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Building a Post-Secondary Portfolio



Elders Latash & Delhia, District Principal Rob Smyth, BMSS School Choir – Performing Coast Salish Anthem (2021)



We wish to acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish nations of Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, on whose traditional territories we teach, learn, and live.

Things to consider for a great portfolio...

- Good grades and exposure to a diverse and rigorous curriculum
- Strong test scores (where appropriate)
- A specific, honest, and well-written personal statement and/or essays
- Extracurricular involvement, unique interests, experiences and passions
- Volunteering experience with measurable impact
- Compelling letters of recommendation
- Work experience, particularly jobs related to academic, post-secondary or professional interests
- Leadership, innovation, initiative, creativity and community contributions



Opportunities To Consider @BMSS

- Clubs
 - Councils
 - Leadership Classes
 - Sports Teams
 - Scholarships
 - Advanced Placement
 - Work Experience
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Industry-Training Programs
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The image features a light blue background with black silhouettes of graduation caps (mortarboards) scattered across the top and bottom edges. At the bottom, several silhouettes of hands are raised in various gestures, including clapping and pointing. The text "GRADUATION INFO SESSION" is centered in the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

GRADUATION INFO SESSION

Graduation Requirements

❖ Students need a minimum of 80 credits (20 courses) in grades 10, 11 & 12 graduate

❖ 12 required courses:

- ❖ An English 10 (2+2 credits)
- ❖ An English 11
- ❖ An English 12
- ❖ Social Studies 10
- ❖ A Social Studies 11 OR 12
- ❖ Science 10
- ❖ A Science 11

- ❖ A Mathematics 10 & 11
- ❖ Physical Education 10
- ❖ Career Life Education 10
- ❖ 1 Fine Arts/Applied Skills – in grade 10, 11 or 12
- ❖ Career Life Connections 11 (2 credits)
- ❖ Career Life Connections 12 (2 credits)

❖ 7 elective courses:

❖ **NOTE:** 4 courses must be at the Grade 12 level (English 12 + 3 Gr. 12 classes of your choosing)

- ❖ Numeracy Assessment (grade 10)
- ❖ Literacy Assessments (grade 10 and 12)



How Do I Know If I Have Enough Credits?

Check My Ed BC:

- Login to MyEd
- Under the Info tab, go to Transcript and then Graduation Summary
- Will show required courses and those completed

Check Student Transcript Services

- Will show unofficial transcript and on the bottom list reasons for non-graduation (if any)

Note: Most students have well over 80 credits when they graduate



BC COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Most BC college acceptance is on a **first come first served** basis, so apply early to secure your spot
- ❖ Many colleges open applications after October 1st
- ❖ College acceptance is based on Basic Graduation
- ❖ Certain programs do have course requirements (please check!)
 - ❖ eg: Minimum mark in English 12
- ❖ College also offers upgrading opportunities



COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

- ❖ University Transfer means you **start** studying at college, then ***transfer*** to university to complete your studies
- ❖ University will recognize the education you took at college
 - 2 Years at college + 2 Years at university = Bachelor's Degree from the University.



UBC ADMISSIONS



Application deadlines:

First Round Offers and Scholarships/Awards (Early Admission): December 1

Regular Admission Deadline: January 15

Deadline to Authorize UBC Access to Grades: January 31

UBC will **broadly evaluate** your academic history by looking at **ALL** academic Grade 11 & 12 courses

UBC will also look at individual grades in key courses - you must have strong grades in these (*ie: English 12 or Pre-Calculus 12 depending on faculty*)

- ❖ Each faculty will also have degree-specific requirements
- ❖ **CHECK UBC WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION** on individual requirements
- ❖ The application includes a **UBC PERSONAL PROFILE**



UBC PERSONAL PROFILE

- ❖ UBC personal profile is a very important part of the UBC application
- ❖ It also gives you a chance to tell UBC about the things that are important to you:
 - ❖ *YOUR SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS*
 - ❖ *WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED FROM YOUR EXPERIENCES*
 - ❖ *CHALLENGES YOU HAVE OVERCOME IN YOUR LIFE*
- ❖ Each question requires **short essay answers** (look back to CLC 11 assignment linked to this)
 - ❖ **NOT** about simply listing activities/experiences
 - ❖ **Sample Question:** *“Explain how you have responded to a significant challenge that you have encountered, and what you learned in the process”*



SFU ADMISSIONS



Admissions deadlines:

