



MOUNT DOUG NEWS UPDATE

Principal's Message

I hope and trust with the start of October that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that students have found themselves back in the routine of school and are making positive decisions towards a successful school year. We certainly encourage you to take the opportunity to discuss with your son or daughter their progress in school so far this year. With interim reports going home we hope information provided gives some insight as to progress so far and that you consider following up during the upcoming parent/teacher interviews scheduled for October 17th. Beginning October 10th at 7:00 p.m. you may book your appointments by visiting mtdoug.schoolappointments.com

Once again, our school participated in the Tour de Rock, Cops for Cancer fundraising campaign. This year the school raised over \$11,000 to this wonderful cause. A special thank-you to our leadership students and teacher advisors for your hard work towards this year's campaign. Congratulations to Mr. Meldrum, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ferreira for volunteering to have their heads shaved this year, along with several students.

As you will see in this newsletter and the website, our students continue to make us proud in the classrooms, on stages, on the sports fields and in gymnasiums. Their successes are often a result of the significant adults in their lives and often it is the support and direction of teachers that make such a positive difference. At Mount Douglas, I feel very fortunate to work with a very professional group of educators who are committed to the success of students. Evidence of this is the wonderful accolade one of our staff just received. Congratulations to Mr. Barry Janzen who was awarded the *Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence*. Mr. Janzen is recognized nationally as one of the top-ranked fifty nominees to receive this Certificate of Achievement. One colleague of Mr. Janzen's describes his teaching approach as: *"Like a modern-day Yen Sid, the imperious wizard from Fantasia, Barry Edward Janzen sits at a station in the middle of his classroom and renders his students spellbound as they travel through an online web of discovery, creativity and endless possibilities. But this wizard's spells are always rooted in empathy and generosity and often serve to build social engagement and relevance."*

On behalf of the Mount Douglas community I would like to congratulate you Mr. Janzen, for this well-deserved recognition!

Respectfully,

Shawn Boulding, Principal

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Mount Doug Wear

A GREAT LINE OF FALL MOUNT DOUG WEAR WILL BE COMING OUT from **Tuesday, November 6th** to **Thursday, November 22nd**.

Mount Doug Sweatpants, Hoodies, Sweaters, T-shirts and accessories will all be available for purchase. Visit our Mount Doug Wear website for details and updates beginning November 6th at www.mountdougwear.com

Mount Doug - Wear you belong!

RAMPAC Meeting - October 17th

There will be a RAMPAC meeting taking place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17th in the Mount Doug Library. All Mount Doug parents or guardians are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

We are all about making things better for all our children and their school experience. Our meetings are interesting and informative. It was so great to see so many new faces at our short meeting in September. It would be wonderful to see you all again....and more.

One topic of the evening will be to begin our conversation about the budget for this year. We'd love your input. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Hope to see you on October 17th!

Susan Watt,
Chair, RAMPAC



Digital Citizenship/Safety-Parent-Guardian Meeting 7:00 p.m. Mon., Oct. 22nd

Presented by Staff Sergeant Darren Laur

Today the internet and social media have become part of how we conduct our business and interact with friends and loved ones. This is particularly true for our kids. Today students are able to communicate and gain access to sources around the world and connect with people almost instantaneously. As many of us grapple with the potential of the internet and all the benefits it can bring, we also need to be cautious of the potential harms our youth can be exposed to. Please come and join us on the evening of October 22nd, 2012 at Mount Douglas Secondary School where we can learn from an expert how to protect ourselves and our kids from these potential harms.

Staff Sergeant Darren Laur is presently a Staff Sergeant with the Victoria Police Department and has over 26 years of policing experience. He is a court recognized expert in the area of personal safety and has presented internationally in the area of self-protection and personal safety.

About two years ago, Staff Sergeant Darren Laur was asked to develop and present a seminar on Social Media, Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship targeting students in both Middle School and High School. Last year he began delivering his Internet safety program to schools in the Greater Victoria area <http://www.personalprotectionsystems.ca/programs/internet-safety/internet-safety-schools.html> To date he has presented his program to over 55 middle and senior high schools in the province, and feedback from every school presented to has been nothing short of amazing.

