

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 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.

UPCOMING CAREER CENTRE EVENTS

The Imagine Career Center is open this year! As students transition to the senior grades and beyond, staying up to date is important! **Please follow us on Instagram @imagine_careercentre** to stay informed about financial award opportunities as well as volunteer placements and enrichment opportunities.

Parents as Education and Career Coaches Workshop- November 7th @ 6:30- 8:00pm via MS Teams

Join our virtual Parents as Education & Career Coaches (PECC) Workshop to learn how you can help support your students in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12. Sessions are engaging and informative, and include a website tour followed by a Q&A. <u>Link to Register</u>

Career Education Fair- AgRec Center (Abbotsford Exhibition Park) November 23, 2023 @9:00am – 2:00pm

The annual Abbotsford Education & Career Fair (ECF) mission is to support the career pursuits of B.C. residents "starting from square one". This includes secondary students planning for higher education; young adults looking to transfer their work experience & skills to a different industry; and new immigrants seeking employment and further training to settle in Canada. If interested in attending, please <u>register</u>



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

Look out for seminars coming soon on how to apply to the district scholarship program. Please note the Internal scholarship deadline date is February 08, 2024, by noon and the External Scholarship deadline date is February 22, 2024, by noon!

Nomination Awards– For those Grade 12 Students who are interested in applying for the following scholarships. Please see the Career Centre room 212 for information on how to seek school nomination.

Cmolik Foundation—Nomination Deadline November 29, 2023

Are you a student graduating from BC high school? Have you demonstrated a strong work ethic and tenacity in overcoming adversity and in achieving your goals? If so, we would love to hear from you! Every year, Cmolik Foundation awards up to 20 scholarships each with a maximum value of \$40,000, paid over five years, to deserving students. If you want to be selected as this year's nominee, see Career Centre for more information.

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 come to room 212 to pick up a nomination form.

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 212 Today!

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
- Email issalloffice@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: isspac@sd33.bc.ca
- PAC meetings and information: https://imagine.sd33. bc.ca/imagin e-pac



NEXT GENERATION RESEARCH

The world is changing, and so is the way we find and share information. Lately, we've had a boom in the podcast and audiobook markets, as more people are choosing listening as their preferred way to take in stories and information.

At Imagine, we want students to be prepared for the future they will meet when the walk outside our doors. So, when Susan MacIntosh and Sandy Robertson planned their World History and English First Peoples' research projects this term, they decided to have students create podcasts to show their learning.

Why Podcasting?

Podcasts are engaging and fun. They take information, and blend in music, drama and conversation. At the end, students create something so much more exciting than a collection of text that only a teacher will ever read. Instead, they craft a performative piece that is designed to engage and inform real people.

Podcasts are also a great way to master content. Students need to understand their topic well enough to sound like they know what they're talking about. Additionally, by the time they reach their final recording, many groups have read through and rehearsed their talk dozens of times.

Now, what about the traditional essay writing and research skills that students need for university? Not to worry. These students still perform research. They still organize their thoughts and write drafts. The difference, is that through the use of technology and creativity, these students are taking their research to a whole new level. They engage with their content critically by mediating a conversation about it, and they master the information by moulding it into a form that is engaging and informative for the general population.

The world is changing, and our students are developing the skills they need to navigate it confidently.













November 1 - Catch-up Literacy 10 Provincial assessments @ 9

November 2 - Lockdown Drill

November 3 - Last Day of Q1

November 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10 - No school

November 13 - No School

November 14 - PAC Meeting @ 7AM

November 17 - Report Cards Posted to MyEd

November 20-21 - VTRA Training

November 24 - Assessment & Evaluation Day (No School)

November 30 - Fire Drill

Visit our website for more regularly updated calendar:

imagine.sd33.bc.ca



INCLUSION AT IMAGINE

COMPETENCY BASED INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS

We are full swing into IEP season, which means our Inclusive Design Team is hard at work planning and holding meetings with students and families. This time of year is especially busy for teachers and staff, as we balance collaboration with individual students and supporting our normal classes. We have had some excellent meetings so far, and love to see students advocating for themselves while they grow and meet their personal goals. While this season is chaotic, we cannot wait to support and observe the growth of our students this school year!

The Inclusion and Competency-Based Individual Education Plan (I & CB IEP) was created tin our province to address concerns educators and families had with the previous IEP framework. Educators and families wanted an IEP that:

- Was not medically based and aligned with a segregated model of education
- Would build on a student's strengths rather than their deficits
- Would promote inclusion and align with the redesigned B.C. Curriculum
- Was readable and useable
- Was based on both qualitative and quantitative data
- Student's IEP objectives related to what was being taught in the classroom
- Students would work on the same content as their classmates to keep them connected to their classroom community

SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely) wwere created to provide quantitative data to measure a student's progress toward IEP goals. A qualitative reframing of SMART goals (Strength-based, Meaningful, Authentic, Responsive, Triangulated) was developed as a way of evaluating progress. Learn more about this approach to SMART goals in Shelley Moore's <u>See Ya Later Smart Goals</u> on YouTube. For more in-depth information, <u>visit Shelley Moore's website</u>.

