.ca\)](http://REACH(surreyschools.ca))

Time: Tuesdays & Thursday's 3:00-4:30 / Certification days 3:00-6:30

Location: Library

Note: There are a few spots left open for this program.

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YoBro / YoGirl

YBYG A mixed-martial arts program that gives students the tools to achieve their full potential and work with positive role models, while avoiding negative behaviors. We cultivate resiliency in at-risk youth and empower them with tools to avoid the perils of drugs, gangs, crime and violence.

Early identification of risk factors and outreach to those most vulnerable has been proven to be an effective crime prevention technique. The Yo-Bro / Yo-Girl focuses on prevention of gang involvement, violence and substance use among boys and girls in Elementary and Secondary schools. An after-school mixed martial arts program used to engage the most at-risk youth.

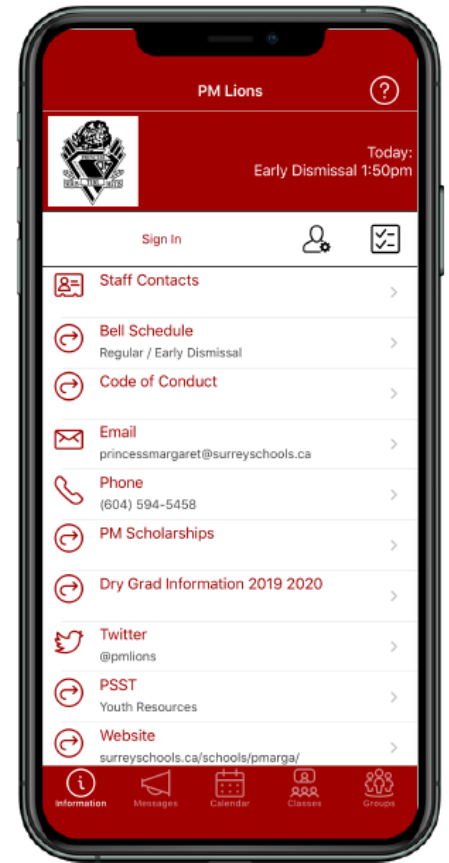
For more information click here: [Yo Bro Yo Girl | Youth Initiative](http://YoBroYoGirl|YouthInitiative)

Time: Afterschool Friday's 3-5pm

Location: Princess Margaret Secondary / Gym and Theatre Room

Contact: To Be Confirmed





Download our “PM Lions” app today!

- ★ Get all your notifications in one place, the way you prefer to receive them, and only what is relevant to you.
- ★ Stay organized with unified, personalized calendar and reminders.
- ★ Quick and easy access to school information on your phone, always up-to date.
- ★ Translations available.

“PM Lions”



Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) for the free “PM Lions” app, or visit [lions.appazur.com/go](https://www.lions.appazur.com/go).

-OR-

If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, sign up for email or SMS text notifications at:

[lions.appazur.com](https://www.lions.appazur.com)

-OR-

Text **@lions** to **778-800-2585**.

-OR-



Use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.

If prompted, be sure to allow push notifications.

Sign in to choose the messages and other information that are important to you:

Tap Sign In (on the Home tab) and follow the instructions on screen. Enter your school email address if you have one.

Choose the Classes tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select your Classes.

Choose the Groups tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select any clubs, teams, or other groups that you belong to.

To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Home tab.

Newcomer Networking Nights
Are you a recently arrived newcomer and/or ELL family?
You are invited!!

Session Highlights:

- Learn about the services of the Surrey Schools Welcome Centre and receive information to support your settlement in Canada.
- Learn about the BC Education System and Surrey School Services.
- Meet other newcomer families in your neighbourhood.

Newcomer Networking Nights (Triple N's) - Fall 2023

Date	Location	Target Audience
Thursday September 14	North Surrey Secondary School	North Surrey & feeder schools
Thursday September 21	LA Matheson Secondary School	LA Matheson & feeder schools
Thursday September 28	Frank Hurt Secondary School	Frank Hurt & feeder schools
Thursday October 5	Panorama Ridge Secondary School	Panorama Ridge & feeder schools
Wednesday October 11	Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary School	Lord Tweedsmuir & feeder schools
Wednesday October 18	Grandview Heights Secondary School	Grandview Heights & feeder schools



Scan for
Welcome Centre
Upcoming events

Presented in English with support available in other languages.
Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration and Networking: 5:30 - 6:00 PM
Presentation and Q&A - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Please contact the Surrey Schools Welcome Centre for more information.
 Email: SWIS-Office@surreyschools.ca or call 604-543-3060

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Careers

Canadian Universities Event

Thursday Oct 5, 2023
Sheraton Guildford Hotel
15269 104 Ave, Surrey BC

Canadian Universities Event (CUE) is a forum designed to highlight Canada's universities to BC secondary school students, their parents, guardians and families.

For more information or to register please go to
[Meet University Reps - Canadian Universities Event \(cuebc.org\)](https://cuebc.org)