We look forward to learning with you on October 22nd. The evening promises to be extremely informative and we encourage you to bring any questions you may have.

Order Your **YEARBOOK**

It's a limited edition with unlimited stories.

Your student only gets to experience the school year once. Make sure that they get the chance to experience it again and again with our school's yearbook. To reserve your copy, please bring \$40 to Mrs. Featherstonhaugh in the accounts office.

Ms. Wear,
Yearbook Advisor

News from the Career Centre

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to gain valuable work experience, learn new skills and make community connections. A Victoria Volunteer staff member will be in the Mount Doug Career Centre once a month to help students find a volunteer placement that will suit their needs and interests. Please see Mrs. Irving in the Career Centre to book your appointment.



Camosun College - Now's the time to explore program options

The Fall semester is an ideal time for Grade 12 students to attend a program info session. Offered on the third Thursday evening each month, these info sessions cover important details about the programs and their transfer and career opportunities. Grade 10 and 11 students are welcome too, as are parents and teachers. The next session is **Thursday October 18th**. Check online for time and location details at <http://camosun.ca/learn/infosessions/>



Upcoming Post Secondary Visits and Events

[University of Kings College](#) - Wed., Oct. 10th @ 7:45 a.m. in the Career Centre

[CUE - Canadian Universities Event](#) - Tues. Oct. 16th @ Oak Bay Secondary 9:00-11:30 a.m. - *Sign up in the Career Centre*

[Ryerson Theatre School](#) - Wed., Oct. 17th @ lunch in the Multi-Purpose Room

[PSIBC - Post Secondary Institutions of BC](#) - Tues., Oct. 30th (Times and locations to be announced)

[Ivey School Of Business](#) - (Western U.) - Wed., Nov. 14th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[Queens University](#) - Wed., Nov. 21st @ 7:45 a.m. in the Career Centre

[McGill University](#) - Wed., Nov. 21st @ lunch in the Career Centre

[University of Toronto](#) - Tues., Nov. 27th @ lunch / Career Centre

[Western University](#) - Wed., Nov. 28th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[University of Guelph](#) - Thurs., Nov. 29th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[University of Waterloo](#) - Fri., Nov. 30th @ lunch in the Career Centre

[Education and Career Fair](#) - Mon., Dec. 3rd @ Pearkes Recreation Centre



For information on other post-secondary and volunteer opportunities please check our Mount Doug website frequently under **News Items > Career Centre News.**



www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca

Athletics - Sports Highlights



It has been a great start for the RAMS! Congratulations to our Mount Doug Fall Sports Teams who have all gotten off to a fantastic start this September.

With almost one quarter of the Mount Doug student body currently playing a sport for the school, it has truly been a team effort. In fact, this year has seen the emergence of more students trying out for teams than last year, a testament to the dedication of the athletes, coaches, and sponsors.

HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Our **Junior and Senior Girls' Volleyball** teams are full of experienced student athletes and are looking to make some big advances this year. The Junior team has just begun its season with a record of 1 win and 1 loss. The girls will be hosting a game this Wednesday, October 10 and playing at a Spectrum / Belmont tournament on October 12 & 13. The Senior team has started strong, with 10 wins and 2 losses in League play, making it to the final in the team's tier at the UBC tournament, finishing 13th out of 36 teams at the VIU tournament, and finishing 7th out of 23 teams at the Camosun tournament.
- Our **Varsity and JV Football teams** are once again rated amongst the top teams in the province and expectations are high that the Number 1 ranked Varsity Football team can successfully defend their provincial title this year. The Junior Varsity team is full of younger players, meaning the future of football is looking great. The Varsity team has started the season strong with big wins against 4th ranked St. Thomas More and 3rd ranked Vancouver College.
- **Senior Girls' Field Hockey Team** is a strong team with a mix of younger and older players. The team has performed well in both tournament and league play so far this season.
- **Senior Boys' and Junior Boys' Soccer** see a Senior team with a mix of grade 11, grade 12, and International students. This talented group has had a rough start to the season, but nothing can get their spirits down. With such a talented team, optimism is high that they can finish in the top eight of the league and qualify for the City Championships. Meanwhile, this is the second consecutive year with a Junior Boys' Soccer Team. The team is comprised of a great mix of grade 9 and grade 10 students that is turning some heads with their play.
- Our **Junior Boys' Volleyball** team is the first team that we have had in a few years. This is a mix of grade 9 and 10 students, and their coach is very optimistic that they are going to have a great year.
- The Mount Doug RAMS **Rowing Team** is off to a great start this year. The season began in early September with the annual team bonding activity known as the swim test in the Gorge. Thereafter, novices learned the mechanics of the rowing stroke while experienced rowers furthered the process of improving their strokes. Each week the team has three on-water workouts and also does land training at Mt. Doug twice a week. The first competition, The Crabfest Regatta, was a strong one for the RAMS. The team took home 5 first place finishes, 4 second place finishes, and 3 third-place finishes. In particular, both the senior boys and the senior girls 8's won their categories. The next regatta is the Annual Second Regatta held at Elk Lake on Oct 20th and 21st.
- If any of our rowers ever went overboard, they only need to call on the **Mount Doug Swim Team** which has over 30 athletes, with some of the top swimmers on the Island! On the momentum of last year's provincial medal winning performances, these amphibious stars look to place in the top two of the Islands, and go on to the B.C.'s with even greater glory this year.
- Meanwhile, out on the trails, the Mount Doug **Cross Country Team** has completed the four league meets held in various locations throughout Victoria, with both the girls and boys teams having strong showings. Several individuals have placed at or near the top of their age divisions; others have crossed the finish line with their own personal accomplishments and all have represented the school very well. The athletes are gearing up for the Island Age Group Championships on October 16th and, more importantly, the Island Championships on October 24th. It is the latter championships through which athletes have the opportunity to qualify for the BC High School Cross Country Championships in Prince George on November 3rd.
- Finally, the spirit leaders of Mount Doug, our **Cheerleading Team**, is working on some great stunts and is excited to impress the school with their great routine this year. This year has seen a tremendous number of males and females try out for the team, and the school is excited to see what the cheerleaders have for us this year. As usual, the team has done a great job bringing excitement, spirit, and entertainment to the Cops for Cancer assembly.

I wish to thank our fantastic coaches and great sponsors. It is because of you that Mount Doug continues to be one of the top sports schools in all of B.C.

Go Rams,
Mr. Meldrum, Athletic Director



Leadership News

Mount Doug's 2012 Leadership Class began the year flying with a project-filled September. The first-ever Mount Douglas student Prime Minister, **Chris Lee**, organized the annual Corn Roast on September 14 providing all of the school's students with buttery corn-on-the-cob.



Student volunteers helped out at **Victor Gim's Celebration of Life** where the amazing Mount Doug student was remembered and honored by hundreds in the school gym on the 14th.

Following is a link to a Globe and Mail article about Victor Gim, who passed away August 1, 2012.
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/facts-and-arguments/victor-gim/article4556109/>

Working with Grad Leadership again this year, the school's **Cops for Cancer** campaign got into full swing this past month with cup-cake, lantern and popcorn sales; a very successful car-wash; grade-wide and Period 2 class competitions; the Silent Auction at Meet the Teacher night and Pie-auctions at the Corn Roast. On October 5th the Tour de Rock rode through Mount Doug where the proceeds from all of these fund-raisers, a total of \$11,115, was presented.

Also on the radar for Leadership this month are **Talent Show Auditions** from October 15 to 19 with the Carnival themed show on November 26, a trip to **We Day** in Vancouver on October 18 and the leadership retreat at **Camp Pringle** from October 22-23. Leadership is also organizing a range of intramurals for students at lunch in the gym. Anyone interested in helping out with athletics is encouraged to join Community Leadership for more opportunities.

