FOR ALL ACADEMIES: As per Board policy, no student will be excluded from an educational program due to financial need. If paying for an academy is a hardship, parents are asked to contact your student’s Vice Principal for support with the academy fees.

INTRODUCTION TO FIREFIGHTING – FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY 11 (Application Required)
This course satisfies the "Elective" grad requirement
Do you want to be a Fire Fighter? Students who can make a firm commitment to an exciting and unique program are encouraged to join the Mount Boucherie Secondary/West Kelowna Fire Rescue (WKFR) Junior Firefighing Academy. The Introduction to Firefighing course is derived from components of the Justice Institute of British Columbia’s Exterior Fire Fighter Operations certification and supplementary units from our text: IFSTA: Essentials of Firefighing. Students will learn both in class theory as well as hands-on skills, during mandatory Thursday evening practices at WKFR Station #34. Students will get a head start learning the required knowledge, communication skills, work-ethic, teamwork skills, and attitude necessary to further pursue additional Fire Training at various NFPA recognized training programs throughout Canada and the US, or even to enter an exciting career in any of the other emergency services. Students will have opportunities to become involved in the community, build confidence, increase inter-personal skills, and make connections with the community during participation in WKFR initiatives such as public education at schools, fundraising, and fire prevention week campaigns. An entrance interview, physical fitness test, and a commitment to completing the course are required for acceptance. Exceptional effort and completion of the course have led some students directly into the adult Paid On-Call (POC) recruit classes and employment as POC fire fighters with WKFR after high school graduation. The program is an amalgamation of Intro to Firefighing 11 and Work Experience 12A and is open to students in grade 11 or 12. Through this course, students will receive certification in Emergency First Aid with AED and CPR training, B.C. Wildfire Service Forest Fire Suppression Fundamentals and Safety, Fire Behavior, and will participate in Live Fire training at North Okanagan Fire Training Centre.

Application Form: http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsCourses/CourseSelection/Documents/Fire%20Academy%20Application-Corrected.pdf
Contact: Mr. David Marks at david.marks@sd23.bc.ca
Deadline for application: March 2, 2021
Program Cost: $300. Once a student has been accepted, all academy fees are to be paid online. Program fee includes Fire Academy shorts and t-shirt.

ADVANCED FIREFIGHTING – FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY 12 (Application Required)
PREREQUISITE: Introduction to Firefighing
This course satisfies the "Elective" grad requirement
Students who have taken the Introduction to Firefighing Course are encouraged to continue to develop and enhance their knowledge and skills by continuing on with the Mount Boucherie Secondary/West Kelowna Fire Rescue Junior Firefighing Academy. Students who enroll in this Advanced Firefighing Course will be called upon to provide leadership and model the commitment needed for students entering the program for their first time. The Advanced Firefighing course is derived from components of the Justice Institute of British Columbia’s Interior Fire Fighter Operations certification and supplementary units from our text: IFSTA: Essentials of Firefighing. There will be continued practice and exposure to topics previously learned, as well as exposure to more advanced topics such as On-Scene Communications, Hazards Related to Building Construction, and Maintenance and Use of Rescue Tools and Equipment, Vehicle Extrication, Technical Rescue Incidents, Fire Origin and Cause Determination, Fire Protection Systems. In Advanced Firefighing, students will also learn about Fire Identification, and Understanding and Mitigation of Hazardous Materials Incidents. Students will be involved with mandatory Thursday evening practices at WKFR Station #34 and will have opportunities to increase their involvement in the community through public education and WKFR initiatives. In addition to the above components of the program, students will be exposed to creating and building resumes and interview skills for future employment opportunities. No entrance interview or physical fitness test is required for acceptance, as prior involvement and achievement in the program serve this purpose. The program is an amalgamation of Advanced Firefighing 12 and Work Experience 12B and is open to students in grade 12. Students who successfully complete their second year in the program will be given a chance to interview for the position of a Paid-On-Call Firefighter with West Kelowna Fire Rescue.

Application Form: http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsCourses/CourseSelection/Documents/Fire%20Academy%20Application-Corrected.pdf
Contact: Mr. David Marks at david.marks@sd23.bc.ca
Deadline for application: March 2, 2021
Program Cost: $300. Once a student has been accepted, all academy fees are to be paid online. Live Fire training at North Okanagan Fire Training Centre, as well as technical rescue training, are included in the course fees.
MBS HAIRDRESSING ACADEMY (Application Required)
This course satisfies the "Elective" grad requirement

The Mount Boucherie Secondary School Hairdressing Academy is an ITA YOUTH Trades program and designed for grades 11 and 12 students who have chosen hairdressing as their primary career choice. Our program is composed of credit for at least level one technical training (in-class) component of your Industry training program and because it is a 'dual credit' program, students also receive secondary school graduation credits along with Work Experience 12A, giving our students 36 high school credits and 1290 Industry Training Hairdressing hours. This is a Red Seal Industry Standards Hairdressing Program, and, therefore, students must achieve a minimum of 70% in all course work, including all theory and practical/lab assignments, client work, and Work Experience placements.

Contact: MBSS Career Centre at 250-870-5101 ext. 7731
Deadline for application: March 2, 2021
Program Cost: Professional equipment fee $850. (NOTE: Equipment that is purchased is kept by the student.) Once a student has been accepted, all academy fees are to be paid online. A $200.00 deposit must be given at the time of registration.

*YOUTH Train in Trades (TRN) program is an Industry Training Authority (ITA) youth initiative that provides support to School Districts to provide industry training opportunities for youth. TRN is the technical training component of a trade apprenticeship for high school students. Successful completion of a TRN program will give credit for at least level one technical training (in-class) component of your Industry training program and because it is a ‘dual credit’ program, students also receive secondary school graduation credits.