

GRADE 12 PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT



Traditional Acknowledgement



► We acknowledge that our school resides on the shared, unceded territories of Coast Salish peoples. The Kat The Semiahmoo people have been the stewards of this land in time immemorial.

The School Team

- ▶ Principal→ Graham Magnusson
- ▶ Vice Principals→ Pam Sandhu & Virgil Hill
- ▶ Counseling Team
- ▶ Scholarship Coordinator→ Stephanie Canino
- ▶ Youth Care Team
- ▶ Teachers
- ▶ IESWs
- ▶ Safe Schools Liaison→ Chris Nwandu

Agenda

1. Grad Expectations - Conduct & Leadership
2. Real talk with your grad- High School, post secondary, extra curriculars, work!
3. Grad Requirements- Ministry and Post-Secondary
4. Scholarships & Post Secondary Applications



Principal's Message

Mr. Graham Magnusson

We need
grads to
lead, not
follow...

- ▶ Be up on their communications and be a reference for others
- ▶ Prevent trouble and help us solve problems
- ▶ Choose kindness
- ▶ Own their choices
- ▶ Accept realities

...because other students are watching!

Three common grade 12 challenges

- ▶ ***I have to pass this course...*** → We want to help, but...
- ▶ ***I need to get into this program (or go to this school)....*** → Plan B, C, D etc. are important
- ▶ ***September is all that is important...*** We want you to not just get in but thrive!

”No single course in high school ever made the difference between a person finding success in their life or not.” – Mr. M.

Student Expectations

- School Events vs Non-Sanctioned Events

School Events Include:

Canucks Grad Game!-> Sept. 26th

Grad Boat Cruise--> October 1st

Pasta Night--> November 19th

Fashion Show--> March 4th

Duke of Earl--> June 3rd

Grad Walk--> May 19th

Commencement--> May 20th

Grad Dinner and Dance-> June 13th

Dry Grad (Parent organized)--> Overnight June 13th/14th

Non-Sanctioned Events:

House / Community Parties

Privately Organized Fundraisers

Ski Trips

Camping Trips

Grad Games

Grad Crimes

Other Ill-Planned Ideas . . .

Artona Grad Photos

Photos in the Mobile Studio
@ EMS:
October 10th- October 17th

Book online:
<https://artona.com/bookings>

Information posted on TEAMS



A welcome from our Parent **A**dvisory **C**ouncil

Mrs. Tanja Phillips

- ▶ Meetings last Monday of every month @ 6:30 pm
 - ▶ School library
 - ▶ Next meeting Monday, September 29th !
 - ▶ Everyone welcome!
- ▶ First Dry Grad Parents Meeting is Monday September 22 @6:30 in the school library.