Halloween is always a big event at Mount Doug. There will be a number of fun events around the school but students will also be coming out to the community to collect food donations for the homeless in our city. We are also having a **Halloween Dance** on Tuesday, October 30. This school based event would appreciate some parent volunteers that evening. Please contact **Caroline Baldwin** at the school if you can help supervise. Her email is cbaldwin@sd61.bc.ca



France Trip 2013



The Mount Douglas France Exchange Program does a biannual trip to our sister school, Lycee Louis Pasteur, in Avignon, France. The trip this coming year will be at March Break of 2013.

We will fly from Victoria to France and on to Avignon to meet our host students and families. Students will spend about 10 days with their host families, sharing meals and visiting the surrounding area with them. During the school week, the students will travel to the school with their hosts to meet up with the Canadian group. We will then explore together the charms of Avignon and the surrounding region of Provence. In Avignon, the students will have an opportunity to observe classes at the school as well as participating in a Canada Day dinner.

The group will then travel by TGV to Paris for 3 to 4 days of cultural excursions such as the Louvre, Versailles and the

Eiffel Tower. We will stay in a hotel and use the Paris Metro to move around the city. The group will then fly back to Victoria from Paris.

Any Mount Doug student with a good academic standing and a passport is welcome to join the group. It is not required that students speak or take French to participate but the trip will certainly reinforce any French that they have learned. The group will be accompanied by Ms. Kucher as the teacher-sponsor from Mount Douglas as well as Mr. Bill Conconi, a former Mount Doug teacher, who has organized these trips since their inception in 1998.

Students are required to pay a refundable \$500 deposit to Mrs. Featherstonhaugh in the school office to secure a place on the trip. Deadline for applications is October 30, 2012. Applications are available from the school office or may be downloaded from the school website. Please email any questions to agkucher@sd61.bc.ca

France Exchanges

Mount Douglas has a unique exchange program with the Lycee Louis Pasteur in Avignon, France. Students can go to study at this private school in the south of France for a month to a semester! The costs are airfare and room and board while there. This is an excellent way to perfect your French skills and learn about European culture. Interested students can still go in semester 2 or can apply to go in the next school year.

We have a young woman coming from France for semester 2. We would like to find a host student and family from the school. Room and board would be paid by the student while attending classes at Mount Doug.

Please contact Amelita Kucher in room 219 or by email for more details. The email is agkucher@sd61.bc.ca

Honour Roll

The criteria used for determining the year-end Honour Roll for the annual Awards Ceremony will be based on the February final marks GPA and April term mark GPA as follows:

Gr. 9/10 - 4.5 or higher GPA based on a minimum of eight courses

Gr. 11- 4.5 or higher GPA based on a minimum of seven courses

Gr. 12- 4.5 or higher GPA based on a minimum of six courses

The Grade Point will be determined using the following guidelines:

Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
A	= 86 - 100%	5
B	= 73 - 85%	4
C+	= 67 - 72%	3
C	= 60 - 66%	2
C-	= 50 - 59%	1
F	= 0 - 49%	0

The following formula is used to calculate grade point average:

$$\frac{\text{Sum of grade point for courses}}{\text{Divided by number of courses}}$$

Passport to Education

Passport to Education is a program sponsored by the Ministry of Education which allows full time Grade 10-12 students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents a chance to earn scholarship funds towards their post-secondary education.

A limited number of Passport stickers are allocated to each school based on September enrollment. Passport stickers at Mount Doug are allocated based on the highest overall GPA (Grade Point Average) from the January and June course school final marks for those students meeting the minimum of 8 full courses in grade 10, 7 full courses in grade 11 and 6 full courses in grade 12.

Minimum Course Requirements

For Honour Roll or Passport to Education, if students wish to include courses completed outside of the Greater Victoria School District as part of their required minimum course requirement, they need to provide documentation of their course registration and progress to their counsellor or an administrator for consideration.

This information is required by the school by the end of April of the school year. Summer School, External and Equivalency courses are not used for Honour Roll or Passport to Education minimum course requirements.