- ❖ **DECEMBER 15** Major entrance scholarships application deadline
- ❖ **JANUARY 31** Regular admission application deadline
- ❖ **JANUARY 31** Deadline *to submit* all required documentation for admission
- ❖ **MARCH 15** Self-reporting grades deadline
 - ❖ **You must self-report your grades, or your application will be denied**
 - ❖ *Make sure you check your emails regularly for admissions offers, as that is how they will let you know if you have been accepted*



SFU ADMISSIONS



- ❖ Admission is based on grades in a minimum of 5 approved grade 12 courses (including English 12)
- ❖ Each faculty will provide 2 lists (List A & List B) which will list the **specific courses** required for their faculty
- ❖ If you're applying to multiple programs, *you must take required courses for both programs* –
eg: Science & English
- ❖ All students must have a final grade in English 12 of at least 70 %
 - ❖ All students must have a final grade in Math 11 or 12 of at least 60%
 - ❖ Final grades for online courses will be accepted until the end of June (normally earlier, has been extended this year)



TRADES PROGRAMS IN BC

Burnaby School District have some programs (Carpentry, Auto Mechanic, Elect.) – see Ms. G & Ms. Manning for more information

BCIT – competitive (require English 12, depending on program between 50-73% min.)

Work BC & Skilled Trades BC– great resource for trades, apprenticeship pathways/programs

<https://skilledtradesbc.ca/>

<https://www.workbc.ca/explore-training-and-education/trades-training>



OUT OF PROVINCE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Applying to a college/university **OUTSIDE** of BC? *Research each individual institution's admission requirements and application deadlines.*



IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING ONLINE COURSES

- ❖ For online courses, you can only self-report the final grade.
- ❖ For **SFU** and **UBC** – online courses must have a final mark by *the end of June*.



STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE

- ❖ Student Transcript Service (STS) is an online platform for students to view their school marks, scholarships & transcripts, and to send transcripts (up to 25 for free!)
- ❖ Students **must** register for a BC government account (BCEID) **before** accessing the Student Transcript Service (STS)
 - ❖ To register you will need:
 - ❖ ***Your PEN (personal education number)***
 - ❖ ***Legal first & last name***
 - ❖ ***Birthdate***
 - ❖ ***Email***



STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE

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Go to
www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

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CREATE

Create a Basic
BCEID account

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Assessment and
Exam marks
View
Scholarships
and Awards

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**PREVIEW
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ORDER**

Preview, send &
order unofficial
and official
transcripts

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AUTHORIZE

Authorize PSI
access to
receive
transcript
updates



STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE CONTINUED...



Select which
post-secondary
institutions you
want to send
your transcripts
to (all students
get 25 free)



Send transcript
electronically
to multiple
post-secondary
institutions



Be aware of
important dates
and deadlines
*Check websites
for latest
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EDUCATION PLANNER BC

❖ Education Planner BC is where you will apply to one or more **BC post-secondary Institutions**:
<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>

❖ You **must** first sign up for an Education Planner BC account, you will need:

1. A copy of your most recent marks, grade 11 report card
2. PEN (Personal Education Number)
3. Credit card information

❖ Once you sign up, you will then:

- Complete your common applicant profile
- Select the institutions you want to apply to
- Complete their applications
- Review and submit your applications



POSSIBLE POST-SECONDARY ENTRANCE EXAMS

❖ TOEFL, IELTS, CAEL etc.

- ❖ BC universities vary - SFU – NOT required if have 3 years of English
 - UBC – NOT required if have 4 years of English
- *It is important to check each individual college/university admission standards

❖ SAT – Check out www.collegeboard.com

- ❖ A requirement for American Universities/Colleges for all 1st year students

❖ **NOTE: The SATs should have been written no later than spring of grade 11**



UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

@ Burnaby Mountain

- ❖ **SFU Faculty of Applied Sciences** (Computing Science, Engineering Science, Mechatronic Systems Engineering, & Sustainable Energy Engineering) – Tuesday, October 22 at lunch in Room 200
- ❖ **SFU Beedie School of Business** – November 6 at lunch in room 203
- ❖ **BMSS Mini PSI Fair** – Tuesday, November 13 from 2-3:30pm in Upper Commons

Other Online and In Person Post-Secondary Info Sessions

Find out about post-secondary presentations in the **SCHOOL BULLETIN** and the **Career Centre WEEKLY NEWS bulletin** (posted in your Work Experience & CLC12 Team – paper copies available in the Career Centre)



You could also check out the **POST-SECONDARY BC** website and click on **EVENTS**. <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/events/>

WHO DO YOU CONTACT ABOUT GRADUATION? (AND OTHER STUFF TOO!)



