

Student Bulletin

February 8-12

THIS WEEK AT BSS



Grad Fashion Show

Wednesday, Feb. 10th

7:00pm, Doors open at 6:30pm

Students \$5; Adults \$8

Fashions by A to Zebra, Disco Lemonade, Mercedes Lane, Prom fashions by the SOS, Olympic fashions by the Bay and our own Grade 12 fashion designer Michelle Larsen.

Student of the Week

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Aoife Collins. Aoife was nominated for her top notch work in the drama program this year including her exemplary work in Alice. Mr. Campbell said "she leads by example, is a great actor, a great student, and a great person." Aoife is also involved in the leadership program where she is instrumental in organizing the ME to WE t-shirt campaign. Aoife is a natural leader who helps to make Ballenas a better place.



Aoife you rock!

Masquerade Dance

Thursday, Feb. 11
Tickets \$7

Please make note of the following:

- ♥ Tickets are on sale now in Rm. 911.
- ♥ Guest forms are available in the office and are due back by 3:00pm on **Tuesday, Feb. 9th** NO LATER and NO EXTENSIONS
- ♥ Late arrivals **MUST** be noted on the Late Arrival list, posted in the office. Anyone coming after 8:00pm will not be admitted if not on the list.
- ♥ Tickets will be pre-sold only. **NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**
- ♥ You **MUST** be in school the day of the dance. If you are absent for any reason that day, we will call home to verify, and you will not be allowed to come to the dance.
- ♥ If a student leaves the dance, he/she will not be allowed to re-enter.
- ♥ Student I.D. cards or proof of paid student fees will be required at the door.
- ♥ There will be no access to the main school building or to lockers.
- ♥ Coats and bags are required to be checked at the coat check.



There will NO EXCEPTIONS to these rules.

Dates to Remember

February

- 16 Ballenas Open House
- 17-19 & 24-25 Whalebone Theatre Musical Revue—7:30pm
- 22 District Pro-D Day

March

- 2 Interims to all students
PAC Meeting—7pm—Library
- 5 Last day of classes before March Break

Girls Group Fundraiser



Girls Group will be selling Starbucks coffee Wednesdays at lunch starting Wed. Feb. 10th. Price TBA.

Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre March 7-11, 2010



Canada's premier coastal marine facility for teaching and research. Celebrate and Protect Our Ocean! Explore coastal species diversity, beaches and rainforests of the west coast through field trips, labs, and workshops. You'll work closely with marine biologists while gaining valuable skills and work experience hours. Grade 11 & 12 students are encouraged to apply.

Enrollment is Limited—Applications Due: Feb. 22nd
Program Cost \$500 (does not include transportation to and from BMSC). For application details go to our website at www.bms.bc.ca/pubed/k12/youth_forums.html or see Mr. Tomiyama for more info.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

College Pro-Painters are seeking business minded individuals to begin their marketing for this coming Spring and Summer. If you are interested and want more information, please see Mr. Tomiyama

All Girls! All Skills!

Please join the Family Resource Association in our first All Girls All Skills introduction to hockey afternoon!!

Come out for a FREE opportunity to have some fun, and learn some new skills. You do not need to know how to skate, or anything about hockey...Let the Parksville Generals, Female Players, and Coaches show you everything they know.



When: Thurs. March 4
3:15-5:30pm

Where: Oceanside
Arena, Parksville

What to Bring: Your friends! You do not need to bring anything; we will provide skates, helmets, sticks, elbow pads. We will even provide transportation! Please call Erin at 250-752-6766 to arrange this. **FREE PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS** after ice time.

Ballenas Gentlemen's Club Raffle

See one of the Gentlemen to purchase your chances at these great prizes. List posted in Socialization area and 900 Wing. Tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Over \$900 worth of prizes, including:

- 1 Night accommodation in waterfront suite at The Beach club
- Grotto spa day pass for 2
- Gift certificates for local restaurants, hair salons, gift stores

Draw is at 3pm Feb. 19th at Ballenas!!

You can also purchase your raffle tickets as well as pay for your Wu-Tang t-shirts at lunch outside the office on Feb. 9, 10, and 11 and other dates to be announced.



Yearbooks on Sale

\$40 or \$45 personalized. Can be purchased before school and lunch hours in Rm. 202.

Host families needed for visiting Japanese students.

