

This newsletter is produced from the Career Education Department at ACSS and will be shared weekly for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions or suggestions for future additions, please let us know – thanks!



## Grad Week – June 22-26, 2020

WHEN YOU FEEL  
LIKE QUITTING,

*Remember  
Why You  
Started*

For information or opportunities, please visit the Career Education website at [careered.sd35.bc.ca](http://careered.sd35.bc.ca)

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Did you know that we also have our own social media accounts for ACSS?

Please follow us at @acsscareducation



### Success Stories:

Can you think of a specific career-related activity, course, field trip, presentation, etc. that has inspired you to do something about it or maybe helped you make a decision about your future?

For example, listening to a motivational speaker in one of the assemblies at ACSS may cause you to think 'I could do that' or 'I wonder how I could do that' or maybe 'I'm not interested in ever doing that'. We're looking for current or former students that might be willing to share a success

story in order to help other students on their career journeys. These stories would most-likely be in the form of a short video that would be shared on social media.

If you're interested in helping with this creative project, or if you'd like to learn more, please contact Mrs. Smith at [mismith@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:mismith@sd35.bc.ca).



## Want to share your story?

### YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES:

The Langley School District offers a wide variety of Youth TRAIN in Trades programs which run out of Langley Secondary Schools as well as Post-Secondary Institutions within the Langley borders. Students apply in grades 10, 11 and 12 and once accepted, will participate in one of the Youth TRAIN in Trades programs to receive elective credits towards graduation, post-secondary credits, and Industry Training Authority (ITA) technical trades apprenticeship training at the same time. Here are the programs that are currently offered:

- Auto Service Technician (at ACSS from Feb – Jul)
- Carpentry (at ACSS from Feb - Jul)
- Electrical (at DW Poppy from Feb – Jul)
- Hairstylist (at ACSS from Feb - Jan)
- Horticulture (at KPU Langley from Feb - Jul)
- Piping/Plumbing (at LSS from Feb – Jan)
- Professional Cook 1 (at WGSS from Sep – Jun)



Spaces may still be available in some programs. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Smith at [mismith@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:mismith@sd35.bc.ca) to inquire or to start the application process.



## Youth WORK in Trades



**Already working part-time/full-time in the trades?**  
You could be a **'hidden'** apprentice and qualify to be in the Youth WORK Program.  
Check out the details below.

### What you need to know about the program:



#### What is Youth Work?

- Work-based **apprenticeship** training program
- "earn while you learn" opportunity
- On-the-job work experience in an apprenticeable trade
- Individualized program**
- Flexible (not on the timetable)**
- Student sourced employment

#### What do I need?

- Open to eligible students 15 years+
- Paid employment with WorkSafe
- Recognized skilled trade by (ITA) Industry Training Authority
- To be supervised by Certified Tradesperson (Red Seal Journeyperson)

#### How do I benefit?

- Gain a competitive advantage with the technical skills
- Develop professional skills
- Choose the lifestyle you want
- Earn 16 high-school credits
- Earn a \$1,000 award



#### Questions?

See your school's Career Advisor or Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator

#### What's a Trade?

Check out the ITA website for qualifying trades:  
[www.itabc.ca/youth](http://www.itabc.ca/youth)

#### WORK \$1,000 Award Criteria

1. Register with ITA as Youth Apprentice
2. Finish all 4 Work courses successfully
3. Graduate from high school
4. C+ average in Grade 12 numbered courses
5. Work 900 total hours by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year you turn 19

*\*\*the 900 total hours included the 480 hours earned for the WORK courses\*\**

## WAVE (Work And Volunteer Experience):



There is still time to consider adding this course to your timetable for next year! Spaces are limited, and if the class at ACSS is full, students can still take advantage of this great opportunity by registering through the Langley Education Centre.

It's just one step closer to start earning credits toward graduation for working or volunteering!

