



# SEYCOVE SECONDARY at sáyəmətən

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 23, 2024

Dear Seycove School Community,

As Semester 2 is now in full swing, there are numerous volunteer opportunities available for students to participate in. Please be sure to pay attention to these opportunities in each of our school newsletters.

Volunteering not only enriches our community, but also provides valuable experiences for our students. Whether it's assisting in local events, contributing to charitable causes, or supporting initiatives within the school, there are many ways our students are able to get involved and make a positive impact.

On March 9th, our Seycove Family of Schools is organizing our annual Seycove Family of Schools Auction. This event provides a variety of opportunities for our students to volunteer and give back to our school community. Students can sign-up to volunteer at <https://signup.com/go/TKuyyqI>

Pink Shirt Day is also an important reminder of the significance of instilling kindness, inclusivity, and giving back to our community. It serves as a powerful symbol against bullying and discrimination, promoting a culture of respect and support within our school and beyond. By wearing pink shirts and participating in related activities on February 28, we demonstrate our commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environments for all. We encourage you to discuss Pink Shirt Day with your children and explore how they can contribute to our greater school community to celebrate Pink Shirt Day.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Warm Regards,

**Sarah Best**  
Principal



## Black Pioneers in British Columbia

In 1858, nearly 800 free Blacks left the oppressive racial conditions of San Francisco for a new life on Vancouver Island. Governor James Douglas had invited them here as promising settlers. Though still faced with intense discrimination, these pioneers enriched the political, religious and economic life of the colony. For example, Mifflin Gibbs became a prominent politician; Charles and Nancy Alexander initiated the Shady Creek Methodist Church; John Deas established a salmon cannery; and the group formed one of the earliest colonial militia units, the Victoria Pioneer Rifle Corps.

To learn more about Black History in BC, Visit: [Learning Centre – BC Black History Awareness Society](#) and [British Columbia's Black Pioneers \(communitystories.ca\)](#)



IN 2007, DAVID SHEPHERD AND TRAVIS PRICE ENCOURAGED THEIR CLASSMATES TO WEAR PINK AFTER A NEW STUDENT WAS BULLIED FOR WEARING A PINK SHIRT. THE GOAL OF PINK SHIRT DAY IS TO CREATE A MORE KIND, INCLUSIVE WORLD AND FOSTER CHILDREN'S HEALTHY SELF-ESTEEM BY RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVES. PINK SHIRT DAY IS OBSERVED ANNUALLY ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF FEBRUARY.

## SEYCOVE CALENDAR

- Feb 28 Staff Collab—Late Start
- Feb 28 **Pink Shirt Day**
- Mar 2 PLP Destination Imagination
- Mar 8 International Women's Day
- Mar 9 Seycove Auction
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings begins
- Mar 10 Ramadan Begins
- Mar 12 PAC Meeting—7pm Library
- Mar 14 Parent Teacher Learning Conferences. Early Dismiss 1pm
- Mar 15 Last Day before March Break
- Apr 2 School Returns from Break



# Updates & Reminders

### New Semester—Course Fees Due

Semester 2 school fees are now due and can be paid through your [SchoolCash Online](#) account.

Supplemental fees may be charged for goods and services associated with optional enrichment activities and take home items that extend learning outcomes for students beyond their basic educational program.

Supplemental fees are published on our Course Information and Description page on the Seycove website [HERE](#)

**Athletics Fees** for Seycove sports teams are added to SchoolCash Online accounts throughout the year as there are 3 distinct sports seasons in the school year. We try to add these in as timely a fashion as possible. Please pay any fees for past and current seasons. Athletes will not be permitted to play if they haven't paid fees for the current season. As well, Athletes can not play in the next season if they have fees or uniforms outstanding from the previous season.



