



MOUNT DOUG NEWS UPDATE

Principal's Message

We are off to a busy and successful start to second semester. It is time to start thinking about course selection and planning for the 2012/2013 school year. During the month of February, administrators and counsellors will be working with students in classrooms and with individual appointments to complete course planning. Course handbooks are available in both the main office and counseling office, but we encourage you to visit the school's website <http://mountdouglas.ca/index.php> for a paperless version.

There are many events and activities to look forward to in the coming weeks including 'Meet the Teacher' night on **February 13th** from 7:00 – 8:10 p.m. Later in the month we will also be welcoming a group of Japanese students to our school from Saku. Several music and athletic events have been planned; our basketball teams are preparing for local playoffs and potentially, births to provincial championships. On February 29th, Youth Combating Intolerance is hosting our annual **Pink Day** to promote anti-bullying, we encourage everyone to show support and wear pink on this day.

As always, your continued support of our staff and students is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call or drop by if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Shawn Boulding
Principal

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Football Provincial Champions



Fill the Foyer Christmas Event



Parents & Guardians

Meet the Teacher Evening

Join us on Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. to meet your child's second semester teachers.

Traffic

Just a friendly reminder to please drop students off and pick them up either a few blocks away from the school, or use the back parking lot off Laval Avenue.

Please DO NOT drop off students in the Mount Doug parking lots off Gordon Head Road or at University of Victoria next door to us. Thank you for your cooperation.



GVSD Student Transfer Process

The student transfer process takes place from February 18th to 22nd. This process is intended for any students within the Greater Victoria School District 61 to transfer out of their current family of schools into another school within our district.

The forms will be available at any of the schools or the School District 61 website www.sd61.bc.ca by **February 14th**.

Notes from the Mount Doug Music Department

Upcoming Events:

- ➔ **February 28** - Grade 10 Band and Senior Band attend University of Victoria Band Festival
- ➔ **March 1** - Grade 9 Band attends University of Victoria Band Festival
- ➔ **March 5** - Festival Concert - Mount Doug 7:00 p.m. in the gym - featuring the Mount Douglas Concert Bands and Choirs.
- ➔ **March 7** - Choirs perform at VICTORIA SINGS - 7:00 p.m. at the University of Victoria Farquhar Auditorium
- ➔ **April 17** - West Coast Concert Choir Festival at Oak Bay Secondary - Time TBA
- ➔ **April 23 - April 27** - Mount Doug Musical Theatre production of Guys and Dolls
- ➔ **April 26** - Capital City Jazz Festival - Grade 9 and Grade 10 Jazz Bands - at Glanford Middle School.
- ➔ **May 2-5** - Mount Doug Bands/Choir travel to the Whistler Music Festival
- ➔ **May 14** - Mount Doug Spring Concert - Alix Goolden Hall
- ➔ **June 11** - Jazz and Java - Lambrick Park Church



Peer Tutoring



If you want the support,
we're here for you every day
after school 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.!

Peer Tutors

Drop by for homework help and the occasional
tasty treat!

Leadership Update

Since you last heard from us, the leadership students at Mount Douglas Secondary have been busy. **Mia Angus**, our Minister of Arts ran the amazing **Cirque des Beliers**, the fantastic **Mount Doug Talent Show** featuring students singing, dancing, skipping and even doing magic.



From there leadership dove right into our event-packed December, including - for the first time at Mount Doug - the **Fill the Foyer** event. Students and teachers throughout the school and citizens across the community brought in toys and food, literally filling the foyer for those in need. The sheer volume of donations is a testament to the selflessness and spirit of the school.

Also in December was the annual **Santa's Breakfast**. Again this event was a huge success thanks to the dedication of many of council's fabulous ministers including our Minister of Social Events, **Ninu Forrest**. The pancake eating was accompanied by video, dance, vocal and instrumental performances by members of the talented student body and, of course, the eagerly-awaited teacher skit.



