



MOUNT DOUG NEWS UPDATE

Principal's Message

As the 2012/2013 school year comes to an end it comes with many mixed emotions. I expect we are all excited to have a well-deserved break with family and friends. However, I also find this is a time to reflect back on the year, to look at all that was accomplished not only in the classrooms but on the stages, the fields, and the gym floor. It has been an incredible year and as I look back what comes to mind are the people who make Mount Doug such a wonderful place. To the students, have a wonderful summer; I hope it brings rest and adventure and I look forward to seeing you in the fall. For those graduating, it has been a true pleasure in getting to know you and thank-you for all that you have contributed to making this such a great year; each of you has left a footprint on our school that will not soon be forgotten. To the staff, thank-you for your tireless efforts; you are the heart and soul of our school and it is a privilege to work with you. To the parents, thank-you for your ongoing support and for continuing to entrust us with your sons and daughters.

Sincerely,

Shawn Boulding
Principal

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff at Mount Doug, a huge thank you to RAMPAC and our Mount Doug parents & guardians for providing the wonderful staff barbeque luncheon on June 13th.

Special thanks to **Brandi Pleasants** and **Susan Watt** for their work in organizing the luncheon as well as all the parents who donated food and contributed their time cooking, setting up and cleaning up. It was appreciated by all the staff!

Congratulations Mount Doug Grads of 2013!



Year End Barbeque





Girls Basketball

FREE CAMP for Mount Doug girls' basketball players.

This summer there is an open-gym camp for girls in grades 9 - 12, who are attending Mount Doug in September, 2013. The camp will run from **August 26th to 30th**, from **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Entrance to the gym is from Laval Avenue. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Bring a water bottle!

If you are planning on attending, or want more information, please contact **Rick Griffin** at rgriffin@sd61.bc.ca

INDIVIDUAL FRANCE EXCHANGES

Ever thought about becoming fluent in French? Mount Doug has a unique program that has students from our sister school in Avignon doing exchanges with students here.

If you are interested in hosting a long term exchange student for one month in October or second semester next year or would like an opportunity to do an individual long term exchange to France to perfect your French and learn more about French culture, please contact **Ms. Kucher** at agkucher@sd61.bc.ca. Thanks!

YouthPass PHOTO SHOOT | ONE DAY ONLY!

Mount Douglas High School
Monday September 9th
11:20 - 12:50



The YouthPass is a photo bus pass for youth, aged 6 to 18 years, offering unlimited travel throughout the transit region. For added convenience to students and families, BC Transit will take YouthPass photos at your school for one day only.

For the school photo shoot, the student **must** bring:

- a cheque for \$315.00 made out to BC Transit
- **valid I.D.** that shows the student's date of birth
- a **completed application** form (attached to your September newsletter). The form must be **signed** by a parent or guardian.

YouthPasses will be distributed by the school office at the end of September.

This YouthPass is valid from Oct 1, 2013 - Jun 30, 2014
Visit www.bctransit.com for details about other YouthPass options.



Linking Communities, Businesses & Lifestyles



Greater Victoria School District and Camosun College present...

Program Start
Dates:
Sept 2013
and
Feb 2014

In this 5 month program you will participate in the following modules:

Carpentry
Plumbing
Electrical
Sheet Metal
Welding
Basic First Aid

And receive certification for:

WHIMIS
Fall Protection
Confined Space Entry

15 weeks
Monday-Friday
Classroom Instruction
Job Preparation and
Site Visits

4 weeks
Monday-Friday
Work Experience
Placements

TASK

TRADES AWARENESS SKILLS KNOWLEDGE

- CURIOUS ABOUT TRADES?
- WISH LEARNING WAS MORE HANDS ON?
- WANT TO BE EMPLOYABLE?
- HOW ABOUT CREDITS FOR GRADUATION?

TASK MIGHT JUST BE THE GROOVE FOR YOU!



You will get credits for:
Carpentry and Joinery 11
Core 11 A & Core 11B
PSIB 12 A & PSIB 12B
Work Experience 12A

To register talk with your school's Career Counselor or contact Career Programs at 250-592-6871.

Student Business Award



Mount Doug Business student **Tom Scinocca** was awarded a highly competitive and prestigious **Student Business Award** from John Tinker from the Keg Spirit Foundation.