This spring Ballenas will be hosting a group of students from Niijima Gakuen High School. We are requesting assistance in finding families who would be interested in hosting our Japanese visitors. During their 12 day visit (March 24-April 4) they will be experiencing our local hospitality and learn about Canadian culture. Host families will receive financial remuneration. If interested please contact Mr Philip 250-248-5721 ext 2300 or email: jphilip@sd69.bc.ca

Pizza/Sushi Sales

Proceeds go to support Dry Grad.
Tuesdays—Pizza—\$2.50 slice
Fridays—Sushi—\$5.00 pack



“I Believe in a Thing Called Love” Musical Revue.

Feb. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25.

Ten of the best songs from the most popular musicals within a story written by one of our own students, Michelle Stefani. A singing, dancing extravaganza! Only \$8 for students and opening night is 2 for 1 if you bring a date! 7:30 start in the auditorium. All tickets at the door.

Badminton & Indoor Soccer
Wednesdays – 6:30-8:30pm

In the Gym.
Everybody is welcome for a fun evening. See Mr. Pinal for more info.



Ballenas Pride Clothing



Order forms for Ballenas Pride clothing are available in the office.

Hey Grads! Stay on top of important information with the BSS Grad website: www.bssgrad.ca

Ballenas Lunch Program

In the MPR during lunch hour on Mondays and Thursdays, we are now serving lunch.

Monday, February 8—Paninis

Thursday, February 11—Stir-fry/Chinese Food

Tuesday morning for \$2: muffins, scones, yoghurt, granola, and hot chocolate! Before school starts, if you haven't eaten breakfast – come to the MPR!

If you forget to bring money, we do I.O.U.'s. If \$ is an issue, see Janice McMillan.



From the Counselling Office

1. SFU (Surrey Campus): Important Dates: Annual Open House will be held Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm (www.surrey.sfu.ca/Openhouse). Information Session will be held Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (www.surrey.sfu.ca/infosession). Drop-in Advising is available Mondays or Thursdays from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Campus Tours are offered Thurs at 4:00 pm.
2. SFU (Surrey Campus): SFU Surrey Entrance Award. Step 1: Students should go to <http://pas.bc.ca> before February 28, 2010 and apply for admission to SFU Surrey. For information on how to apply or to get help with your application, visit <http://students.surrey.sfu.ca/undergraduate/admission>. Step 2: Self-report your grades and pay the application fee to be considered for admission. Step 3: Submit Entrance Award application form and supporting documents to SFU no later than March 1, 2010.
3. Vancouver Island University: The Program Info Sessions for 2009-2010 are posted in the Counselling Office and at viu.ca/infosessions. Parents' Night—Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010 in Building 300, Royal Arbutus, Nanaimo Campus at 7:30 pm. An overview highlighting Admissions, Programming, Financial Aid and Scholarships at VIU, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet faculty, staff and current students.
4. OUAC: The Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)'s website is for students considering attending a post-secondary institute in Ontario. Further information available at www.ouac.on.ca.
5. Grad Planner: 2009/10 Planners are now Available On-line: To support our commitment to being greener, the Ministry will no longer be printing and distributing the Grad Planner. A printable version is available at: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad-transitions/grad_planner.pdf.
6. University of Alberta: Various scholarship information. Further information is available at www.beartracks.ualberta.ca under the "Learn More" link. Scholarship Distinction Scholarship Competition: Application deadline is March 1, 2010. Entrance Leadership Scholarship Competition: Application deadline is March 15, 2010. Eldon Foote Scholarship Competition: Application deadline is June 30, 2010.
7. Student Awards: Visit studentawards.com as a scholarship resource. Visit www.studentawards.com/report to download the Student Awards Report.
8. Student Scholarships: StudentScholarships.org for scholarships, programs, and university profiles.
9. The Faculty of Business from the University of Victoria is awarding scholarships to students who apply to UVIC Business. Further information for the Black Press Scholarship can be found at <http://www.business.uvic.ca/undergraduate/prospective/blackpress/>. Students must apply by February 28th to UVIC, submit a BCom supplemental application, then apply for the Black Press Scholarship.
10. The BC Government and Service Employees' Union continues to offer scholarships to students who are related to BCGEU members and who are entering recognized programs in post secondary institutions in 2010. Further information and application forms are available at www.bcgeu.ca. Applications must be received by Friday, February 26, 2010.
11. SFU: Students wishing to apply for entrance scholarships should download a scholarship application from students.sfu.ca/admission—Entrance Scholarships. Application package must be mailed by Feb. 28, 2010.
12. SFU: What does the Future need? Visit www.sfu.ca/solutions, explore the programs, submit a solution, and vote for solutions. Prizes available. Contest closes April 30, 2010.
13. Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship: More information available at www.fitnessexercises.tv/scholarships.php. The application deadline is May 1, 2010.
15. C & J Banks Scholarships: More information available at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8764/charles_and_jane_banks_entrance_scholarship_scholarship.php. Application deadline is June 15, 2010.
16. Big Dig Scholarship: More information available at www.antiquetrader.tv/studentscholarship.php. The application deadline is April 30, 2010.
17. Financial Peer Support Scholarship: The purpose of the peer scholarship is to assist peer volunteers with a Spinal Cord Injury to advance their post-secondary education in the disability field. More information available at www.canparaplegic.org/en/Employment_and_Education_24/items/7.html. The application deadline is August 15, 2010.