Please contact your Counsellor (Mr. Silzer or Mr. Orchard) or Career Advisor (Mrs. Smith) if you have any questions regarding WAVE or if you might like to add this to your timetable

## LANGLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT EVENTS OR OPPORTUNITIES:

The SD35 website has an excellent resource for students, parents and staff to use to explore some of the many opportunities. Visit [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca) any time for information about opportunities in our district, such as:

### Langley School District Scholarship Database

Please visit <https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/scholarship-information/scholarships-awards/> for updated information and please feel free to stop by the Counselling Centre for additional help or advice.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS, INFORMATION OR OPPORTUNITIES:



Skills Canada BC continues to provide excellent online resources and opportunities for students and teachers. Skills Canada BC offers a unique opportunity for young people across the Province to showcase their mastery of trade & technology related skills at our annual Skills Competitions...to learn more, please visit <http://skillscanada.bc.ca/>



Education Planner BC hosted an Information Session yesterday and shared a lot of information that I'd like to share with you:

*EducationPlannerBC is a centralized online resource that helps students explore post-secondary information and apply to public post-secondary institutions in B.C. We are funded by the B.C Ministry of Education and our organization is committed to supporting anyone considering post-secondary education in B.C.*

*Our website is divided into 4 sections:*

1. **Plan** – find resources on planning for post-secondary education in BC, including financial aid/budgeting tips as well as how to prepare for admission
2. **Search** – offers a large database with program information from all public post-secondary institutions in BC, including admission requirements, delivery methods, tuition estimates, and more
3. **Apply** – where learners can create a personalized account and apply to one or more public post-secondary institutions in BC
4. **Help** – find answers to frequently asked questions; contact information for all public institutions; Contact Us form to communicate with EducationPlannerBC directly

### **Scholarships**

- A reminder that around \$5 million go unclaimed every year in scholarship money because students did not apply to them
- Find some major scholarship and bursary opportunities on [our website](#) and we always share opportunities on our social media channels throughout the year
- Summer is a great time to prepare and plan for scholarship applications as many will require some sort of supplemental information (e.g. volunteer experience, essays, references)
- Reach out to high school counsellors and the institution of your student's choice for more funding opportunities

### **Program and Application Planning**

- If your student is graduating from grade 12 and haven't applied for a program to start in the Fall, don't worry, there are institutions that are still accepting applications. In fact, many institutions have rolling applications, meaning they are open all year-around. Use our [Search Database](#) to explore programs.
- Summer is a good time to upgrade high school grades. Some institutions are still accepting applications for upgrading of high school courses, so if your student is looking to achieve a higher mark in a high school subject, they may want to reach out to institutions to discuss their options for upgrading.
- If your student is taking some time off and is applying for the following year (2021), summer is a great time to start putting an application together. Our [website](#) can help your student understand the admission requirements and deadlines.

### **Learning/Delivery Methods for Fall 2020**

- Most of the institutions in BC have already announced their plans for the Fall 2020 term and will be assessing their plans for the Winter & Summer 2021 terms in the months to come.
- Our [COVID-19 FAQ](#) page contains direct links to the responses from the 25 BC public institutions and these are updated on a regular basis, so please check them out and encourage your student to follow the updates for the institution they are interested in.
- Most, if not all institutions will temporarily deliver their courses online or through a blended/hybrid learning format, but it all depends on the institution, program and course. We've added a Learning Methods filter in our [Undergraduate Search Database](#) to help you determine how programs will be delivered. We've added a [video tutorial](#) on how to utilize this new filter on YouTube.
- Remember that institutions are equipped to offer online learning and have been for a long time. They are committed to ensuring students will receive a smooth and successful transition into the new learning environments.

**Parent E-Newsletter** - [Subscribe](#) to stay connected on updates from post-secondary institutions as well as upcoming events hosted by EducationPlannerBC

EducationPlannerBC [Website Tutorial on YouTube](#) - detailed videos on how to navigate and utilize the EducationPlannerBC website

Other resources to check out:

1. [EducationPlannerBC Parents Page](#)
2. [StudentAidBC](#)
3. [UpgradeBC](#)
4. [WorkBC CareerTrek](#)
5. [BCTransferGuide](#)



### **Computing Science Diploma with Game Development**

Douglas College's new [Diploma in Computing Science](#) allows students to transfer to university or to begin working in the industry upon graduation. Students can choose the Game Development stream or complete the general Computing Science diploma. Admission requirements are the [General College Requirements](#) and Precalculus 12 with a B.