❖ **Ms. ARRON**

❖ LAST NAMES A – FE



❖ **MS. MICHAELS**

❖ LAST NAMES LI - SE



❖ **MS. D-C (Mr. HOILE)**

❖ LAST NAMES FI - LE



❖ **MS. HART**

❖ LAST NAMES SH - Z



Scholarships

- Scholarships are monetary awards to support a student's education. They are awarded for academic achievement, financial need, community service, leadership abilities, and many other reasons.
- Scholarships are given by the school, district, government, post-secondary schools, and from private organizations.



Criteria for each Award

- Each scholarship will have its own criteria. Common criteria are academic performance, financial need, excel in a certain area (music, drama, athletics, trades, etc.) and community service.
- More and more the emphasis for scholarships is shifting to the well-rounded student who has a good school / life balance.



Where will students find information about Scholarships?

- TEAMS - In grade 12 students will be added to a scholarship Team. This is where all scholarship information and criteria are posted as well as instructions on how to apply. Any scholarships given by the school, district, government and from private organizations are posted there. Scholarships will also be advertised in the student bulletin.
- Post-secondary awards are found directly on the university/college websites.
- In the meantime, scholartree.ca and Yconic.com are websites that offer free scholarship matching and have a database of over 30,000 scholarships.



What is needed to apply?

- Complete a **Scholarship Profile Form**. These are required to be considered for a school or district award. They should be completed early in their Grade 12 year.
- Many scholarships will ask for the following, so it is good to have them on hand:
 - **TRANSCRIPTS**
 - Can be downloaded from the ministry website.
 - **RESUME and COMMUNITY SERVICE LIST**
 - This is what grade 10 and 11s should be working on right now. They need to be organized and kept up to date.
- **REFERENCE LETTERS**
 - Teachers will require with 2 weeks' notice to get letters complete. **Reference Letter Request Forms** are available and should be given to teachers when asking for a reference. There is no need to get reference letters ahead of time as they are best when recent and tailored to the specific award.



Grade 12 Student Profile Sheet

To be considered for a district or school-based award, you must complete this form and return it to Ms. Belyea (Room 304) ASAP

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Cell Number: _____ Address: _____

Personal Email: _____ Postal Code: _____

Are you a: Canadian Citizen? Landed Immigrant? Permanent Resident?

Mother/Guardian Occupation: _____ Father/Guardian Occupation: _____

Financial Hardship: No Yes (If Yes, please complete #1)

1. If you are facing difficult **financial** or **personal circumstances** that may interfere with achieving your post-secondary goals, please submit a brief, written explanation:

2. Which **post-secondary** schools have you/are you planning to apply to (list in order of preference)?

Institution	Program/Faculty
1.	
2.	
3.	

3. What career(s) are you seriously considering? _____

4. Are you in one of the District programs (Construction Electrician, Cooks, Computer Networking, Fitness Instructor, Auto Service, etc.)? If so, please indicate which one. _____

5. If you have a part-time job, where do you work, how many hours a week do you work and how long have you worked there? _____

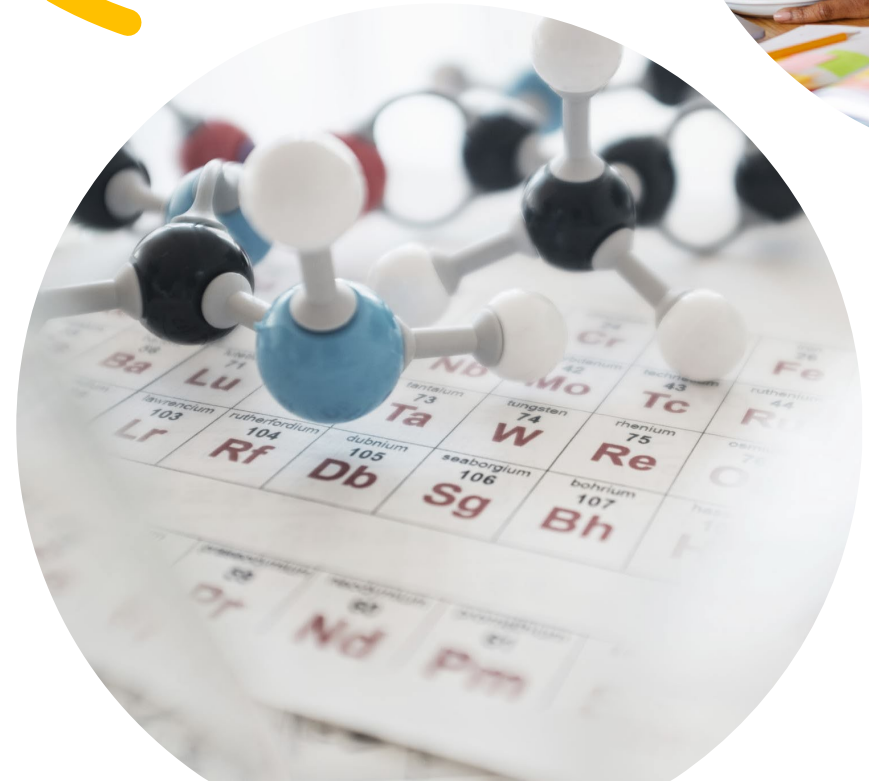
When are they due?