SchoolCashOnline

### Volunteer Opportunities for Students

Is your student looking for ways to volunteer around the school? Do they hope to work towards a school-based service award? There are always opportunities around the school to volunteer. Here are some current opportunities:

1. **Destination Imagination** : March 2 and/or April 6th @ Seycove  
Times: Full day, morning (9am-12:30pm) or afternoon (12:30pm—4pm)  
Potential duties: Anything and everything! Parking, scorekeeping, general help  
Contact: [Ms. Kadi](#) in room 301
2. **Seycove Auction**: March 8 / 9 / 10  
Times: Various Slots Friday 9am—9pm, Saturday 10am-Midnight, Sunday 10-3pm  
Duties: Anything and everything—setup, coat check, clean up, dinner service, auction help  
Contact: [Sign Up HERE](#)
3. **Croissant Club** (Breakfast Club) : Upcoming!  
Times: Mornings before school and some lunch times  
Duties: Food prep, food service, organization  
Contact: [Mr. Ruben](#)—Students can complete the form found on their grade MSteam



Volunteer opportunities are shared various ways including morning announcements, MSteam, TV monitors and posters around the school. Students are responsible for recording their service hours and having the staff sponsor sign their service forms. Forms are available in the school office.

More information on Seycove Service Awards is available [on our website](#).

### Grade 7/8/9 All About Consent Presentation

Grade 7 students from our feeder schools along with Seycove Grade 8 and 9 students took part in the All About Consent presentation by the [Exploitation Education Institute](#). The presentation aimed to equip students with valuable skillsets that make them resilient to various forms of online exploitation. The engaging format, included humor, games, and activities, to deliver information in a way that would resonate with the students.



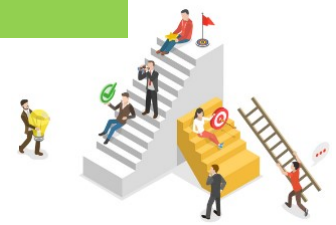


# Post Secondary & Careers

## Parents as Education & Career Coaches Workshop—Online March 5th

EducationPlannerBC and SD 44 North Vancouver invite parents, families, and student supporters to join our virtual workshop: **Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC) on Tuesday March 5th, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8pm.**

Learn how you can support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12. The session is engaging and informative, and includes a website tour followed by a Q&A. The session will be recorded and emailed to all registrants.



Topics include:

- ⇒ B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials
- ⇒ Program and admission requirements, and application dates
- ⇒ Costs of post-secondary and options for financial aid
- ⇒ Career exploration resources, including **Find Your Path**
- ⇒ Using new tools such as **My List** to save and compare programs
- ⇒ Applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC.ca

### Details

- Tue, Mar 05
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. PST
- Online event

[Register](#)

## Upcoming Career Education Opportunities

**BCIT  
ENGINEERING  
PANEL EVENT**

Tues, March 5  
5-6:30 pm  
BCIT Burnaby Campus

**BCIT**

### Are you interested in a rewarding career path in the Engineering field?

Join us for a special event to explore options! We will have a panel of inspiring women in engineering followed by a chance to speak with faculty, staff and students about our BCIT programs: [School of Construction and Environment](#) and the [School of Transportation](#).

**Date:** Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Location:** building SE2 in TSQ A & B on BCIT Burnaby Campus.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**DREAM IT ★ BE IT**

CAREER SUPPORT

**For Young Women**

Female identifying, transgender, non-binary, and Two-Spirit

Join us for an inspiring in-person event! The *Dream It Be It Girls Career Fair 2024* is a unique opportunity for young women identifying as female, transgender, non-binary, and Two-Spirit aged 16-21 to learn about various non-traditional careers

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Location:** Carson Graham Secondary

[REGISTER HERE](#)



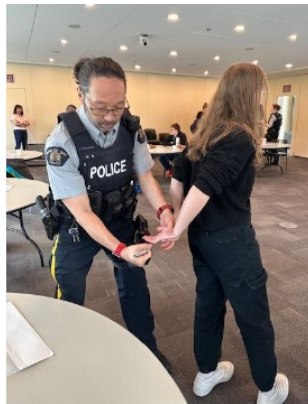
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## Recent Career Exploration Experiences for Students

### **TWO DAYS IN THE LIFE OF AN RCMP OFFICER CAREER WORKSHOP**



Students from across the North Vancouver School District, including six students from Seycove, took part in an interactive two-day event hosted by the North Vancouver RCMP and NVSD. On day one, students were introduced to various members of the NVRCMP who shared their career pathways to becoming an RCMP officer. The students then got to work and tried out radio communications, crime scene investigation, note taking, law look up, suspect de-escalation tactics and more.



