



# SUTHERLAND NEWSLETTER

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## MARCH & APRIL 2024 - HIGHLIGHTS AT SUTHERLAND SECONDARY



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Spring Break and that the return to school routines has been smooth for students and families!

The Sutherland community has been bustling this spring. Prior to the break on March 8th, we held our school's famous Pep Rally. A huge thank you to Ms. Reynolds for organizing such an outstanding event for our school community. It's one that will be remembered by all. We hope you enjoy the photos from this event included in this newsletter.

Also, before the break on March 14th and 15th, we hosted almost 1,200 Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences. These were accompanied by the Capstone Market, an event that brought together students, parents, staff, and esteemed community members to view and celebrate the projects that Sutherland's graduating class has been diligently working on for months.

Following the break, we held our Capstone Showcase on April 11th, during which our Grade 12 students showcased their Passion, Pride, and Place. There was a tremendous effort from both students and teachers alike. Another thank you to all who were involved in this fantastic event.

Last week, we conducted Provincial Assessments, and this week, students received their *Interim Communication of Student Learning*. As we reach the halfway point of Semester 2, we encourage students to reach out directly to their teachers if they are experiencing challenges in their classes and to attend tutorials from 8:30am to 9:12am each morning for additional support.

Best regards,

The Sutherland Newsletter Team



## MARCH AND APRIL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED....



Our dedicated staff have organized numerous enriching field trips, including visits to BCIT Burnaby Metalshop, skating outings, gymnastics sessions, tours of the Law Courts, trips to TradeX Abbotsford for Skills Canada events, participation in Reach for the Top competitions, and much more!



## ATHLETICS UPDATE



Spring is in the air and Sutherland Athletes are on the field! We are excited for this season and hope to bring in some more trophies/banners!!

Our Senior Boys Ultimate team has been quite successful just at the season starts taking two 1st place finishes in the first two tournaments of the season. Senior Girls' Ultimate team has started off strong with two wins and a really close loss game.

The Jr Girls' Soccer team have started off the season with two tough wins and are competed in a tournament last week.

This spring season includes Sr. and Jr. Girls Soccer, Sr. and Jr. Boys Rugby, Sr. and Jr. Ultimate, Grade 9 Volleyball, Track and Field, Mountain Biking and Golf. With almost one game or event per day, there are lots of opportunities to come out and support our Sutherland athletes. [Click here](#) to check the schedule.

The first musical at Sutherland in 6 years due to the pandemic and we are excited to welcome you back to see this wonderful show. With a cast and crew from grades 8-12 we have been rehearsing diligently since February. Tickets are available online via the [Sutherland website](#) or by clicking on the dates below. We hope to see you there!

*Rodgers &  
Hammerstein's*

*Cinderella*

*Music by*

**RICHARD RODGERS**

*Book and Lyrics by*

**OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**

To purchase tickets for Cinderella, please click the date you want to see the show:

[Tuesday April 30th](#)

[Wednesday May 1st](#)

[Thursday May 2nd](#)

[Friday May 3rd](#)

[Tuesday May 7th](#)

[Wednesday May 8th](#)

[Thursday May 9th](#)

[Friday May 10th](#)



Once your purchase is complete, your name will be added to the list at the box office for the night of the performance. Please check in there on the night to receive your stamp for entry.

Tickets - \$15  
Doors Open @ 6:45pm  
Curtain @ 7:00pm

## GRADUATION TICKETS



# GET YOUR GRADUATION TICKETS NOW!



**Grad Ceremony and Banquet tickets are on sale until May 15, 2024.**

These can be purchased on [School Cash Online](#).

- A reminder that the **Grad Ceremony is on June 17th** at the Queen Elizabeth Theater. Tickets are \$12 each and parents can buy up to 12 tickets. Grads do not need a ticket – their gown is their ticket for the ceremony. If you need more than 12 tickets, please let [Ms. Dhanji](#) know.
- The **Grad Banquet is on June 22nd** at the Marriott Pinnacle. Parents are invited! Tickets are \$155 each and we have a limit of 4 per family. Please let [Ms. Dhanji](#) know if you need more. Grads will have to purchase a ticket for this event.

