

McNair Secondary

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Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year! We hope everyone has had a good start to 2023. We have settled back into the routines of school following the Winter Holiday. Semester 2 is upon us and it feels somewhat surprising that we are already halfway through this school year. January 31st brings with it a fresh start for students and it is a good time to reset: learn from the past semester, set new goals, bring energy and work ethic to classes.

Semester 1 Report Cards will be published on the MyEdBC Portal on February 8; if you have difficulty accessing, please see the McNair Website for MyEd support information. Congratulations on the successful completion of first semester!

We hosted our Open House/Semester 2 Meet the Teacher on Thursday, January 26. After a two-year hiatus, it was wonderful to have the energy of parents, students and staff in the building. The school was buzzing with activity: Theatre and Music students showcasing their amazing talents, Grade 8 Mini's Night of the Notables, Cafeteria and Home Ec. students sharing their delicious offerings, Science experiments, student work displays and lots of community building.

McNair started the Program Planning process for the 2023-2024 school year that evening as well with our Parent sessions; our counsellors have visited our Elementary feeder schools and will be speaking to present students about next year's course selections in early February. For students in Grades 8-11, please be sure to ask questions and make decisions carefully so we can build next year's timetable accordingly. We build our timetable based on the choices you provide; adjusting your class schedule will be more difficult if you change your mind later; so please consider carefully and discuss your plans with your parents/guardians. For students in Grade 12, time will fly by quickly. You are feeling a multitude of emotions: excitement, pressure, stress, joy. You are making memories. Remember to take extra good care of yourselves; stay organized and reach out if you need anything.

We once again thank you for being mindful and staying home when unwell. We continue to do all we can to take care of each other and your continued thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Work hard and have a great second semester!

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow
Principal

Important Dates

Feb 1 Collaboration Day (late start 9:55am)
Feb 1-28 Black History Month
Feb 8 Semester 1 Final Report Cards Published
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 16 Winter Formal (7pm)
Feb 17 Pro-D Day (no school)
Feb 18 Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism)

Feb 20 BC Family Day (no school)
 Feb 22 Math Contests
 Feb 22 Anti-Bullying Day (**Pink Day**)
 Feb 23 PAC Meeting (7pm Virtual)

Semester 1 Final Report Cards

The **Semester 1 Final Report Cards** will be published on **Wednesday, February 8th** on MyEdBC at <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/>. Parents are asked to read and discuss the information on the Report Cards with their child. If they have more questions, parents can phone the school or email teachers directly – all contact information is available on the school website.



Yearbook and School Cash Online

Please remember to sign up with School Cash Online if you haven't already done so! Having an account will keep you informed as you will receive notifications about fees or opportunities to purchase items for your child. You may choose to pay online by credit card or if you prefer, you may choose to pay in person by cash or cheque. You can sign up using this link: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com>



Please contact the Business Assistant at myee@sd38.bc.ca should you have any questions.

Our **Yearbook Team** is madly working away at producing a full and fun keepsake. **The price will be \$49 each.** Please purchase a copy **before February 15th, 2023 (Deadline)** to guarantee a copy and pay on School Cash Online. **Please note: If you do not purchase one before the said date, you will NOT be able to purchase one later as we will not order extra copies.**

PAC and Dry After Grad Meeting

Our Parent Advisory group meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next PAC meeting will be at **7:00 PM on Thursday, February 23rd, 2023** and followed by the Dry After Grad meeting. Come join us as we get acquainted, learn about the school and set our goals for this year. ***New Members Welcome!***



Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88280186114?pwd=Zk0ydHZtd3ZuNGNzZFRMdldacXZIQT09>

Meeting ID: **882 8018 6114**

Passcode: **096317**

2023 Dry Grad Fundraiser: February 24, 2023

Early Bird Draw Deadline: Friday, Feb. 4, 2023 – Win a pasta night for up to 20 people!