Link to BC Curriculum Page on Core Competencies: <u>https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies</u>



IMAGINE INCLUSIVE DESIGN TEAM: SONJA WYKPIS - LA/ELL JENNIFER ANGLEHART - RT ROBYN PAGE - LA/RT KIANA OLAFSON - TEACHER COUNSELLOR

ATHLETICS THIS FALL

Swimming:

Congratulations to our two swimmers, Annalia Alton and Niall Johnson who competed at the EVAA aquatic meet this past Sunday, October 22nd. This was Annalia's first meet and she shaved 17 seconds off her best time in the 50m free. Niall won all of his races and will be representing Imagine at the Provincial Championships in Nanaimo on November 17-18.

Volleyball:

The girls volleyball team have 3 games remaining this season:

- Monday, October 23rd at CSS versus GWG 6pm
- Wednesday, October 25th at Abby Sr versus Aldergrove 6pm
- Wednesday, November 1st at IMAGINE versus Abby Traditional 6pm

The boys volleyball team has 2 games remaining this season:

- Thursday, November 2nd at IMAGINE versus Sardis 7:30pm
- Thursday, November 9th at Sardis versus Highroad 6pm

Cross-Country:

The cross-country EVAA zone championship is taking place at the Aldergrove Bowl on Wednesday, October 25thduring the day. Race start times:

- Grade 8 boys and girls 12:00pm
- Junior girls 12:35pm
- Junior boys 1:10pm
- Senior boys and girls 1:45pm

Basketball:

We will be starting basketball try-outs in the next couple of weeks. Please listen to announcements for further details.

- GIRLS: the first try-out for the girls team will be on Thursday, November 2nd from 3:15 4:45pm. Coach = Mr. Slykhuis
- BOYS: The first try-out for the boys team will be on Tuesday, November 7th from 3:15 4:45pm. Coach = Ms. Low

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR KRISTEN LOW

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY - BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

It is that time of year where Imagine High is recruiting students in grades 10, 11, and 12 to be teen mentors for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley program. Teen mentors get matched with a student in a nearby elementary or middle school and meet with them for one hour each week (during the school day) throughout the school year. The teen mentor would spend time on school grounds (at either AD Rundle Middle or Robertson Elementary) doing fun activities like sports, games, and crafts with their little buddy. If your Imagine High student is interested in learning leadership skills and gaining volunteer experience by supporting a child in our community, please encourage them to apply for this program. To apply, you can either send an email to <u>kiana_olafson@sd33.bc.ca</u> or have your child see Ms. Olafson in person for an application package.



TEACHER COUNSELLOR KIANA OLAFSON

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS UPDATE

The Library Learning Commons is very excited to host the Popcorn and Pages after-school book club on Thursdays from 3:15 - 3:45. We look forward to getting together with other book lovers!

The library collection has been growing this term! We've added lots of Literature Circle titles from great authors. Browse through the <u>Follett Destiny catalogue</u> to view our titles.

Happy reading everyone!

TEACHER LIBRARIAN SUSAN MACINTOSH



IMAGINE SWIMMERS REPRESENTING US WELL!

WORK EXPERIENCE AT IMAGINE

Lots of opportunities for volunteering, great for building up your resume and to experience what is offered in our community.

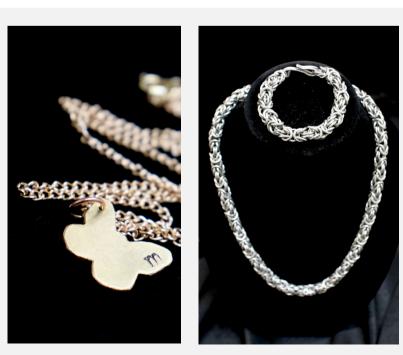
- Big sister/Big brothers
- Chiefs' games until March 2024
- Chilliwack Community Arts Council- Christmas Craft Market
- Chilliwack Minor Hockey Association
- Many more volunteer opportunities coming up soon!

We are having another Hospital Observation Day on Nov. 27th, there are only a few seats available for this day. It will be on a first come basis, for students that want to pursue any type of career in the medical field.

"BIG NEWS" Anyone interested in becoming a firefighter? Applications are ready to go for the Junior wildfire camp in March, during spring break. See Mrs. Campanelli for the application, deadline to get them in is Dec. 22, 2023. If interested in any of the opportunities or have any questions, please see Mrs. Campanelli in the Career department or email her at <u>willow_campanelli@sd33.bc.ca</u>

Stay tuned for more up and coming events!







BEAUTIFUL CRAFTSMANSHIP IN QUARTER ONE ART METAL JEWELLERY - IMPRESSIVE WORK!