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES



- **Volunteer Opportunity**
  - The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is looking for a new Treasurer for the 2024/25 school year. The Treasurer is responsible for the gaming grant application, cheque preparation, reconciliations and bookkeeping. PAC provides funding for extracurricular and sports activities and the Treasurer is a key executive member of PAC. Send inquiries to [sutherlandpac@gmail.com](mailto:sutherlandpac@gmail.com)
- **PAC Mini Donut Truck Fundraiser**
  - Wednesday May 15th
  - Find us on Sutherland in front of the school from 2:30-4:00pm
  - \$8 per bag
  - Payment via Cash or Card
- **Next PAC Meeting**
  - May 6th @ 7pm Online
  - Please email [sutherlandpac@gmail.com](mailto:sutherlandpac@gmail.com) to sign up to receive links for the PAC's online meetings.



## ATTENDANCE AND EXCUSED ABSENCES



The Sutherland Staff and Administrators would like to ask for your assistance with ensuring that student absences are reported accurately. If your student is ill or away for another reason, please report these absences by email: [sutherland\\_attendance@sd44.ca](mailto:sutherland_attendance@sd44.ca). Please ensure the word "absence" appears in the subject line and please put your child's full name and grade in the body of the email. You can also notify the school by email of a student's late arrival or early dismissal. **Students who are late should go directly to their class, NOT to the office.**

**When students miss school, it is their responsibility to connect with their classroom teachers to catch up on missed work.** This is an excellent thing to do during Morning Tutorials. We kindly ask that, if at all possible, family vacations and any avoidable extended absences are kept to times when school is not in session. **Our teachers are not able to provide options for distance learning.**



## MORNING TUTORIAL TIME

Each morning, students have the opportunity to meet with their teachers one-on-one or in small groups to access extra support, review concepts covered in class, and complete missed work or assessments. Teachers are available during the optional morning tutorial time, which begins at 8:30am and finishes with the first bell at 9:12 am. Tutorials run Tuesday through Fridays and some Mondays (with some exceptions for teachers with part time schedules.) Students are encouraged to connect with their teachers in advance but are also welcome to drop in to Tutorial Time. You can reach teachers via Teams or email.

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED



Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2024. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

# ELECTRIC SCOOTER RULES AND SAFETY



You must obey provincial rules when operating an electric kick scooter. As a participating community, the City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver may also set rules where you can ride an electric kick scooter. Check with your municipality to understand what rules apply to you.

**Must be 16 or older:** a person under 16 cannot ride an electric kick scooter, nor can their parent or guardian knowingly permit it.

**Safety helmet required:** you must always wear an approved safety helmet whenever riding an electric kick scooter.

**Sidewalk and crosswalk use:** you cannot ride an electric kick scooter on sidewalks or in crosswalks, except if a sign or traffic control device allows electric kick scooters on sidewalks or in crosswalks.

**Slow down around pedestrians (e.g. on walkway or path):** you must not travel at a faster speed than pedestrians, except to pass (which requires you to use a bell or horn).

**Single use:** you must not carry any passengers, tow people or devices.

**Ride single file:** you must not ride beside another person operating a cycle or electric kick scooter, except to pass.

**Use turn signals:** you must indicate whenever you are turning by using standard hand signals or lighted turn signals if your device has them.

**To read more please visit:**

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-environment/active-transportation/scooter/safety>

**To read a local news story please visit:**

<https://www.nsnews.com/local-news/e-scooters-legal-in-north-vancouver-for-four-more-years-8592849>



# MATHEMATICS

We have 6 students who will be representing Sutherland at round 2 of the BC Secondary School math contest held at Capilano University on May 3rd. These students have been selected as they are the top 3 contestants in the round 1 contest held on March 7. Juniors: Polina K., Liam M., and Jude L. Seniors: Noah O., Zakir H. and Carter S.

In other math news, the results for the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat contests are in. JJ B. came in first place in the grade 9 Pascal contest, Polina K. came in first place in the grade 10 Cayley contest, and Kai D. came in first place in the Fermat math contests.

On April 3rd, we had 8 grade 12 students writing the Euclid math 12 contest and on April 4th we had 26 grades 9-11 students participating in the Fryer, Galois and Hypatia math contests.