The Evening starts at 6 PM (Family Friendly Event)

Canadian Brewhouse & Grill:

#1305 – 4755 McClelland Rd. Richmond, BC

Burger & Fries & Beverage Voucher (\$6.99)

\$23 Per Ticket. Email: katwong778@gmail.com

50/50 Raffle (Age 19+)

Transfers

Richmond students wishing to transfer to a non-catchment school must apply by filling out a Transfer Application form (see <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/transfer-applications>). The form must be submitted to the **requested school** beginning Monday, **February 6th, 2023**. The deadline



for **Round 1 school transfer applications** on Thursday, **February 28th, 2023**. Applications received at the requested school may be approved to attend, based on the criteria established by the Richmond School District (published on the form). **Transfer decisions** will be communicated to parents/legal guardians on Tuesday, **March 7th, 2023** via email. If parents wish to submit a transfer complaint, they can do so by submitting a completed Transfer Complaint Form. Details can be found in the district website at <https://sd38.bc.ca>.

Student Accounts (MS Teams and MyEdBC)

All McNair Secondary, students have been issued credentials to access SD38 district accounts for **MS Teams** and **MyEducation BC**. Students will have received an email from the school district providing them with a new student login name (username) to access computer labs, Office 365, and Microsoft Teams. (Note: MyEducation BC login information remains unchanged.) It is very important that all McNair students have access to these digital platforms and tools. For MS Teams, please contact any subject teacher for username and password reset. If you have difficulty logging in to MyEducation BC website, please contact the office for password reset.

- **MS Teams** is the communication and collaboration platform that many teachers will use for class communication, sharing class materials and resources, video conferencing, collaborative work, and file storage. Students will have access to the Office Apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, etc.) while at school and at home, and will be provided with secure personal file storage within OneDrive.

- **MyEducation BC** is the platform students and parents use to access schedules, attendance, report cards, transcript information, and much more. Students and parent each have an account with their own login credentials.

Grad 2023 – Post-Secondary & Career Advice

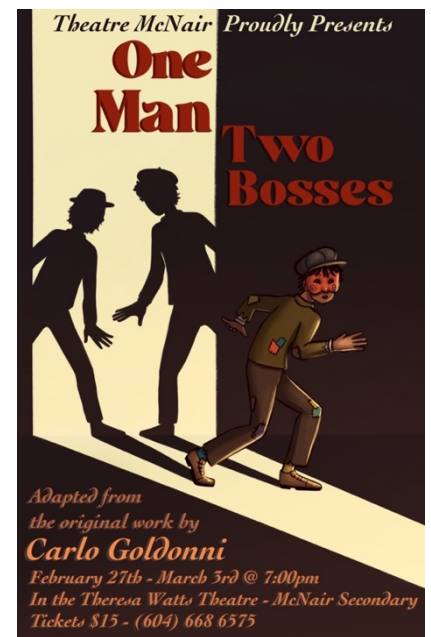
Please remember to visit Ms. Hudson's website at [https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/) for updates and post-secondary and scholarship information.

Theatre McNair

The theatre is buzzing with rehearsals and set construction in preparation for our Spring Production! Thanks to Ms. Holden and Mr. Wallace for their amazing leadership!

Theatre McNair proudly presents:
ONE MAN, TWO BOSSES.

With set design by the amazing Theresa Watts and Commedia training by the brilliant Susan Bertoia, this show is sure to be a spectacular hit. Adapted from the Commedia Dell'Arte classic *A Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni, and set in old-world Venice, this uproarious, fast paced, masked, Italian comedy is brimming with mistaken identities, saucy romance, crossed paths and hilarious pandemonium. We run **February 27th to March 3rd** at 7:00pm here at McNair in the Theresa Watts Theatre. **Ticket is \$15 each.** Stay tuned for more information on how to purchase tickets!