Notes from the Mt. Douglas Music Department

Thank you to all the people who helped make our grade 9 Camp Pringle trip a success! We had the largest attendance of grade 9 students to date.

Upcoming Music Department Events

- October 17, 7:00 p.m. - Mount Douglas Senior Jazz bands perform at Glen Lyon Norfolk School's Wednesday night jazz! Featuring the *Monik Nordine* quartet.
- November 8, 7:00 p.m. - Fall music concert in the Mt. Douglas Gym
- December 17, 7:00 p.m. - Music Department Concert - Night of Holiday Music - in the Mount Douglas Gym.



Nathan How

Nathan How is a grade 12 student at the school who goes out and gets things done. This year Nathan was chosen as one of 4 students from across Vancouver Island to do an internship in cancer research at the Deeley Research Center which is part of the B.C. Cancer Agency. Nathan worked for eight weeks with researchers and did a presentation of his findings at the end.

Nathan is also very involved with the **African Aids Angels (AAA)** program. Last year Mount Doug leadership students helped build close to 200 angels for the group to display at the Empress and then sell. Nathan travelled to Zambia in grade 10 and helped out with a school there. Since then he has done many presentations around Victoria in support of the cause. In the spring, Nathan was nominated by Vic Parsons, a founding member of AAA, for a national **Me to We Award**., Nathan won his category which resulted in \$5000 for AAA projects. The winners are featured in the October issue of Canadian Living magazine. Nathan's prize also included a trip for two to Toronto for We Day. Here is a link about the prize winners and the great work this young man has been doing.

<http://www.muchmusic.com/events/weday/video/cid/772226/pid/124276/we-day-2012-me-to-we-living-awards-lynn-chambers>

Trevor Kidd - "Dragon's Den"

This Halloween one of our very own Grade 12 Mount Doug students Trevor Kidd will be appearing with his band **Endurance** on the CBC TV show *Dragon's Den*. We hope that his fellow students, parents and Mount Doug staff will be tuned in to watch Trevor and his band perform at 8:00 p.m. on October 31st. You can also follow Endurance on Facebook and Twitter.



Sushi & Pita Pre-Orders

Sushi and Pita pre-orders began on October 3rd and will continue throughout the semester.

Sushi is on Wednesdays and Pita is on Fridays. Sushi and Pita are also available for sale on a first come, first served basis.

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Coming up...