On April 9th, a representative from the University of Waterloo Centre, centre for education in mathematics and computing, gave a presentation on problem solving and careers in mathematics to our two Calculus classes.

## STUDENT RECOGNITION AND AWARDS



We are proud to highlight the commendable efforts of Melia's outstanding achievements. Melia was honored with prizes in both the literary contest and the black & white poster contest for Remembrance Day. Her accomplishments were celebrated in her English class through a special presentation by Mr. Derrick Fry, Vice President of our local Canadian Legion.

## VENDING MACHINES

- Should a student encounter any issues such as the unreturned change or any other concern, they are encouraged to reach out directly to Canteen Vending for assistance. Each vending machine is equipped with a QR code for easy access, or students can connect with them directly by dialing 1-866-292-8363 and providing the machine's serial number.
- When utilizing tap payment, it is crucial to finalize the transaction by pressing "complete" after selecting your desired item(s). Failure to do so may result in multiple charges on the card for purchases totaling up to \$10.
- Please note that vending machines are designated for use solely during break and lunch periods.

**Card and Mobile Payment**

1. Press selection for price, including taxes, deposits, applicable fees, and cash discounts where applicable.
2. Hold your card or phone over reader until you hear a tone or see "one moment authorizing," or swipe your card.
3. Make a selection or multiple selections with the keypad.
4. APPROVED
5. Press the Complete button to complete the transaction.

**ATTENTION PAYMENT CARD USERS**

Your bank will place a HOLD/PRE-AUTHORIZATION charge on your account greater than the amount to purchase one or multiple items in a single card transaction. This PRE-AUTHORIZATION amount will be credited back to your account within 24-72 hours depending on the policy of your bank. Your final charge amount will be only for the items received. Any questions regarding your bank's policy on holds/pre-authorizations charges should be directed towards your bank.



# CAREERS UPDATES

We are thrilled to announce several upcoming educational and career opportunities to greatly benefit our students.

## 1. RCMP Academy Program:

- Duration: Two weeks (1 week each intake) at the end of August 8am - 4pm
- Application Opening: Stay tuned for updates in the next two weeks!

## 2. Health Care "Work Experience/Academy" at Lions Gate Hospital:

- Offerings: Hopefully two sessions, one in the fall and potentially another in the spring
- Participants: 10 students from the district
- Time Commitment: 90 hours, every other day during 4th period
- Credits: Earn 4 credits (WEX)
- Focus: Students can choose areas of interest within the healthcare field

## 3. Automotive "Academy"

- Time Commitment: 90 hours, every other day during 4th period
- Partnerships: Students will rotate between KalTire, CSN Elite Auto Body, and Craftsman Collision to learn various aspects of the automotive industry
- Credits: Earn 4 credits (WEX)

## 4. BCIT ACE Program:

- Program: BCIT's Certificate in Essential Skills for Architecture, Construction and Engineering (the "ACE Certificate")
- Program Details: The ACE Certificate is a unique work-based entry level educational program designed to introduce high school students and recent high school graduates to the worlds of Architecture, Engineering and Construction. Students will be introduced to skills, concepts and terminologies used in these sectors. ACE is delivered in a blended format, which includes classes held at BCIT's Burnaby campus, virtual learning through BCIT's Learning Hub platform, and field trips to local design firms and construction sites and, finally, in the work environment.
- Availability: Limited spots available this summer for 2024 & 2023 Grads



# .....More Highlights



Capstone Projects from our Grade 12 students



Students who participated in the Reach for the Top Senior Tournament at Windermere Secondary on April 19th. We didn't make it through to the knockout rounds, unfortunately, but every kid got their moment to shine on the buzzer!



## UPCOMING DATES:

Friday, May 3rd	District Professional Day - Schools Closed
Monday, May 6th	PAC Meeting
Monday, May 6th - 10th	Literacy Week
Friday, May 10th	Moosehide Campaign Day at Sutherland
Friday, May 10th	Semester 2 Gr 8 Rotation 2 Ends
Monday, May 13th	Semester 2 Gr 8 Rotation 3 Starts
Friday, May 17th	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
Monday, May 20th	Victoria Day - Schools Closed
Wednesday, May 29th	Superintendent's Luncheon