

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx>



Principal – Heather Murphy, Vice-Principals – David Jones, Sharon McKay and Joel Nelson

Our school goal is to develop a culture of connectedness and belonging within the school, among school staff, students, and our parent community, in order to enhance opportunities for collaborative partnerships.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 8

Bottle Drive (proceeds to the Terry Fox Foundation) 10AM – 2PM - Best parking lot

Monday, September 9

Grade 9/10 Assembly 12:30 PM

PAC General Meeting 7:00PM – School Library

Thursday, September 12

Meet the Teacher Night 7PM – Gym

Sunday, September 15

Family Photo Fundraiser –Rocky Point Park, Port Moody (see attached PDF for more information)

Thursday, September 19

Photo Re-takes 8:30AM-10:30AM

Senior Sail – Grade 12's only – Vancouver Harbour

Friday, September 20

District Pro-D Day (students do not attend school)

SOCIAL JUSTICE 12

Thanks to an initiative from Ms Leslie's Social Justice 12 last year, the City of Coquitlam will be starting a pilot project of free menstrual product dispensers in multiple public facilities throughout the city. Students engaged in a letter writing campaign to City Councillors which was followed up by a presentation at City Hall. We are beyond proud of our students who graduated last year as well as Ellen Mee and Dajeong Kim who are currently in Grade 12. Ellen and Dajeong were both interviewed for Global news and you can view them on this link: <https://globalnews.ca/video/5863447/free-menstrual-products-now-available-in-b-c-public-schools/> More information about the pilot project can be found at the Tri-city news: <https://www.tricitynews.com/news/dr-charles-best-students-campaign-prompts-action-in-coquitlam-1.23935791>

PARENT E-FORMS ARE NOW ACTIVE ON OUR WEBSITE

Please find our E-FORMS on the school website [http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx#/=) under Quick Links via KEV online.

School Policy Form - This form covers School Code of Conduct, Digital Responsibility, Textbooks, Walking Field Trips, Release of Photos, Social Media Consent, etc. **This form must be completed for each student, each school year.**

Medical Alert – Complete this fillable form **ONLY** if your child suffers from a medical condition the school must be aware of. If you complete this form online, you will have to print it out and deliver it to the school office. This form needs to be completed annually.

Volunteer Application (Optional) - Please submit if you think you may be volunteering at our school (e.g. in class or events). This form is required **once at each school level** for all parent volunteers. If you are wishing to volunteer at the school **you will also require a Criminal Record Check** from the RCMP or city police. Once completed the CRC is good for five years. A letter to waive the fee can be picked up at the school office.

Volunteer Driver Application (Optional) - Please submit if you think you may be driving for *school field trips or events*. This form is required **each school year** for all parent drivers.

If you are planning on driving for school field trips we require a copy of your driver's abstract from ICBC. Go to: <https://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/getting-licensed/Pages/Your-driving-record.aspx> . Please drop off, email a copy, or fax it to the school at 604-937-8053. Driver's Abstracts are valid for one year.

INFORMER – School Announcements – “Be Informed”/BEST APP

Dr. Charles Best has daily announcements that are read twice a week over the PA, appear on the screen in the front foyer, and read out by Period 2 teachers. It can also be found on the **Dr. Charles Best App (MySchoolDay – See attached pdf - free download)**, under Notifications.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

We are very hopeful that you can find time in your schedule to attend our annual **Meet the Teacher Night** at Dr. Charles Best on **Thursday, September 12 at 7PM!** Even if you have attended in previous years, please join us to reconnect with past teachers or meet new teachers. Join us in the main gym and live a day in the life of your son or daughter. We will have schedules ready and available for you to move from class-to-class and “Best Buddies” will be there to help you navigate the building and get you where you need to go! **Parents of Peer Tutor students: this is an off-timetable course. Mr. Papillo cannot accommodate a meeting time for parents on this evening. Grade 12 Parents: there is an important meeting at 6:30PM in the Library before Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday.** Counsellors will discuss Grad Transitions as well as important calendar dates coming up during the school year.

SENIOR SAIL FOR GRADE 12'S – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

See Senior Sail PDF attachment for important information. Please make sure your School Activity Fees are paid before you buy your Senior Sail ticket.

YEARBOOKS

Reminder, if you want a Dr. Charles Best 2019/2020 yearbook next June, please order it online now.

BEST SPIRIT WEAR

Students are in the process of designing new Best Spirit Wear! As soon as the new designs are in place they will be available to order. (Crew Neck, Hoodies and T-Shirts).

FALL SPORTS

SOCCER – SENIOR BOYS: 1st try-out Tuesday, September 10 on the school field after school. Be ready in soccer gear.

SOCCER – JUNIOR BOYS: 1st try-out Wednesday, September 11 on the school field after school.

FIELD HOCKEY – GIRLS: Practice next week on Tuesday, September 10 & Wednesday, September 11 on the school field after school. If you missed the sign up meeting, please contact Ms. Jenkins.

VOLLEYBALL – SENIOR GIRLS: 1st try-out today after school. Contact Mr. Chang

SWIM TEAM: Sign up today after school. Contact Mr. Baker

WEIGHT ROOM

Any students wishing to workout in the weight room after school, see Mr. Adams in the PE Office for a registration form. Cost \$20 per semester or \$30 for the full year. Students are not permitted to use the weight room without submitting the registration form and fees.

NEWS/INFORMATION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT #43 (COQUITLAM)

Welcome Back Letters

Minister of Education Rob Fleming wishes all students and their families all the best for the year ahead. Read more [here](#). SD43 Superintendent of Schools Patricia Gartland welcomes all students back to school. Read more [here](#).

Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation

Government has approved the Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation requiring parents or guardians to report the vaccination status of their school-age children. This regulation comes into force on July 1 and public health units will begin implementation of the regulation in September of 2019. Read more [here](#).

Vaping Products Information for Families

The use of vaping products by youth is becoming increasingly common. There are some misconceptions about the aerosol (vapour or cloud) produced, and currently the long-term health effects are unknown. As caregivers, you can connect and discuss issues around vaping products with your child. Read more [here](#).