Tom is one of six students across BC to be awarded a full scholarship to attend and represent BC in an International Youth Business Forum. Hosted by Junior Achievement of Canada, the Next Generation Leaders Forum is the premier business and leadership event for 150 of the highest potential youth from around the globe. Tom is the third student from the Mount Douglas Business Program to be awarded this honour in the past three years. This August, the Forum will take place at Saint Mary's University Sobey School of Business in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Tom participated in three Junior Achievement Programs within Mount Doug's Marketing and Entrepreneurship Program including the Student Venture of Mount Doug Wear, The Business Management Titan Project and the Investment Strategies Stock Market Project.

Youth Philanthropy Initiative

Congratulations to **Armel de la Fuente** and **Katy Chen**!

This team was awarded the Youth Philanthropy grant of \$5000 which was awarded to their chosen charity - the Mary Manning Centre for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Nine Planning classes participated in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (270 students). The teams researched a chosen charity, visited the site and presented their findings to their peers. YPI promotes a sense of responsibility, respect and a commitment to building compassionate communities. Once again, congratulations to ALL finalists and to all students involved in the YPI program. We look forward to further involvement with YPI and our local charities next year.



Armel de la Fuente, and Katy Chen

Encounters Canada – Experience Canada Program for Immigrant Youth

Five immigrant youth from Mount Douglas Secondary participated in the Experience Canada program in Ottawa this past May. **Dominique Vergara, Carolina P., Karen K., Daniel Lagos** and **Gheeve Kasraei** represented our school. This is a one-week program which brings immigrant youth from across Canada together to share experiences and learn more about Canada. If you or one of your parents was born outside of Canada, you are eligible for this program. Please contact **Mrs. Phillips** to learn more about this one-week experience in the spring of 2014.

Here are some quotes from the Encounters Canada Immigrant Youth Forum Ottawa Trip in May:

- Gheeve: "The best week of my life. No joking."
 Karen: "There is nothing bad I can say about it. It was outstanding."
 Carolina: "Extremely fun. Better than I thought it would be."
 Dominique: "Scary at first but by the end I thought it was amazing. It was hard to say bye."
 Daniel: "A great experience because I felt so accepted. I learned about Canada's peaceful nature."





Peer Tutoring

A big shout out to all 36 fabulous PEER TUTORS! Another great year of providing academic support to our Mount Doug community of learners.

You built your confidence and tutoring skills by helping others feel confident about their learning. You were patient and kind and empathetic.

You provide an essential and wonderful service for students!

Mrs. Phillips

Leadership Update

Another terrific year of leadership has come and gone which has seen some amazing events being run; money, food, school supplies and toys collected; school spirit boosted; and leaders born.



The **Spring Gala** on May 8 brought together a diversity of fine arts forms from visual art to live performance to demonstrating painters. **Cindy Ackland**, the school Art teacher, has shown many of the school's interesting pieces in the front show cases over the year.



On-going efforts by the Manager of **Rambucks** and rotating volunteers kept the school canteen open and available to sell food and drinks at lunch time every day. With the help of staff around the school, Rambucks endeavored to provide healthier options for the 2012/2013 school year while maintaining friendly and swift service.

On many weekends, Mount Doug leadership students could be found en masse at the **Mustard Seed**, lending their time to help those in need throughout the past ten months. The Minister of Local Community, **Brianna van Campen**, provided our students with interesting opportunities to help out around the city and with other schools. For example, Frank Hobbs was able to hold their **Evening of Dance** in part thanks to the efforts of Mount Doug leaders setting up tech equipment, supervising the children, and cleaning up afterwards. Students also helped out with the **Highland Games**, **The UVic Plant Sale**, **Operation Trackshoes** and other community events.

Mount Doug's **recycling program** continues to grow Green. Hallway compost collectors and recycling centers were being used by some students. Some leadership students also attended the Off-the-Grid festival this year, learning about environmental concerns, and enjoying live performances on a stage powered entirely by bike-generators.

This year the Free the Children group raised \$1684.75 between the very successful **30-hour famine**, **bake sales** and **penny drives**. This amount will be used to fund projects in Ecuador.