McNair Music

The McNair Music Department has a very busy few months ahead. On **February 24th**, our Jazz Band will be performing at the Envisions Surrey Jazz Festival at the Bell Centre in Surrey. The evening performance will feature two of our musicians, **Elijah Morrison** and **Anthony Yuen** in the festival Rep Bands. Monday, **February 27th**, the Junior and Intermediate Bands head out to Penticton to take part in the Okanagan Music Festival. We are also planning for the Senior Music Tour to Cantando Music Festival in Edmonton in April.



Athletics

The basketball season are closing in on the playoffs. Good luck, Marlins! There will be more updates in the February Newsletter. The basketball teams we are running this year are as follows:

Gr. 8 Boys Basketball	Jashan Goraya, Matthew Knapp, Jermiah Galvez (sponsors: Ms. Blair, Mr. Dhaliwal)
Gr. 8 Girls Basketball	Sophia Aquino, Simran Parmar (sponsors: Ms. Watson, Mr. Dhaliwal)
Gr. 9 Boys Basketball	Ethan Davies
Sr. Girls Basketball	Ms. Bateman
Sr. Boys Basketball	Mr. Sangra, Mr. Dhillon

McNair Culinary Arts Program

In-House Butchery Demo



Columbus Meat Market is an authentic butcher shop located on Nanaimo Street in East Vancouver. It is owned by the Masi family, who have been in the meat industry for three generations. **Giuseppe Masi** first opened a butcher shop in Castelgrande, Basilicata, Italy in 1954 and the family eventually moved to Vancouver. Brothers Eugenio, Giancarlo, and Vito Masi purchased Columbus Meat Market in 1991 and have been faithfully serving customers since then.

I have been shopping there for a few years and recently on a Saturday morning visit, I asked one of

the owners whether they would be open to doing a butchery demonstration in our kitchen and after some discussion, they agreed to send veteran butcher Austin Woo.



On Wednesday, January 18th, the McNair Culinary Arts students and staff were delighted to welcome **Austin and Damiano Masi from Columbus Meats** to our teaching kitchen. They brought a side of veal to break down for our classes, and as the students gathered around and started taking photos, Austin arranged the large pieces of veal on the table. Damiano introduced the business to the classes and shared their vision of providing the best service that places the needs of the customer above all else and building and assisting community. As a customer, I can attest to their attention to detail and their top-notch service.



Austin proceeded to break down the side of veal deftly and the students were captivated by the demonstration and talk. The students asked thoughtful questions, and some were very eager to purchase various cuts of meat for incredibly reasonable prices. Afterwards, Austin and Damiano expressed how surprisingly engaging and fun the experience had been for them...a definite win-win for both of us! We can't wait to invite Austin again for another butchery demonstration. They'll have to bring two sides next time though! Thanks again, Columbus Meat Market, for making this happen. Wishing you all the best in this new year and for many years to come.

Open House (Jan 26)



Culinary Arts teacher Ms. Ho worked alongside two blocks of eager students ranging from Grade 9 to 12 to prepare food for likely four hundred guests.

On the evening of January 26th, after a full day of preparations, we were delighted to welcome a crew of 23 student volunteers (including two former graduates) to help us set up, prep, and serve the following house-made items:

- potstickers filled with pork and cabbage
- deep fried house-made wontons served with sweet chili sauce
- vegetarian spring rolls
- mini cheese or pepperoni pizzas
- hummus with vegetable crudité
- sushi
- arancini with tomato sauce
- bite-sized vegetable quiches with cheese
- mini pulled pork sandwiches on house-made buns with coleslaw
- mushroom and goat cheese ravioli with fried garlic and sage
- mini roast beef crostini with horseradish cream
- petite browned butter chocolate chip cookies
- petite ginger molasses cookies





Some highlights of the evening were watching student volunteers run the pasta action station, hearing the glowing comments from all the happy attendees, and seeing the student volunteers having so much fun running around serving food, replenishing platters, talking amongst themselves and to parents and friends as they worked, and everyone having a wonderful time of connection as they were enjoying the delicious food.