After a relatively quiet January where leadership students were given time to prepare for final exams, the class is back into full swing looking forward to many Valentine's events including Candy grams, cupcakes and a special surprise with a personal twist for all of MD.



Cirque des Beliers
Mount Doug Talent Show



Staff making pancakes and performing skit at Santa's Breakfast

RECYCLING

A few reminders about recycling from the Green Team headed up by the tireless Minister of the Environment, **Olivia Good**: Students are to sort out all recyclables into the plastic drawer towers and compost bins throughout the school. Keep paper and refundables (bottles, juice boxes, cans) recycling separate and in their respective bins (refundables in the blue bins).



France Trip and Exchange Program

Seventeen Mount Doug students are heading to Avignon and Paris, France for March Break. Our students will be hosted by students from Lycee Louis Pasteur in Avignon and will spend time exploring the history, art and divine food of Provence before whizzing up for three fabulous days in Paris. Bon voyage!

Jacob Dorion will be spending a month in Avignon on our individual student exchange, and presently we are hosting **Emilie Mano** from France for the entire semester. Students interested in going to France or hosting a student next year can get information from **Ms. Kucher**. Please email agkucher@sd61.bc.ca.

News from the Career Centre

In Search of the Hidden Apprentice

Parents: Did you know? If your son/daughter is a high school student and working in a trade area (see www.itabc.ca for information on trades) they may be eligible to become a Secondary School Apprentice (SSA).

The SSA program provides a smooth transition from school to work, dual credit for the work they are already doing, and a quicker route to certification– and to the earning power that goes with it. They can begin their apprenticeship as early as Grade 10. As well, an SSA student completing all the requirements can qualify for a \$1000 scholarship.

To find out more about the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program please go to <http://www.itabc.ca/youth-educators/ssa-program> or contact **Kim Irving** at kirving@sd61.bc.ca.

Upcoming Post-Secondary Visits and Events



Greater Victoria School District "Explore Your Options" JOB & CAREER FAIR

SJ Willis
Wednesday, February 27
9:00am-3:00pm



Parents, students and members of our community are invited to attend our Options Career Fair, **Wednesday, February 27, 2013**.

Professionals from our community from a wide range of careers such as health, recreation, business, trades, arts and technology sectors will be on hand with displays and information, and to answer questions from students and parents. As well, there will be exhibits from colleges, private training institutions, continuing education, volunteer organizations, travel opportunities and student exchanges.

This event is free. Students are invited to sign-up for free bus transportation in the Career Centre.



Mount Doug Spring Wear
will be
on sale from
Wednesday, April 3rd until Thursday, April 18th



Athletics



FALL 2012 SPORTS REVIEW

Thank you to all the athletes (over 250 for the Fall Sports), coaches, volunteers, sponsors, and parents for making, once again, Mount Douglas Athletics one of the best programs to be found in the province. Without your dedication, hard work, and commitment, Mount Douglas Athletics would not be what it is.



Cross Country – The Boys' team had a 4th place finish in the Island Championships and a 7th place finish at the B.C. Championships in Prince George, B.C. Thomas Getty placed 7th in the Province, while **Caleigh Bachop** placed 8th.

Senior Girls' Volleyball - The team finished 2nd place in the South Island league with a record of 26 wins and only 4 losses in set play. In the South Island playoffs for AAAA, the girls from Mount Doug walked away with 3rd place and a 4th place finish at the Island Championships.

Junior Girls' Volleyball – The Junior Girls' team had nine dedicated players who improved as the season progressed. The team played its best games of the season in the last weekend of play and ended up finishing 5th out of 19 teams in League play.

Field Hockey – 5th at the AAA Island Championships. Particular attention should be made of Grade 10 Junior National athlete **Alexis DeArmond**.