Due dates vary considerably. Deadlines are firm! Grade 12s are encouraged to check posts regularly.



Advanced Placement: The Basics

- AP[®] courses are college-level courses done in high school. We offer around 15 AP courses at Burnaby Mountain
- Courses reflect what's taught in introductory college/university courses.
- Students take AP Exams at the end of the course. Exams scores are 1 – 5.
- Students can typically earn college credit and/or placement into honors or advanced courses when they score a 4 or higher on an AP Exam.



A Head Start in High School

Research consistently shows that AP students are **better prepared** for college and university than students who don't take AP.

They're more likely to enroll and stay in post-secondary programs, do well in their classes, and graduate in four years.



Develop College-Level Skills

- Critical thinking, scholarly writing, time management
- Gain experience and boost your confidence



Discover Your Passion

Studying a subject in depth could give you new insights and even put you on the path to a career.



Stand Out to Colleges

AP on your high school transcript shows colleges and universities you've tackled post-secondary-level work.



Earn College Credit

Your AP score could earn you college credits. This saves valuable time and money!

Myths and Facts About AP

Myth #1 – AP courses are for students who always get good grades.

Reality – You don't need to be top of your class, but you'll want to be prepared for the AP course you choose. You should come willing to do your best work.

Taking AP courses shows colleges that you're willing to challenge yourself academically. You'll likely improve your academic abilities and do better in your other courses too!

Myth #2 – AP Exam scores impact your GPA or class grade.

Reality – AP exam scores are separate from the class grade and do not show up on your transcript.

You have the option to report your exam scores to the post-secondary institution you attend.

Myth #3 – I should take as many AP courses as possible

Reality – You need to think about balance. A few AP courses will still be favorable on your transcript, and you won't be as overwhelmed.

Think about spreading out your AP courses over grade 11 and grade 12.

AP Courses at Burnaby Mountain

- **Arts:**
 - Art History
 - Music Theory
- **English and World Languages:**
 - English Literature and Composition
 - Chinese Language and Culture
 - French Language and Culture
- **History and Social Sciences:**
 - Psychology
 - Macroeconomics & Microeconomics
 - Human Geography
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:**
 - Calculus AB
 - Computer Science A
 - Computer Science Principles
 - Statistics
- **Sciences:**
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Physics 1: Algebra-Based
 - Physics 2: Algebra-Based



Planning Grade 11 and 12

Courses you can take in grade 11:

- AP Statistics (after English 10 and Math 10)
- AP Psychology
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macroeconomics and Microeconomics
- AP Computer Science A (with some coding experience)
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Physics 1 (Algebra-based)
- AP Music Theory
- AP Chinese Language and Culture (be fluent in Mandarin)
- AP Art History

Courses you will most likely take in grade 12:

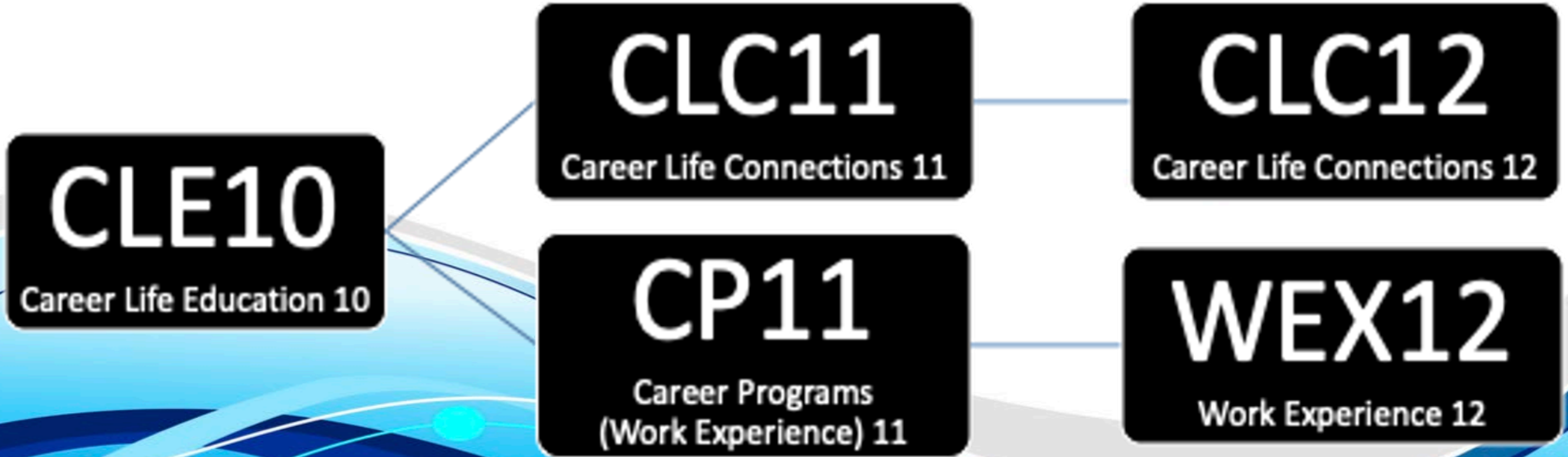
- AP Biology (after Life Sciences 11 Enriched)
- AP Chemistry (after Chemistry 11 Enriched)
- AP Physics 2 (after AP Physics 1)
- AP Calculus AB (after Pre-Calculus 12)
- AP English Literature and Composition (after English 11)
- AP French Language and Culture

Next Steps

- **Decide which AP courses are right for you:**
 - What subjects do you enjoy most?
 - Which subjects do you excel in?
 - Have you completed the prerequisites?
 - What subjects would be beneficial for your future program/major?
- **Find out more**
 - Talk to teachers and counselors
 - Talk to students who have taken AP courses
- **Think about balance**
 - Spread AP courses out over 2-3 years
- **Know the deadline**
 - Select AP courses during course selection (February 2025)



Career Education



Career Life Education & Connections

Career Life Education 10:

- Mandatory for Graduation
- 4 credit course taken in Grade 10
- In timetable as a scheduled course or taken online
- Final mark on transcript

Career Life Connections 11 & 12:

- Mandatory for Graduation
- 2 credits for CLC 11
- 2 credits for CLC 12
- Course is outside of the timetable
- Sessions held during Friday Flex
- Final marks on transcript
- Capstone Presentation – April of Grade 12

Work Experience

Work Experience (30 Hrs.)

- Paid or Volunteer Experience
- Mandatory for Graduation
- Part of CLC 11/12 Courses

Work Experience 12A (80 Hrs.)

- Extra 50 hours of Volunteer Experience
- Grade 12 Elective Course (hours completed over Grades 11 & 12)
- Hours completed after school, on weekends and during breaks
- Work placements offered in a variety of exciting fields
- Earn a Study Block in Grade 12 or take as an extra course outside the timetable

Work Experience Benefits

- Career Exploration
- Skill Development
- Resume Content
- Scholarship Applications
- Practice Job Interview Skills
- Part-time Employment Potential
- Networking
- Professional Contacts & References
- University Application Profiles
- Capstone Presentation Content