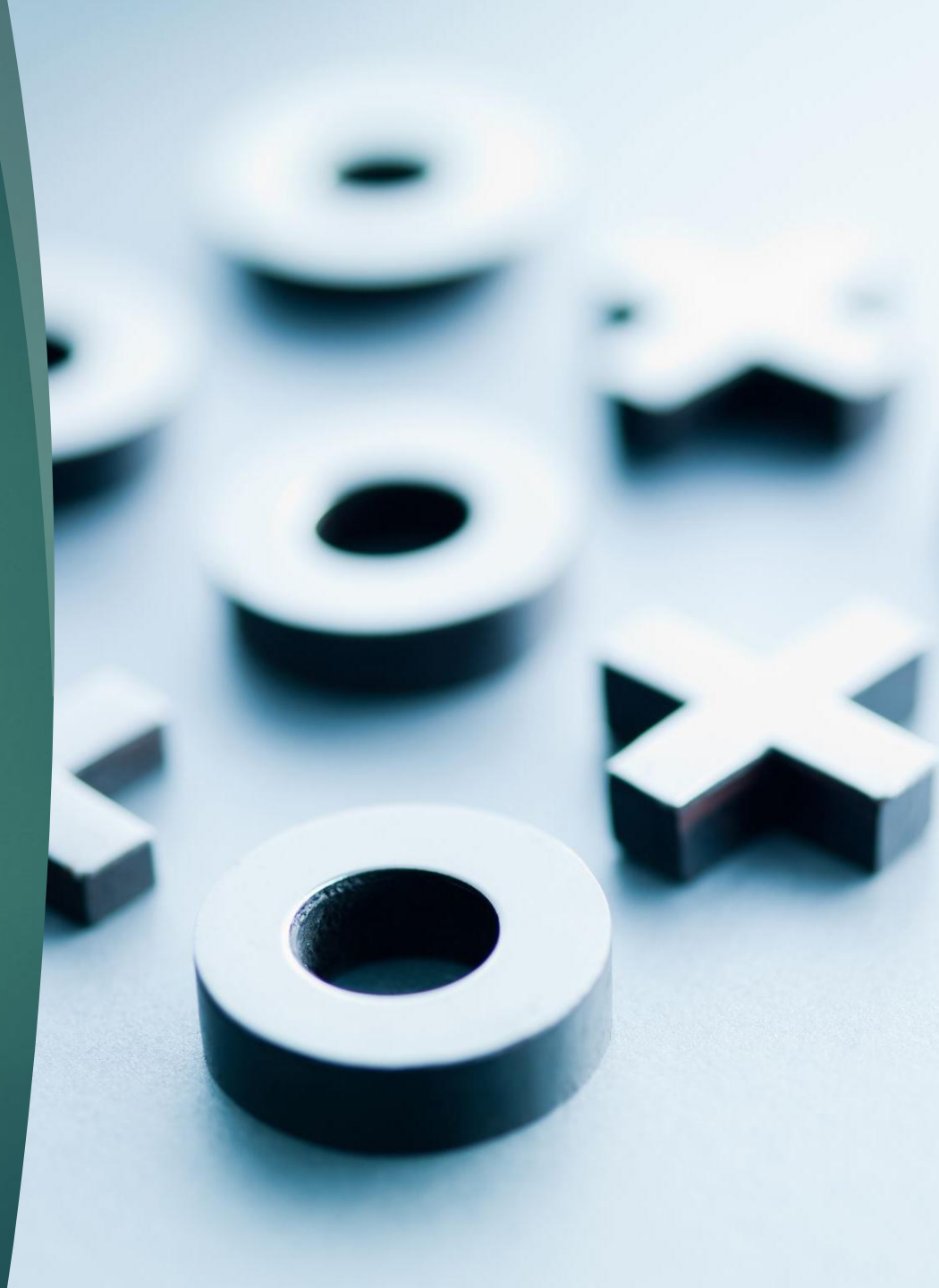


The Grade 12 Experience

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Our Counselling Team

- ▶ Mr. Aaron Haynes. (A – E)
- ▶ Ms. Adele Kim (F – La)
- ▶ Ms. Sharon Sall (Le – R)
- ▶ Ms. Min-Chee Lo (S – Z)



Graduation Credits

Counsellors

- ▶ Minimum 80 Credits required over 3 years (4 credits per class) **Check MyEdBC**
- ▶ Checking grad status – November
 - ▶ Transcript Verification Report (TVR)
- ▶ Courses Taken Elsewhere
- ▶ On-line - Make sure it's on your TVR!
 - ▶ External courses must be on your Transcripts (each university has different course completion deadlines)
- ▶ External Credits
 - ▶ Ex: Driver's Educ., Life Saving, Athletics (Provincial, National)
- ▶ Grade 12 students
 - ▶ Grade 10 Numeracy & Literacy Assessments (if not already written).*
 - ▶ Grade 12 Literacy Assessment
 - ▶ Indigenous Course Requirement
 - ▶ FRAL 12 Assessment

Submitting Final Grades to Universities

- ▶ Required: Student Transcript Service
- ▶ Most Post-Secondary Institutions access student marks electronically from the Ministry of Education (no paper transcripts)
- ▶ Students **MUST** complete their online STS selection to release their marks → link on EMS website under Counselling



Submitting Final Grades to Universities

Counsellors

StudentTranscripts Service

You can use the StudentTranscripts Service (STS) to:

- View or order your secondary school transcript
- Send your secondary school transcripts to post-secondary institutions
- Order your graduation certificate
- View your scholarships
- View your provincial exam or graduation assessment results

<https://www.bceid.ca/register/>

Submitting Final Grades to Universities

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- ▶ <https://www.bceid.ca/register/>
- ▶ Click on create BASIC account
- ▶ Create a BCeID at this site (wait for e-mail to login)
- ▶ *don't forget this password as you will use it for the rest of your life
- ▶ You will submit your intended Post -Secondary choices
- ▶ You must still apply to the Universities. This site will transfer your final marks electronically in July.

- ▶ Grad Post-Secondary Information
 - ▶ Get Post-Secondary Info on-line at educationplannerbc.ca
 - ▶ Admission Requirements vary (General, Program Specific)
 - ▶ Application Process/Deadlines (vary)
 - ▶ Open House/Info Session dates:
 - ▶ Canadian University Event (various dates and times) Register at <https://cuebc.org>

Applications Continued

- ▶ UBC Virtual – link to join will be advertised closer to date
- ▶ PSIBC-various dates (no registration details yet)
- ▶ Some schools are accepting applications as of Oct. 1st
 - ▶ Some are “first-come, first-served” (e.g. KPU, Douglas)
- ▶ Application Deadlines
 - ▶ UBC Early Admission Dec. 1
 - ▶ Regular Admission Jan. 15
 - ▶ SFU Jan. 31
 - ▶ UVIC Jan. 31
 - ▶ U of T Jan. 15
 - ▶ All other BC institutions have varying deadlines depending on the program.



To stay informed with
Post-Secondary Updates
throughout the year...

Attend the GPS meetings that
occur the 3rd Thursday of each
month at lunch and check the
school webpage as the Power
points of the GPS meetings are
posted there

Questions

MS. SALL



Welcome to EMS Scholarship!