Digital Citizenship/Safety Assembly 11:45 – 1:45 p.m.	Fri., Oct. 12	Grade 9 Immunizations 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wed., Feb. 6
Canadian Universities Event (CUE) at Oak Bay in a.m.	Tues., Oct. 16	Report Cards	Fri., Feb. 8
Photo Retakes – 8:30 a.m.	Wed., Oct. 17	Family Day Holiday	Mon., Feb. 11
Ryerson Theatre School – Multi-purpose room Lunch	Wed., Oct. 17	Meet the Teacher Night	Wed., Feb. 13
Parent-Teacher Interviews	Wed., Oct. 17	Student Transfer Forms available	Thurs., Feb. 14
RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., Oct. 17	Pro-D Day	Fri., Feb. 15
Pro-D Day - Province-wide	Fri., Oct. 19	Grad Entertainment Showcase	Mon., Feb. 18
Friday Football – Royal Athletic Park 1:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.	Fri., Oct. 19	12 Student Transfer Process	Feb. 18 – Feb. 22
Digital Citizenship/Safety Parent Info Meeting 7 – 9 pm	Mon., Oct. 22	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., Feb. 20
Leadership Retreat at Camp Pringle.	Oct. 22 - 23	GVSD "Explore Your Options" Job & Career Fair SJ Willis	Wed., Feb. 27
PSIBC (Post Sec. Institutions of BC)	Tues., Oct. 30	Interim Reports	Wed., Feb. 27
School Dance	Tues., Oct. 30	Spring Dance (tentative)	TBA
Pep Rally	Mon., Nov. 5	Concert Band Festival Concert - Gym (7:00 p.m.)	Tues., Mar 5
Music Concert 7:00 p.m. Mount Doug Gym	Thurs., Nov. 8	Parent-Teacher Interviews	Wed., Mar. 6
Remembrance Day Assembly	Fri., Nov. 9	Last Day Classes before Spring Break	Fri., Mar. 8
Day in Lieu for Remembrance Day	Mon., Nov. 12	School Re-Opens	Mon., Mar. 25
Richard Ivey School of Business Career Center -lunch	Wed., Nov 14	Secondary Late Transfer Process	Mar. 25 – Apr. 2
Report Cards	Thurs., Nov. 15	Grad Lock-in	Thurs., Mar. 28
Strings Festival at Mt Doug 7:00 pm (with Elementary)	Tues., Nov. 20	Good Friday	Fri., Mar. 29
Queens University visit – Career Centre 7:45 a.m.	Wed., Nov 21	Easter Monday	Mon., Apr. 1
McGill University visit – Career Centre -lunch	Wed., Nov. 21	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., Apr. 17
RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., Nov. 21	Pro D Day - School Based	Mon., Apr. 22
Strings Festival at Oak Bay 7:00 pm (w/middle School)	Thurs., Nov. 22	Report Cards	Tues., Apr. 23
Pro-D Day	Fri., Nov. 23	Musical Theatre Production	Apr. 23, 24 25, 26, 27
Talent Show	Mon, Nov. 26	Party Program (Planning Classes) 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Thurs., May 9
Western University Visit –Career Centre - lunch	Wed., Nov. 28	Spring Concert – Alix Goolden Hall (7:00 p.m.)	Tues., May 14
University of Guelph – Career Centre-lunch	Thurs., Nov. 29	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., May 15
PSIBC – Post Secondary Institutions of BC	Fri., Nov. 30	District Orientation/Transition Day	Thurs., May 16
Education and Career Fair – Pearkes Recreation Centre	Mon., Dec 3	Pro-D Day - School-based	Fri., May 17
Challenge Program Information Night	Thurs., Dec. 6	Victoria Day	Mon., May 20
Original Grad Photos	Dec. 10 – Dec. 19	Grad Recognition Ceremony UVIC	Wed., May 22
MD hosting Sr. Girls' Basketball Tourney	Dec. 14 – Dec. 15	Strings orchestra Finale at UVIC McKinnon Gym	Thurs., May 23
Night of Holiday Music – Mount Doug Gym (7:00 p.m.)	Mon., Dec. 17	Grad Banquet -Location TBA (tentative)	Fri., May 24
Grad Winter Formal	Wed., Dec. 19	Party Program (Planning Classes) 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Thurs., May 30
Santa's Breakfast	Fri., Dec. 21	ANED Graduation Ceremony	Thurs., June 6
Last day of school before Winter Break	Fri., Dec. 21	Awards Ceremony	TBA
School Re-Opens	Mon., Jan. 7	Shortened Classes in a.m./BBQ & Yearbook Dist. in p.m.	Mon., June 17
RAMPAC AGM - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., Jan. 16	Regular Classes (Copernican Schedule)	Tues., June 18
Mount Doug Information Evening	Mon., Jan. 21	Last Day of Classes (Copernican Schedule)	Wed., June 19
Regular Classes–Altered Schedule–Period 1 all am/Period 3 all pm	Thurs., Jan. 24	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., June 19
Regular classes-Altered Schedule-Period 3 all am/Period 4 all pm.	Fri., Jan 25	School Exams	June 20 – June 25
Grad Photo Retakes	Jan. 28 – Jan. 29	Provincial Exams	June 20 – June 26
School Exams	Jan. 28 – Jan. 31	Last Day of School/Report Cards	Thur., June 27
Provincial Exams	Jan. 28 – Jan. 31	Year-end Administrative Day	Fri., June 28
First day of Semester 2 (semester 2 classes begin)	Fri., Feb. 1		

Dates on this calendar are subject to change and should be confirmed with the School Office prior to the event. Events in "bold" type indicate an addition or change since the original published calendar - TBA dates and tentative dates will be published in later editions of this calendar.