Rowing – Senior Boys Quadruple Sculls of **Aiyden Martindale, Shae Humphries, Brook Willis, Ben Wuelbern**, were crowned City Champions at the Elk Lake City Championships Regatta. Senior Boys Single Sculls and Senior Boys Double Sculls both took 3rd. Senior Boys Eights took 2nd place, meaning the Senior Boys tied for 1st for the Senior Boys Overall Points Aggregate Plaque. **Leigh C.** placed 5th in the Senior Single Sculls at City Champs, while **Mia Angus**, placed 5th with **Leigh C.** in the Senior Girls Double sculls. The Junior Boys were 3rd in Boys Eight. The Novice Girls were 4th in the Girls Eight and the Novice Boys finished 4th in Quadruple Sculls.



Junior Boys' Football – The team finished 2nd in their Conference and 3rd in the Province.

Senior Boys' Football – Repeat Provincial Champions



WINTER SPORTS

Good luck to all of our basketball teams, wrestlers, and curling teams as they near the end of their regular seasons and prepare for playoff action. As well, Mount Douglas will be hosting the **Boys' AAA Island Championships** from **February 28th to March 2nd**.

SPRING SPORTS

For those interested in the upcoming spring sports, please listen carefully to all the announcements as many exciting sports are starting up over the next few weeks. For a complete list of all of Mount Doug's Spring Sports, please refer to the Athletics section of the online course guide, at: <http://mountdouglas.ca/students/pdfs/coursebook1314.pdf>

Mr. Meldrum,
Athletic Director

RAMPAC News

Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Annual General Meeting on January 16th. It was a good turnout with great discussion. Results of the election are as follows:

2013 RAMPAC Executive:

Chair – **Wendy Joyce**

Vice Chair – **Glenn Colthorpe**

Secretary – **Don Tolson**

Treasurer – **Jim MacAulay**

School Planning Council Representatives – **Wendy Joyce, C.L. Mar
and Don Tolson**

VCPAC Representative – **Vacant**



RAMPAC Meeting
Wednesday, February 20th
7:00 p.m. Library

Non-executive Volunteer positions:

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – **Vacant**

Fundraising Liaison – **Vacant**

Webmaster/Communications – **Vacant**

Staff Appreciation Luncheon – **Tina Pierik**

We have a few vacant spots we still need to fill. We only ask that you help as much as you are able. Even just a little time can make a big difference to all of our kids!

If you are interested in becoming the Mount Doug representative at monthly VCPAC (Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils) meetings or would like to volunteer for any of the non-executive positions listed above, we'd love to hear from you. In fact, if you have any ideas for other volunteer opportunities, we'd also love to talk to you!

Vancouver Island Parent Conference

Thank you to all the parents who put their names forward to be sponsored by RAMPAC to attend the Vancouver Island Parent Conference. They have all been contacted and we look forward to them attending and sharing with us what they learn. The conference is now full with a wait list.

Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Committee has done its annual inventory of our emergency bin. While RAMPAC has already stocked it with food, water and many other important items, we are still in need of a few more things:

- 3 Ropes
- 10 flashlights (bright colours)
- 2 Safety vests
- 3 or more older blankets – for treating shock. (We already have lots of silver warming blankets)
- Any power bars, extension cords, etc

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please contact RAMPAC or drop them off at the office.

Next RAMPAC Meeting – February 20th

All Mount Doug parents are members of RAMPAC and we welcome you to attend our meetings. Our focus is not on fundraising, but on meaningful participation with our school community. The monthly meetings are a great way to hear about the daily activities of the school and to discuss educational issues. Please join us!

Keep in touch with RAMPAC – rampac@vcpac.ca

Questions? Ideas? Want to get involved? We'd love to hear from you!

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Pita and Sushi Healthy Lunch Program

Pre-Order forms are now available at http://mountdouglas.ca/newsengine/view_news.php under 'General News' to pre-order Nutritious Sushi on Wednesday and Tasty Pitas on Friday for semester two.

Pre-order forms are due by **February 18th**. Pre-orders begin February 20th and February 22nd.