On day two, the workshop took place at the North Vancouver RCMP Detachment and students took a tour of the facility and were introduced to the various roles that make up the detachment including the non-emergency call centre team, Special Crimes Unit, Emergency Response Team, General Duty officers, traffic and more.

A big Thank You to the NVRCMP team, especially Cst. Bams who put together all the scenarios and guests. Students who attended the event were really impressed with how much they learned about careers in policing and a few students now intend to make policing their career.

### **LIONS GATE HOSPITAL BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING LAB TOUR**



Seycove students had the rare opportunity to visit the biomedical engineering lab at Lions Gate Hospital last week. The tour was led by lab supervisor, Tyler Gibson, who demonstrated the role of the Biomedical Engineering Lab Techs in the hospital. Students saw some of the machines used in the hospital including EKGs, ventilators, monitoring systems, feeding machines, electrosurgical units and more. Gibson demonstrated the importance of the lab techs to ensure the proper operation of the machines and their vital role in fixing the machines. Students got hands-on demonstrations on some of the machines including performing a non-invasive 'operation' using a laparoscope camera and grippers.



*Students interested in career development and exploration events and opportunities like these can visit the Work Experience office. Opportunities are posted around the school and shared on Teams.*

### **COMING SOON! Find Your Fit - Career Exploration Event—March 7 & 8**

Seycove is excited to host the WorkBC Find Your Fit event next month. Students will visit career activity stations where they can take part in a hands-on activity related to a specific career. These activities will help students uncover their strengths and interests, giving them the knowledge they need to get started with their career planning. They'll then move on to a labour market information station, where they can dig deeper into a career of their choice . [More info HERE](#)



# Seycove Snapshots



LOVE was in the air and all through the hallways at Seycove on Valentine's day.

**Above Left:** —Ruby shares her enthusiasm for the dapper Mr. Najjar and his festive threads. Najjar led Jazz In The Box around the school delivering singing-grams to lucky recipients.

**Above Right:** Ms. Best enjoying her gifted singing-gram from the talented Jazz In the Box ensemble

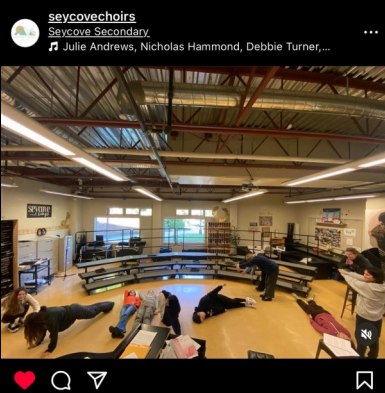
**Middle:** Students arrived to pink notes around the school and were challenged to find two complementary notes that make up a famous duo

**Middle Right:** some of the 350 cookies baked and packaged for delivery

**Right:** Grad '24 enjoying a Valentine themed movie night in the Vortex



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the  
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# Seycove PAC

[www.seycovepac.ca](http://www.seycovepac.ca)

## the 40th annual SEYCOVE AUCTION

MARCH 9, 2024

Get involved with the Seycove Auction!  
Meet great people and help put together  
Deep Cove's hottest night of the year:

[VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

### THINGS WE NEED:

#### Bottle Wall Donation

Looking for wine, hard liquor, liqueur or  
growlers with gift card attached to fill

[CONTACT FOR PICK UP](#)

#### Christmas Lights - Donate or Lend

(Please label with family name for return)

#### Gift Certificates

#### Cash Donations

Parents, families and friends are still able to contribute to the  
Family of Schools by making a cash donation  
(receipts issued for donations over \$50)

[DONATE HERE](#)

#### Volunteers

So many positions—something for everyone

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Message: [info@seycoveauction.com](mailto:info@seycoveauction.com) for more info