EVENTS

CUE In-Person Events

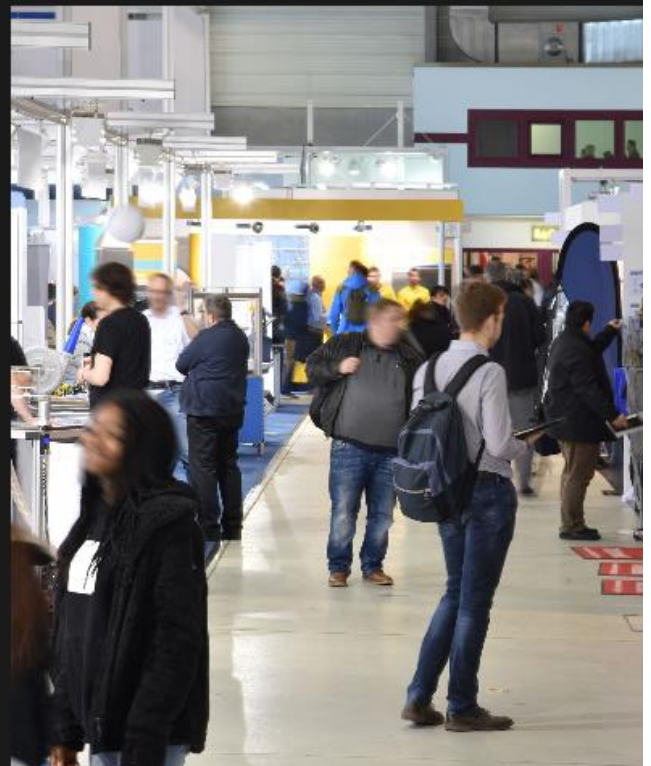
Our events will feature representatives from participating universities ready to answer questions, provide resources and stay connected. Our events will be taking place:

Tuesday, October 3rd –

6:30pm to 9:00pm PST

Thursday, October 5th –

6:30pm to 9:00pm PST





Parents as Education & Career Coaches Workshop

Parents & Student Supporters

Join our virtual **Parents as Education & Career Coaches (PECC) Workshop** to learn how you can help support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12.

Sessions are engaging and informative, and include a website tour followed by a Q&A.

Topics include

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials
- Programs, admission requirements, and application dates
- Costs of post-secondary and financial aid options
- Career exploration resources
- Using the EducationPlannerBC website to save and compare programs through My List
- Applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC

Register Now

EducationPlannerBC and Surrey School District 36

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

6:30–8:00 p.m.

MS Teams

Register [here](#) . Registration is required.

For more information, contact: support@educationplannerbc.ca

Or contact: CAED-Office@surreyschools.ca



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Parent Workshops

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BY BUILDING STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS AND INCREASING RESILIENCY

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, October 5	Sunnyside Elementary School	6:00–8:00PM
Wednesday, October 11	A.J. McLellan Elementary School	6:00–8:00PM
Saturday, October 14	Newton Recreation Centre <i>(Presented in Punjabi, childminding included)</i>	11:30AM–1:30PM
Tuesday, October 17	Old Yale Road Elementary School	6:00–8:00PM
Wednesday, November 8	Fraser Heights Secondary School	6:00–8:00PM
Tuesday, November 14	Princess Margaret Secondary School	6:00–8:00PM
Saturday, November 18	Guildford Library	11:30AM–1:30PM

Topics:

- Warning signs for gang involvement
- Building stronger connections with your child
- Having difficult conversations
- Signs of online sexual exploitation and grooming
- Prevention strategies
- Supports and services

TO REGISTER VISIT empowersurrey.ca

For more information contact:
communitysafety@surrey.ca
236.598.3016

*Light meal provided

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MYED BC / Password Rest



Student – I Forgot My Password to MyEdBC

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1. To retrieve a new temporary password for MyEdBC be sure to use a computer and not a mobile device.



2. Go to MyEdBC <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> and type in your **MyEdBC Login ID** which is also your student number. Click on 'I forgot my password'. MyEdBC will email you a new temporary password.

MyEducation BC Prod

Login ID
Your Student Number

Password

[I forgot my password](#)

Log On

3. If MyEdBC has your surreyschools email, **log into your surreyschools account** <https://www.surreyschools.ca/Pages/default.aspx> to retrieve your new temporary MyEdBC password. Your login for your surreyschools will be the same login you would log in to FreshGrade or to log onto a school computer. **You can login by clicking on Office 365 or Sign In.** If MyEdBC has your personal email, login to your personal email account to retrieve your new temporary password.



4. Go to MyEdBC <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do> and **type in your MyEdBC Login ID** which is also your student number. **Type in your new temporary password exactly** as it has been emailed to you under **Password**, as MyEdBC passwords are case sensitive.



The screenshot shows the MyEducation BC Prod login interface. It has a title bar 'MyEducation BC Prod'. Below it is a 'Login ID' section with a text input field containing 'Your Student Number'. Below that is a 'Password' section with a text input field containing several dots. A red arrow points to the password field. To the right of the password field is a link that says 'I forgot my password'. At the bottom left is a 'Log On' button with a right-pointing arrow.

5. MyEdBC will ask you to choose a new password. Enter the following information in the **Change Password** pop-up window.

Current Password: enter the **temporary password** that MyEdBC emailed you

New Password: enter your new password following the MyEdBC **Password Requirements**

Confirm New Password: enter your **new password a second time**

Click **OK**. You have now reset your MyEdBC password.



The screenshot shows a 'Password Requirements' pop-up window. The title bar says 'Password Requirements'. It contains a bulleted list of requirements: 'Minimum length is 8', 'At least one number', 'At least one capital and lowercase letter', 'At least one symbol that isn't a letter or number', and 'Can't contain 'password', login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id, or only sequential letters or numbers'. Below the list are three text input fields labeled 'Current Password', 'New Password', and 'Confirm New Password'. A red arrow points from the 'New Password' field to the requirements list. To the right of the input fields is a red 'X' icon and the text 'Your password has expired. Please create a new one.' At the bottom left are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. At the bottom right is an 'OK' button.

Note: MyEdBC passwords are good for **90 days**. MyEdBC will prompt you to create a new password immediately.

Tip: **Ten unsuccessful login attempts will disable your account.** If this happens you will have to wait for it to be re-enabled. Call or go to your school office to request that your account be re-activated. This may take a few days or longer.