It was great to be able to share with the school community what I love about this program: that it is only one of two Culinary Arts Programs in the Richmond School District, that students who choose this elective (starting in Grade 9 and upwards) have the opportunity to obtain their **Foodsafe certificates** for a fraction of the price that it costs elsewhere; that this fun elective provides students with opportunities to learn and grow and develop vocational skills that are sought after by post-secondary institutions and employers; that students have opportunities to learn both back-of-house (kitchen) and front-of-house (serving) duties; and that students work, learn, and have fun in a dynamic professional kitchen alongside caring, seasoned professionals.



I'd like to extend the warmest thank you to the following student volunteers for their gracious gift of time and energy:

Sam Isorena, Gabrielle Te, Meggan Cheng, Chloe Jalijali, Andy Zhou, Zachary Chan, Khalel Lopez, Angel Huang, Jason Shen, Samaya Pankanea, Anthony Ng, Daniel Marte, André Ayisi-Nyarko, Nathan Yip, Samuel Chen, Aden Cheung, Avery Tan, Saki Himono, Jozaene Duque, Jerry Zhang, Junwei Zhang, Yusuf Savory, Nicole Chen (McNair graduate of 2022), Cheyenne Tu (McNair graduate of 2019)

Without you all, there is no way we would have been able to achieve what we did. You are so wonderful, and we will miss your smiling faces and incredible work ethic in Semester 2. You are always welcome to help at Break and/or Lunch anytime!



[McNair Open House \(Jan 26\)](#)

At the **Open House on Jan 26th**, **Grade 7** parents and students attended an information session to learn about what high-school life will be like for our newest Marlins. Our students and staff were situated all around the school showcasing many of the great things our students and staff are teaching, learning, and engaged in. **Grade 8-11** students and parents received Program Planning information for all students who will be returning to McNair in September 2023. This event has been hugely successful and displayed all the reasons why this school is such a wonderful place to learn.



[Learning Centre Help](#)

McNair is continuing with its Learning Resource Centre model. Students are now welcome to attend the **Resource centre on a drop-in basis during class time**, provided they have permission from their classroom teacher. Any student who is in need of some extra assistance in a subject area may come to the Resource Centre to get assistance from the teachers in the room. Similarly, we have also

created an opportunity for students to access this assistance at lunch and after school. **Mr. McLellan** is a Math/Science specialist, is available to help students during our **lunch hour two days per week or until about 3:45 afterschool three days per week**. If your child can benefit from this extra assistance, please remind them to advocate for themselves and take advantage of this tremendous support. It is open to all students and if you want to know if your child is utilizing it, we have a check in and check out system that tracks who is accessing the system. If interested, please check with Mr. McLellan to see which days he will be available at lunch, and which days after school.

Career Centre

Visit the Career Centre

<https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx>

The Home Page that opens first when the link is clicked on, shows all upcoming Info Sessions.

Other Useful Websites

- My Blueprint (myblueprint.ca/sd38) is a comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future.
- Education Planner: educationplannerbc.ca - is an education planning tool that provides students with clear, reliable and detailed information on BC post-secondary education and applying. Log on and create an account.
- Industry Training Authority (Trades & Apprenticeships): www.itabc.ca

GRADE 12s

Grade 12 students should have finalized their post-secondary applications. Make sure applications are received by the institution's stated deadlines.

Offers of Admission: Grade 12 students who have applied to a university/college for entry in September are reminded to check the institution's secured student service (student account) website/portal for new messages regularly. Many sites require students to use the Identification Number that was noted on their confirmation letter along with a password. These sites contain important details regarding: transcript submission, self-reporting, admission offers, course pre-requisites, registration, deadline dates, contact information, grades

Student Transcripts Service (STS)

Students must register with STS in order to for the post-secondary schools they are applying to, to access their marks. Students need their PEN number to register.