MRS. CANINO

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR,
ROOM 312

CANINO_S@SURREYSCHOOLS.CA



Make Sure Your Child Joins the TEAMS page EMS Scholarships

- The code to join is 60zqlr5
- This is where all the information will be found
- All applications and forms will also be located here
 - It is also a great place to ask questions

...then go look at the Teams page
and get the Handbook:

- Print it out or save a copy on your device.
- The last page of the Handbook has all of your major due dates and meeting dates:

MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP MEETINGS

Scholarship Meeting - Monthly Topics - Watch Teams (Scholarships EMS) for more information, dates, and times.

September 19th in the Theater

Follow us on Teams: Teams Code to Join

is **60zqlr5**

Scholarship Handbook
Types of Scholarships and Financial Awards

October 17th

Getting Started
How to Pay for Post-Secondary School

November 21th

Creating Your Story
Request for letter of Reference

December 12th

Essay Writing (sample questions...comparisons) What Scholarship Committees are looking for.

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January 23th

Understanding the Scholarship Judging Process

February 13rd

Stress Management
In School Scholarships Application

- Deadline: Friday, **April 6, 2026** (in person submissions only before 3:30 pm)

Ministry District Awards/Partner 36 Scholarships

- Deadline: Friday, **April 6, 2026** (in person submissions only before 3:30 pm)

March 13th

In School Scholarships Application Q & A Deadline Friday, April 6, 2026

Scholarship Recipient Procedure

Thank-you letters.

What else is in the Handbook?

- ▶ Scholarship definitions such as:
 - ▶ Scholarship: a monetary award based on academic merit or excellence in the area to which the award permits
 - ▶ Bursary: a non-repayable grant made to students in need of financial assistance

What else is in the Handbook?

- ▶ Types of scholarships:
 - ▶ **BC Achievement Scholarships:** \$1250 for the top 8,000 BC students; students do not apply for this one (based on GPA for Grades 10-12, including electives)
 - ▶ **District Authority Awards:** \$1250 voucher for 5,500 BC students with superior achievement in non-academic fields (deadline = April 6, 2026)
 - ▶ **Partners36 Scholarships:** \$250 – 2,500 for only one student per school per scholarship; there are dozens of scholarships (deadline = April 6, 2026)
 - ▶ **Corporate/Service Clubs:** Students must apply for these on their own. These scholarships include union, private company, and corporate groups.
 - ▶ **In School Scholarships:** \$250-\$2000 scholarships available to EMS students (deadline = April 6, 2026)

The *average* first-year tuition in Canada costs \$7,000/year.

Books/year	Living at home/year	Living away from home/year
Least expensive is Computer Science at \$578.	Everything included (tuition, fees, books, transportation, haircuts, etc.)	Everything included (same as at home plus off-campus rent, travel home on holidays, food, etc.)
Most expensive is Business at \$874.	\$10,000	\$20,000 - \$30,000
Average?		
\$1000		


Well, that's terrifying.

“So what can a
parent do to help?”

1. Buy a paper calendar and start writing in due dates:

- ▶ **Basant \$31,000 in scholarships** – September 28th, 2025
- ▶ (see Teams page)
 - ▶ 3.2 GPA, good service/citizenship, planning to go to post-secondary
- ▶ **Loran** – October 16, 2025 by 8:00 pm Eastern Time
- ▶ (see Teams page)
 - ▶ 85% minimum, Canadian or permanent resident, planning to go to post-secondary

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- ▶ In-School applications – April 6, 2026
 - ▶ Ministry applications – April 6, 2026
 - ▶ Partners36 applications – April 6, 2026



Keep watching the
Teams page, for
updates and new
scholarships!

3. Get your child to the monthly meetings. (See Teams)

- ▶ Each meeting has a theme:
 - ▶ Creating Your Story
 - ▶ Essay Writing
 - ▶ What the Scholarship Committee is Looking For in an Applicant
 - ▶ Stress Management
 - ▶ Thank-you letters

4. Parents, find out your angle:

- ▶ Do you belong to a union?
 - ▶ Every union has a scholarship for members' kids.
- ▶ Does your company have a scholarship for members' kids?
 - ▶ If not, ask about starting one. See me for donation forms.
- ▶ Do you belong to a cultural, religious, or community group?
 - ▶ Think about your heritage and groups in which you and your family participate.

5. Add up the numbers:

- ▶ Are you in need? Bursaries are available if money is preventing your child from attending post-secondary.
 - ▶ The Cmolik Foundation offers full tuition to students who have, for many different reasons, not been able to save for school.
- ▶ How are you and your child going to pay for school?
 - ▶ RESPs, scholarships, jobs, gifts from family, bursaries? **Make a plan now.**

6. Time spent working on scholarships is time saved flipping burgers.

- ▶ See page 16 of The Handbook for “Places to Look for Scholarship Information”
 - ▶ Yconic.com
 - ▶ Scholarshipscanada.com
 - ▶ Bced.gov.bc.ca/awards
 - ▶ Schoolfinder.com
 - ▶ Internationalscholarships.com
 - ▶ Studentscholarships.org

Good luck!

- ▶ Please contact me at canino_s@surreyschools if you have any questions
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Parents and Grads of 2026

- ▶ Thank you for coming this evening!