Over the last few weeks, despite students preparing for final exams and provincials, leadership students managed to pull more out of the bag. Highlights include the second part of **Fill the Foyer** - this time with a focus on school supplies and food for less privileged families in our community. The second annual Mount Douglas Ball held on June 5 was well attended by students who learned basic ballroom steps and danced the night away. The Year End Barbecue on Wednesday, June 26th celebrated the end of the year with burgers, ice cream, a Bouncy Castle and live entertainment. Thanks to **Sunwing Farms** and **Safeway** for their donations!

School elections were held on May 14. Next year's Prime Minister is **Tamiko Sianen** and the Deputy Prime Minister is **Ninu Forrest!** We look forward to another fabulous year of leadership led by the 2013/2014 council, great leadership students and the advisors.



Mount Doug Marketing Students Visit New York!

Mount Doug Marketing Students visit the Brass Bull (the symbol of Stock Market Prosperity) on Wall Street in New York City.

The Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Federal Reserve Bank Gold Vault, China Town, Brooklyn Bridge, Metropolitan Museum of Art, United Nations, Yankees Game, Bronx Zoo and Broadway Theatres are just some of the sites and activities during our week long business program field trip.

Youth for Change and Inclusion Camp

Students from all across Victoria and Saanich schools gathered for four days of speakers, games, activities and discussion this past May. Ten students represented Mount Doug at this powerful, thought and action provoking camp and returned with enthusiasm to share their skills and ideas with other members of the YCI club. Topics included racism, bullying, homophobia, digital aggression, the Holocaust and discrimination.

YCI's mission is to collaborate with community members, local agencies and schools in an effort to engage youth surrounding issues of social justice, responsible citizenship and leadership.

YCI meets Wednesday's at lunch throughout the school year. Our thanks to the Victoria Police Department, Coast Capital Savings and the Greater Victoria School District for your generous support and offering this fantastic opportunity for youth.



Athletics



SPORTS REVIEW 2012-2013



With the spring season of play just recently completed, another superb year in high school sports comes to an end at Mount Douglas Secondary. All of Mount Doug's talented student-athletes should reflect back on the 2012/2013 year of sport with great pride as The Rams had a very successful year in the gym, pool, on the field, track, trail, court, or rink with numerous City, Island, and BC Championship appearances.

The fact that **Rams Varsity Football** team won its second Varsity Football Championship was historical. With so many returning players for next year, it should make for an exciting season. As well, rugby made a tremendous return to Mount Douglas this past year, with the emergence of both junior and senior teams. The **Senior Rugby** team showed how athletes from one sport can transfer to another sport and have tremendous success. Congratulations to everyone on that team. Congratulations also go out to the **Rams Track and Field** team, which had their greatest number of participants in years and sent a record number of athletes to the BC Championships. A final review would not be complete without mentioning the **Senior Girls' Basketball** team who had a record number of season ending injuries, yet still made the Island Championships - a true example of perseverance paying off.



In addition, this year saw over 300 individual students resulting in over 500 registered participants on one of our 29 teams; it was one of our best years in terms of involvement. Apparently Mount Doug athletes have taken it to heart to be involved in Athletics at Mount Douglas. Of course, none of this could be possible without the tremendous efforts of our many staff and community coaches and our invaluable teacher sponsors.

To all Mount Doug students, please take the time to thank your coaches and sponsors; it takes so little effort, but it means so much to those people who give so much to you. Also, many thanks go out to all of our great Mount Doug parents. Be it driving, cheering, fund raising, healing or laundering, we could not do it without you.

To all our graduating grade 12 athletes, thank you so very much for all you have given to Mount Doug Athletics. It is a testament to your commitment and dedication that this was such a tremendous year. To the seven graduating athletes heading to post-secondary institutes with Athletic scholarships, we wish you all the best. For all graduating athletes, you have helped create a legacy of excellence and sportsmanship that will endure long after your high school exploits become a distant memory. Please try and find the time in the exciting years ahead to remember your roots and come back to Mount Doug and support the next herd of Rams. We look forward to seeing and hearing you cheer on the purple and gold for years to come. If you want to do more, please step up and join the long list of Mount Doug Alumni such as **Coach Townsend, Mrs. Wirtanen, Ms. Laphorne** or **Mr. Hazelton** to name a few, who have come back to coach at their alma mater.