To access the service, visit the Ministry of Education's *Order Transcripts and Certificates* website at www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca and follow the instructions found there.

1. **Register for a BCeID** (a BC Government account that provides you with access to B.C. Government online services)
2. **Register for the StudentTranscript Service** using your BCeID
3. **Log in** to your StudentTranscripts Service using your BCeID.
4. **Follow the steps in order to have transcripts sent electronically to post-secondary institutions.**

***Note:** Some Post-secondary institutions may require your grade information earlier than available through this process. Ensure you are familiar with each institution's requirements regarding grade submission

Register to write the TOEFL and/or the IELTS required to do so. Many universities recommend you submit your results early. Contact the Career Centre or the individual post-secondary institutions you are applying to for requirements, exemptions and how to register.

DEADLINES

Many universities & colleges require additional information such as transcripts or supplemental applications or profiles, this is called a "document deadline". This is separate from the application deadline and varies depending on the institution. Please check each institution's website for details.

MAR 1/23 – KPU application deadline for limited enrollment programs

For all schools - Be sure to check:

- application deadlines

- scholarship deadlines
- housing and document deadlines

Deadline dates vary so check carefully!

Self-Reporting Dates For BC Institutions

Students may log-in to their university account and report their interim marks for the following BC institutions:

SFU – Self-reporting portal opens **JAN 3/23** closes **MAR 31/23**

Self reporting for Beedie Business– FEB 7/23 as well as the deadline to submit the supplemental application <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied/fall.html>

UBC – No longer require students to self-report directly. However students must have completed their STS forms by Jan 31 for UBC to gain permission to access marks from the BC Ministry of Education. **FEB 15/23** – deadline to submit English Language Admission Standard (ELAS) such as IELTS or TOEFL

UVic - FEB 15/23 - MAR 15/23 - (In order to be considered for UVic's entrance scholarships based on marks alone, students must **self-report** their Grade 12 marks, no separate application is required.

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/admissions/how-to-apply/self-report-your-grades/index.php>

There are also scholarships that have other criteria;

CapU – Self-reporting no longer required, but students need to complete STS forms.

Langara College – no self reporting - students should attend an information session on programs that are of interest. <http://langara.ca/news-and-events/information-sessions/index.html>

STUDENT AID

Applications usually open in early June.

For details visit: <https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/how-to-apply>

SCHOLARSHIPS TO NOTE

For a more comprehensive list, visit:

[https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/="](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/=)

FEB 1/23 - Kin Canada Bursaries deadline

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Complete all sections of the current application form. Applications will not be eligible if emailed or mailed directly to Kin Canada or if submitted more than once. If you have questions about the application, visit www.kincanada.ca, call 1-800-PICK KIN (742-5546) or email bursary@kincanada.ca. For application go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/kincanada/kin-canada-bursaries>

FEB 1/23 - Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship Deadline

The SME Education Foundation inspires, prepares and supports the next generation of manufacturing and engineering talent through its Student Summit event series, SME PRIME® (Partnership Response In Manufacturing Education) initiative and Student Scholarship program. In the past two years, the Foundation awarded a record number of scholarships to women and minorities as part of a new [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative](#).

Applications are accepted from November 1 – February 1. We encourage you to [apply now](#).

FEB 7/23 - SFU Beedie Business & Sustainable Engineering Applicants Deadline to Self-Report: <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied/fall.html>

FEB 7/23 - McGill Major Entrance Scholarship Application Deadline.

To determine if you qualify, see: <https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships/criteria>. A separate application is required that must be submitted after submitting your application for admission. This single entrance scholarship application is used for consideration for all major entrance awards listed in the Undergraduate Scholarships & Awards Calendar. Complete details can be found at:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships>

FEB 14/23 - Violet Richardson Award Deadline to Apply

For more info go to: <https://sroptimistvancouver.org/violet-richardson-award/>

FEB 15/23 - The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Online Application

Due By 2:59pm PST

Does not require a nomination.