From the Counselling Office (continued)

16. Ethel Boyce Award: The award is administered by Softball Canada. It is expected that the award winners will have exhibited leadership traits and skills in softball. More information available at www.softball.ca. The application deadline is March 15, 2010.
17. June Callwood Harmony Scholarship: This scholarship recognizes the outstanding achievements of youth in promoting harmony and diversity across Canada. More information available at www.studentscholarships.org/. The application deadline is July 31, 2010.
18. The BC Innovation Council Young Innovator Scholarship: BCIC offers support to innovative and entrepreneurial Grade 12 students to enter full-time science, technology and business programs in the province's post-secondary institutions. Further information is available at <http://www.bcic.ca/students/schools-k-12/scholarships-awards/bcic-young-innovator>. Deadline is April 1, 2010.
19. Vancouver Island University Entrance Scholarships & Awards: Information is now available at www.viu.ca/calendar/awards.asp. Students should complete applications on-line, print, sign and submit directly to VIU by March 15th.
20. VIU President's Entrance Scholarships for High School Students: Details of this scholarship are available at www.viu.ca/calendar/awards.asp. Deadline for submission is April 30th.
21. 2009-2010 BC Hockey Scholarship: Students in their graduating year of high school presently registered with BC Hockey or former members playing in the Western Hockey League are eligible. Applications available at www.bchockey.net. The application deadline is April 30, 2010.
22. Centre for Arts and Technology (Kelowna): A Digital Boot Camp is scheduled for March 29 to April 1st. It allows grade 10-12 students the opportunity to test drive an industry of their choice by signing up for a specific program "Mission". Info available at www.digitalartschool.com
23. UBC Engineering: Students interested in attending Engineering Studies at UBC may want to visit the following site: www.engineering.ubc.ca/news-events/index.php. A UBC Engineering Online Community Live Chat environment is available at www.engineering.ubc.ca/connects.
24. Vancouver Island University: Another Program Information Session has been added for Visual Arts. It is scheduled for March 4th, @ 7:30 pm in Building 325, Room 211.
25. Shelfspace Scholarship program: the purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize and encourage individuals who have shown an interest in pursuing a career in the retail industry. Applicants must have work experience in the retail industry, demonstrate an interest in a retail career, and be applying for a retail training program or business-related post-secondary program. Further info in Counselling office. Deadline is March 31, 2010.
26. Trevor Linden Community Spirit Scholarship Application: Recognizes student leaders in BC. Further info at www.canucks.com/scholarship. Deadline March 15, 2010.
27. Best Toy Ever Scholarship: Submit a photo, video or blog about your best toy ever. Further info at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8903/best_toy_ever_contest_scholarship.php Deadline March 31, 2010.
28. Fountainhead Essay Contest: Further information available at www.aynrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education_contests_tf Deadline April 26, 2010
29. My Favorite Photo Contest: Info at www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8900/my_favorite_photo_contest_scholarship.php Deadline March 15, 2010
30. Miller Thomson Foundation National Scholarship: recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, a positive contribution to their school in extracurricular activities and to community service programmes. Info at www.millerthomson.com. Deadline March 15, 2010.