To all returning Mount Doug athletes, on behalf of all of your coaches and sponsors, enjoy a well-deserved rest this summer but don't get lazy. While you are lounging on the beach, your competition next year may be out training. Have a fun and fit summer break. If you think this year was exciting, wait until the year ahead. With the athletic talent we have returning, combined with the exciting future stars joining us, the 2013/14 year in sport at Mount Douglas looks like it might be one of the most successful and exciting this school has ever seen. Let us enjoy the summer and come back dedicated to better Mount Douglas Athletics for next year.

Go Rams,

Mr. Meldrum
Athletic Director



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Daily Announcements!

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2013-14 School Calendar...

School Opens.....	Tues., Sept. 3	Provincial Exams/School Exams	Jan. 27 – Jan. 30
Grade 9 students register (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.).....	Tues., Sept. 3	Exam Conflicts, Subject Completion.....	Fri., Jan. 31
Grade 10, 11 & 12 students (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)	Tues., Sept. 3	First day of Semester 2 (semester 2 classes begin)	Mon., Feb. 3
Full day – all grades.....	Wed., Sept. 4	Report Cards.....	Thurs., Feb. 6
Grade 9 & New Student Information Evening (6:45 - 7:30 p.m.).....	Thurs., Sept. 5	Family Day Holiday.....	Mon., Feb. 10
Photo Day	Fri., Sept. 6	K-12 Student Transfer Process	Feb. 13 – 21
BC Transit Youth Pass Photos (11:22 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.).....	Mon., Sept. 9	Mini Course Fair & Grad Assembly – Center Block	Tues., Feb. 18
Leadership Retreat Camp Pringle (departs Monday 3:30 p.m.).....	Sept. 9 - 11	District Career Fair	Wed., Feb. 19
Leadership Activity (lunchtime)	Fri., Sept. 13	RAMPAC Meeting – Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Feb. 19
Party Program (Planning Classes).....	Thurs., Sept. 19	Math Contests	Thurs., Feb. 20
RAMPAC Meeting – Mount Doug Library (6:30 p.m.).....	Thurs., Sept. 19	Grad Lock-in 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.	Thurs., Feb. 20
Meet the Teacher Night (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.).....	Thurs., Sept. 19	Pro-D Day	Fri., Feb. 21
Pro-D Day	Mon., Sept. 23	Course Selection and Valedictorian Forms due.....	Wed., Feb. 26
Party Program (Planning Classes).....	Thurs., Sept. 26	Pink Shirt Day.....	Wed., Feb. 26
Friday Football – Royal Athletic Park (2:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.)	Fri., Sept. 27	Festival Music Concert – Mount Doug Gym (7:00 p.m.).....	Tues., Mar. 4
Strings Retreat – Camp Pringle	Oct. 2 – Oct 4	Strings Group Tour to middle schools.....	Thurs., Mar. 6
Friday Football – Royal Athletic Park (2:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.)	Fri., Oct. 4	Last Day Classes before Spring Break	Fri., Mar. 7
Grade 9 Immunizations	Wed., Oct. 9	School Re-Opens	Mon., Mar. 24
Canadian Universities Event (CUE) – Oak Bay School (9:00 a.m.).....	Wed., Oct. 9	Secondary Student – Late Transfer Process	March 24 – April 1
Interim Reports	Thurs., Oct. 10	Interim Reports.....	Wed., Mar. 26
Thanksgiving Day	Mon., Oct. 14	Pep Rally – Centre Block	Tues., Apr. 1
Photo Retakes (8:30 a.m.).....	Wed., Oct. 16	Parent-Teacher Interviews – Mount Doug gym (3:30 - 6:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Apr. 2
Parent-Teacher Interviews (2:30 - 7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Oct. 16	Spring Dance – Mount Doug gym (7:00 - 10:00 p.m.).....	Thurs., Apr. 3
RAMPAC Meeting – Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Oct. 16	Valedictorian Speeches in Gym – 10:00 a.m. (12s only)	Tues., Apr. 8
"We" Day student conference	Fri., Oct. 18	Euclid Contest	Tues., Apr. 15