For more information and how to apply go to: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>

FEB 28/23 - BCSTA's Scholarships for Student Citizenship 3:00 PM Deadline

<https://bcsta.org/resources-and-services/bcsta-scholarships/>

MAR 15/23 - The Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program Deadline

For complete details and application go to: <http://leonardfnd.org/apply/>

MAR 17/23 - The BCEIA Student Scholarship Program Deadline

Awards scholarships to one secondary student and one post-secondary student pursuing Environmental Studies. Completed scholarship applications must be received via email to scholarship@bceia.com

Scholarships will be awarded in May 2023.

Entry Requirements:

Completed application form with all required information. Please follow the submission instructions: [Download the application form for high school students](#)

For more information go to: <https://bceia.com/2022/10/09/bceia-student-scholarships-2023/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more upcoming events visit [https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

UBC Recorded Info Session

This links students to a previously recorded info session that they can listen to at any time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtacAgol5Ao&ab_channel=UBCProspectiveUndergraduates

FEB 5/23 from 12-4 PM The Royal Canadian Navy Job Fair

For details and to register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/navy-job-fair-tickets-513244637527?aff=ebdssbdestsearc>

FEB 6/23, FEB 13/23, FEB 27/23 at 5 PM PT U of T Online Webinar for Prospective Students

https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/portal/webcasts?id=04905f26-4b15-4a9e-b210-53ec06d53581&utm_campaign=discover&utm_medium=web&utm_source=osr

FEB 7/23 at 5 PM Douglas College Veterinary Technology Diploma Program Online

Information Session Via Zoom

https://douglascollege.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a1EAh000000KDqwMAG&

FEB 7/23 and FEB 9/23 at 5 PM Douglas College Online Program Information Sessions for Students and Parents via Zoom

The session on Feb 9 will cover different programs. For session details and to register for one or both sessions, visit:

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information-sessions>

FEB 13/23 5 pm U of T Online webinar for Prospective students Register

at: https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/portal/webcasts?id=dbc71d19-8cf5-4650-af4d-d24ff7c857f5&utm_campaign=discover&utm_medium=web&utm_source=osr

FEB 14/23 at 1:30 PM Langara Course Planning Online Session for New Arts and Science Students

For details, visit: <https://langara.ca/student-services/counselling/academic-advising/course-planning-sessions.html>

FEB 15/23 from 3-4 PM **SD38 Career In Trades** Online Zoom Q&A Drop In Series for Students in Grades 9-11 - Parents are welcome! Visit: <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/students>
FEB 14/23 Baking Youth Train in Trades – deadline to apply
The entire application must be submitted to careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca

FEB 16/23 from 7-8 PM **JIBC Law Enforcement Studies Diploma Online Information Session**. Register on Eventbrite. jibc.ca/news-and-events.

FEB 22/23 from 4-7 PM **BCIT Big Info Online Virtual Event**

Register to attend the In-Person or Online Event and have a chance to win one of three \$1000 tuition prizes! To register for the ONLINE EVENT: <https://www.bcit.ca/event/big-info-online/>
Or join BCIT in-person Wednesday, February 15/23 from 4 – 7 PM and hear from Program Advising, Student Services. To register for the IN-PERSON EVENTS:

<https://www.bcit.ca/event/big-info-2/>

Attend Program Information Sessions that interests you. BCIT provides specific information sessions to help you learn more about a program, related careers, and to get your questions answered by BCIT's expert faculty and staff. <https://www.bcit.ca/infosessions/>

FEB 23/23 Preview Night at Corpus Christi & St. Mark's College 6:00 PM (In Person & Online)

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/preview-night-at-corpus-christi-st-marks-college-at-ubc-hybrid-tickets-489912771287>

MAR 1/23 Grade 9-12 Students Learn About Dual Credit Programs - Free Tuition offered at SD38, 3- 4 pm. For zoom link <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/parents>