

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2023



Imagine High is situated on the ancestral and unceded, shared territory of the Ts'elxwéyeqw, Semath and Pilalt Tribes. We are honoured to live, learn, work and play on this land.

MUSIC THAT RESTORES - “LISTEN TO THE STREAM/XWELELAM TE STÓTELŌ”

On November 17, students from Imagine were the opening act for the BC Schools Superintendents Association annual meeting. Over a 20-minute presentation, our students shared three songs, a barrage of photo images, and a range of student voices sharing the work of environmental restoration they have been doing in local habitats.

The Stream Restoration project was a year-long undertaking engaged in by grade 10 students in Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Zeng's class last year. Throughout the year, students partnered with a variety of organizations as they worked to restore local habitats. As students learned about biodiversity, invasive species, and healthy ecosystems, they got to put that knowledge into practice by actually visiting wilderness spaces where they were able to remove invasive species, and re-plant indigenous species.

Reflecting on these experiences, students worked with the Good Medicine Songs group to create lyrics for a bilingual song (Halq'eméylem and English) about their work with local streams. These lyrics were then shared with the Imagine High Rock Band class, who added their own rock-band-flare to create the song “Listen to the Stream.”

It was a collection of these students: choir members from the Stream Restoration program, and band members from Rock Band, who visited Vancouver on November 17 to share their experience. Our students performed with poise, and shared articulately before the 600-700 attendees of the conference. It was an inspiring and celebratory day that received an enthusiastic standing ovation.



IMPORTANT GRADE 12 INFORMATION

[District Scholarship Applications are now available.](#) Please check your Teams under files on your Imagine High Graduation Team Account!!! Save a copy to your computer, naming it your lastname_firstname_Internal.

Complete the Financial Awards application form. The application is a fillable Word document. Please complete the application on your computer using Word. Using other computer applications will result in different formatting. Handwritten applications are difficult for our donors to read. If you must do it by hand, please do not use a pencil. Any questions please see Mrs. Hari

Seeking Students for Nomination Awards:

For those Grade 12 Students who are interested in applying for the following scholarships. Please see Mrs. Keri-Lyn Hari for information on how to seek school nomination.

Schulich Leaders– Nomination Deadline December 09, 2023

Schulich Leader Scholarships are Canada's most coveted undergraduate STEM scholarships. One hundred are awarded to entrepreneurial-minded high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program at 20 partner universities across Canada. Half are valued at \$120,000 for engineering scholarships and half are valued at \$100,000* for science and math scholarships. Every high school in Canada can nominate one graduating student each year to apply for the scholarship. If you want this to be you, please see Mrs. Hari to pick up a nomination form.



CAREER ADVISOR
KERI-LYN HARI

KEEPING IN TOUCH

- For key family information (Calendar, School Information, No Bell Schedule, Etc), please visit our website imagine.sd33.bc.ca Follow Imagine on facebook, twitter, youtube, and instagram [@imaginesd33](https://www.instagram.com/imaginesd33)
- Email iss-alloffice@sd33.bc.ca for any information you need

IMAGINE PAC

- If you are interested in being part of the **Parent Advisory Council** at Imagine High, please email: iss-pac@sd33.bc.ca
- PAC meetings and information: <https://imagine.sd33.bc.ca/imagin e-pac>



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CAREERS UPDATE

The world is changing, and so is the way we find and share information. Lately, On November 7th, 2023, Education Planner BC, with Langley and Chilliwack school district, offered a **Parents as Education and Career Coaches** presentation. For those unable to attend, here is the link to the online seminar recording: [PECC SD 35 Langley and SD 33 Chilliwack, Nov 7 2023.mp4](#) Please note the link will expire on December 31, 2023.

You may also wish to visit their Parents page:

<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/go/plan/parents> and Resources page:

<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/go/resources> for additional links and the downloadable Pre-Application Checklist.

On December 4th at 11:30-12:30 in the Atrium, we have a student recruiter from The University of the Fraser Valley coming to chat with students about programs and pathways offered at UFV. Students are encouraged to stop by and say Hi!

BC Excellence- Nomination Deadline December 15, 2023,

The BC excellence Scholarships is a \$5000 scholarship awarded to high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career or area of post-secondary study. Students must be nominated by their school to qualify for this scholarship, and each school may nominate only one. To pick up a nomination form stop by the Career Centre room Today!



INCLUSIVE DESIGN TEAM AT IMAGINE

As we move towards December, the Inclusive Design Team has been busy collaborating with teachers to create classroom support plans and reporting on IEP goals for report cards. Moving forward, we continue to gather evidence and support our wonderful students. We have also completed a connectedness survey with the goal of improving the communication and connections between staff and students.



SONJA WYKPIS - LA/ELL
JENNIFER ANGLEHART - RT
ROBYN PAGE - LA/RT
SCOTT HEWITSON - LA/RT
KIANA OLAFSON - TEACHER COUNSELLOR

LOOKING AHEAD



December 11 - 22 - Deep Dives

December 12 & 13 - Film Festival

December 18 & 19 - GRAD photos

December 25 - 7 - Winter Break

January 19- I Reports Home

January 26 - NON-I DAY - Assessment & Evaluation

January 29 - Q3 begins

Visit our website for more regularly updated calendar: [imagine.sd33.bc.ca](https://www.imagine.sd33.bc.ca)



ATHLETICS AT IMAGINE

Basketball – basketball is under way at Imagine for both the boys and girls teams. If you were interested in playing, please see Ms. Low or Mr. Slykhuis for more details on how to get involved. Teams will be finalized by the end of this week. Girls practice on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 3:20 – 5:00pm, and Tuesday morning is a shooting practice at 7:45am. The boys practice Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:15 – 4:45pm.

Scorekeeping – interested in getting some volunteer hours? Like sports? Why not be a scorekeeper for basketball! Games begin in January. Anyone interested should speak to Ms. Low.

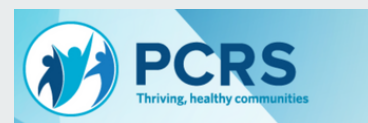
Uniform Returns – all members of the boys and girls volleyball teams need to return their uniforms to Ms. Low or Ms. Verstraete asap!



The BCSS Aquatics Provincial Championships were held in Nanaimo.

Niall Johnson qualified for the competition in 4 events. Niall made the A finals in all four events, and finished 8th in the 100m backstroke, 4th in the 200m IM, 1st in the 50m free, and 1st in the 100m free. He also set a new meet record in the 100m free! Way to go Niall!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT: PACIFIC COMMUNITY RESOURCES SOCIETY (PCRS)



Pacific Community Resources Society (PCRS) works alongside the Chilliwack School District to support students with substance use concerns. This organization helps students in preventing, managing, or reducing the harm associated with their substance concerns. PCRS offers one-on-one youth substance use counselling to students who wish to change their relationship with substances. At Imagine High, our students have the opportunity to be referred to and work with Amy, a Youth Substance Use Counsellor with PCRS. If your child is seeking counselling for substance use, please have them reach out to Ms. Olafson to discuss a possible referral to PCRS.



LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS UPDATE

Not sure how to access our lending service? Watch this instructional video for [Destiny Discover](#). Happy reading everyone!