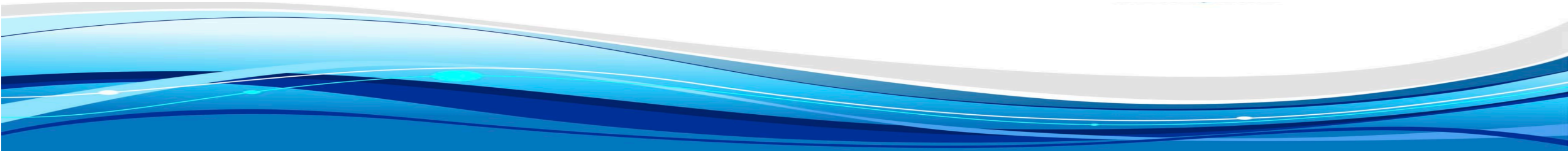


Work Experience Opportunities

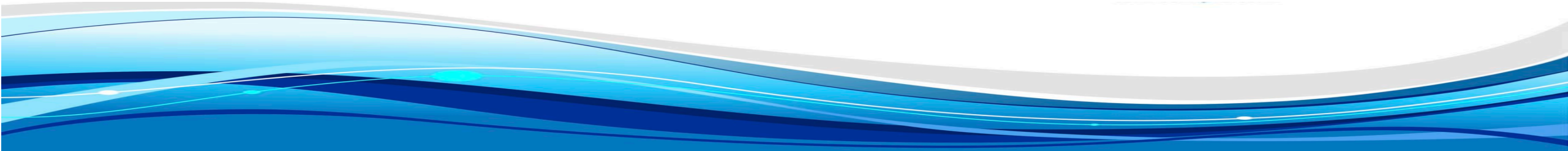
The **School Bulletin** & **Career Centre Weekly News** includes: [BMSS Website](#)

- Work Experience Opportunities
- Career Exploration & Leadership Development Workshops & Courses
- Post-Secondary Info Sessions (PSI Mini Fair – Nov. 13 2-3:30 pm – BMSS)
- Paid Employment
- CLC 11/CLC 12 Info

Upcoming WEX Opportunities:

- **Code Ninjas** Coquitlam Location "Learn to Code" Assistant – orientation Oct. 24
 - Local thrift stores seeking volunteers (Low Entropy, Burnaby Hospice, BASES)
 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters **Big Buddies Program** Stoney Creek Mondays 3:30-4:30pm
 - **Youth to Sea** Ocean Wise – Env't Marine Biology Program – 15–18-year-olds
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Service Award

- Students in Grades 8-12 can collect Community Service Hours by volunteering in the school and in the community.
 - Awards will be given to students who meet the following criteria:
 - **Minor Service Award – 50-99 Service Hours**
 - **Major Service Award – 100+ Service Hours**
 - Students can hand in Community Service Hour forms to the Career Centre in either Grade 10 or Grade 12 for recognition. Forms available on BMSS website and in Career Centre. **Deadline is April 30th.**
 - **Junior Service Award (Grades 8-10):** Hours completed between September of Grade 8 up to April 30th of Grade 10.
 - **Senior Service Award (Grades 11-12):** Hours completed between May 1st of Grade 10 up to April 30th of Grade 12.
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District Career Education Info Night

- Did you know you that students can complete post-secondary level training, in a variety of fields, while still in high school?
- The Burnaby School District has a multitude of programs available to students in their Grade 11 & 12 years.
- If you are interested in learning more about what programs are available, you are invited to attend the Career Education & District Programs Info Night
 - **When: January 22, 2025 – 6:30-8:00 pm**
 - **Where: Burnaby Central Secondary**
- For more info on all the programs: <https://burnabyschools.ca/careereducation/>

District Industry Training Programs:

For Students in Grades 11 & 12

YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES:

Auto Collision & Refinishing Technician
Auto Service Technician
Baker
Carpenter
Construction Electrician
Hairstylist
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
Landscape Horticulturist
Metal Fabricator
Millwright
Motorcycle Mechanic
Painter & Decorator
Plumber
Professional Cook
Welder

INDUSTRY CONNECT (PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT)

Film & Broadcast
Graphics/Media Arts
Health Sciences
Music Production & Technology
Robotics (Mechatronics)

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION:

Cisco Networking Academy
DigiPen Game Development Academy
Fitness
Microsoft Office Specialist
Palo Alto Cyber Security
Tourism & Event Management

Career Education Workshops

EducationPlannerBC is hosting a **Live Learning** session this Fall. Join virtually on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- Come explore their website! Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.
- These free sessions are open to anyone interested in learning about post-secondary education and career planning. They will be especially helpful for high school students in grades 10-12 and their families.
- Registration Link will be sent to all grade 10 – 12 families tomorrow

Parents as Career Coaches is a two-hour virtual workshop designed to help secondary school parents become more effective career development allies for their children.

- The workshop facilitator will teach concepts of coaching and provide practical tools and research skills to help parents as they coach their youth about potential careers and transitioning after secondary school. More details to come soon about registration **When: January 8, 2025 – 6:30-7:45 pm**