Pro-D Day.....	Fri., Oct. 25	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., Apr. 16
YCI Motivational Conference – Mount Doug School	Fri., Oct. 25	Good Friday	Fri., Apr. 18
Post-Secondary Institutions BC Event (PSIBC) – 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Wed., Oct. 30	Easter Monday	Mon., Apr. 21
Halloween Dance (7:00 – 10:00 pm)	Wed., Oct. 30	Grade 9 Immunizations	Wed., Apr. 23
Pep Rally (Centre Block).....	Mon., Nov. 4	Report Cards.....	Wed., Apr. 23
Ivey Business School visit - lunch	Tues., Nov. 5	Musical Theatre Production (at Oak Bay High theatre).....	April 9 - 12
Western University visit - lunch	Thurs., Nov. 7	Fine Arts Festival (7:00 - 10:00 p.m.).....	Thurs., May 1
Fall Music Concert – Mount Doug Gym (7:00 p.m.)	Thurs., Nov. 7	Student & Grad Council Elections Period 3	Tues., May 6
Remembrance Day Assembly.....	Fri., Nov. 8	Spring Concert – Alix Goolden Hall (7:00 p.m.).....	Tues., May 13
Remembrance Day.....	Mon., Nov. 11	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., May 14
Pro-D Day (School).....	Tues., Nov. 12	District Orientation/Transition Day (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.) Gym.....	Thurs., May 15
Talent Show – Mount Doug Gym (7:00 – 10:00 p.m.)	Wed., Nov. 13	Party Program (Planning Classes).....	Thurs., May 15
Report Cards.....	Thurs., Nov. 14	Pro-D Day.....	Fri., May 16
RAMPAC Meeting – Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Nov. 20	Victoria Day	Mon., May 19
Scholarship Information – Mount Doug Library (6:30 p.m.).....	Thurs., Nov. 21	Party Program (Planning Classes).....	Thurs., May 22
Grad Event – Mount Doug Gym (7:30 – 9:30 p.m.)	Thurs., Nov. 21	Party Program (Planning Classes).....	Tues., May 27
Pro-D Day.....	Fri., Nov. 22	Grad Rehearsal – a.m. (tentative date)	Wed., May 27
District Strings Festival – Mount Doug gym (7:00 pm)	Wed., Nov. 27	Grad Recognition Ceremony UVIC (tentative date)	Wed., May 27
Grad Photos.....	Dec. 9 – Dec. 18	Strings Orchestra Finale at UVIC (7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)	Thurs., May 29
Grade 9 Immunizations.....	Wed., Dec. 11	Grad Banquet.....	TBA
Grad Winter Formal.....	Thurs., Dec. 12	Strings "Bach to the Beach" – Willows Beach (4:00 – 5:15 p.m.).....	Thurs., June 5
MD hosting Senior Girls' Basketball Tournament.....	Dec. 13 – Dec. 14	ANED Graduation Ceremony.....	Thurs., June 5
Senior Girls' Basketball team to Hawaii	Dec. 15 – Dec. 24	Jazz and Java – Mount Doug Music – Lambrick Park Church	TBA
Night of Holiday Music – Mount Doug Gym (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Dec. 18	Yearbook Distribution (altered schedule)	Fri., June 13
Santa's Breakfast	Fri., Dec. 20	Altered Schedule Period 1 morning; Period 3 afternoon.....	Mon., June 16
Last day of school before Winter Break	Fri., Dec. 20	Altered Schedule Period 2 morning; Period 4 afternoon.....	Tues., June 17
School Re-Opens	Mon., Jan. 6	RAMPAC Meeting - Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.)	Wed., June 18
Challenge Program Information Night – Mount Doug Gym (7:00 pm)	Thurs., Jan. 9	Provincial/School Exams	June 18 – June 20
RAMPAC AGM – Mount Doug Library (7:00 p.m.).....	Wed., Jan. 15	Exam Conflicts	Mon., June 23
Mount Doug Information Evening for new students (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.).....	Mon., Jan. 20	School Awards Ceremony – Mount Doug gym (1:00 p.m.)	Tues., June 24
Altered Schedule – Period 1 morning/Period 3 afternoon.....	Thurs., Jan. 23	School BBO	Wed., June 25
Altered Schedule – Period 2 morning/Period 4 afternoon.....	Fri., Jan. 24	Last Day of School/Report Cards.....	Thurs., June 26
Grad Photo Retakes.....	Jan. 27-28	Year-end Administrative Day	Fri., June 27

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.