Guarantee your copy of the yearbook!

The deadline has been extended. If you want to guarantee that you will get a yearbook this year, please bring \$40 (cash or cheque) to the Accounts office.



Yearbook purchases will not be accepted between March 9th and yearbook distribution on the last day of school. A limited number of books may be available to purchase at the end of June.

Coming up...

Report Cards.....	Fri., Feb. 8
Family Day Holiday.....	Mon., Feb. 11
Meet the Teacher Night.....	Wed., Feb. 13
Student Transfer Forms available.....	Thurs., Feb. 14
Pro-D Day (Tri-District).....	Fri., Feb. 15
RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Feb. 20
Valedictorian Nominations/Grad Assembly.....	Thurs., Feb. 21
Grad Movie Night 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.....	Thurs., Feb. 21
K-12 Student Transfer Process.....	Feb. 18 – Feb. 22
GVSD “Explore Your Options” Job & Career Fair SJ Willis.....	Wed., Feb. 27
Interim Reports.....	Wed., Feb. 27
Grade 10 band and Senior band attend UVIC Band festival...Thurs., Feb. 28	
Grade 9 band attends UVIC Band Festival.....	Fri., Mar. 1
Senior Jazz band/Mens Choir perform-Senior Boys Island Bask tournMar. 2	
Festival Concert –Concert Band and Choirs Gym (7:00 p.m.) ...	Tues., Mar. 5
Parent-Teacher Interviews.....	Wed., Mar. 6
Mount Doug Choirs perform at Victoria Sings 7:00 p.m. UVIC.....	Mar. 7
Last Day Classes before Spring Break.....	Fri., Mar. 8
France Trip.....	Mar. 8 - 22
School Re-Opens.....	Mon., Mar. 25
Secondary Late Transfer Process.....	Mar. 25 – Apr. 2
Grad Lock-in.....	Thurs., Mar. 28
Good Friday.....	Fri., Mar. 29
Easter Monday.....	Mon., Apr. 1
Valedictorian Assembly.....	Thurs., Apr. 11
Spring Dance (tentative).....	Thurs., Apr. 11
RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Apr. 17

West Coast Concert Choir Festival Oak Bay Sec time TBA....	Wed., Apr. 17
Pro D Day - School Based.....	Mon., Apr. 22
Report Cards.....	Tues., Apr. 23
Musical Theatre Prod. ‘Guys and Dolls’ at Oak Bay. Apr. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	
Party Program (Planning Classes) 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.....	Thurs., May 9
Spring Concert – Alix Goolden Hall (7:00 p.m.).....	Tues., May 14
RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., May 15
District Orientation/Transition Day.....	Thurs., May 16
Pro-D Day - School-based.....	Fri., May 17
Victoria Day.....	Mon., May 20
Grad Recognition Ceremony UVIC.....	Wed., May 22
Strings orchestra Finale at UVIC McKinnon Gym.....	Thurs., May 23
Grad Banquet –Laurel Point Inn (revised venue/date).....	Sun., May 26
Party Program (Planning Classes) 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.....	Thurs., May 30
ANED Graduation Ceremony.....	Thurs., June 6
Jazz and Java – Mount Doug Music -Lambrick Park Church..	Tues., June 11
Yearbook Distribution at end of the day.....	Fri., June 14
Altered Schedule Period 1 morning; Period 3 afternoon.	Mon., June 17
Altered Schedule Period 2 morning; Period 4 afternoon.....	Tues., June 18
RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., June 19
Provincial/School Exams.....	June 19 – June 27
Exam Conflicts.....	Mon., June 24
School Awards Ceremony.....	Tues., June 25
Year-end Barbeque.....	Wed., June 26
Last Day of School/Report Cards.....	Thur., June 27
Year-end Administrative Day.....	Fri., June 28

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 original published calendar – TBA dates, tentative dates and changes will be published in later editions of this calendar