

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

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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

Grade 12 CLC Capstone in-person check in meetings	Now until Oct 19
*NEW-YMCA Student Work Exchange Information Session	Monday, Oct 16
University of Alberta Post Secondary visit (Library after school)	Tuesday, Oct 17
Parent – Teacher Interviews (In-person and on Teams)	Wednesday, Oct 18
Grade 12 Parent Information Session @ 6:45pm (Library)	Wednesday, Oct 18
Photo Retakes	Thursday, Oct 19
Simon Fraser University Post Secondary visit (Library after school)	Thursday, Oct 19
Provincial Pro D Day (School not in session)	Friday, Oct 20
UVIC Gustavson School of Business Post. Sec. visit (Library 3:15pm)	Tuesday, Oct 24
Final day to sign up for Language Challenge Exam	Wednesday, Oct 25
Autumn Music Concert	Wednesday, Oct 25 @7pm
SFU Beedie School of Business Post Sec. visit (Library 3:15pm)	Thursday, Oct 26
Dress your Best Friday	Friday, Oct 27
School Assembly (Assembly Bell Schedule)	Tuesday, Oct 31
University of Waterloo Post Secondary visit (Library after school)	Wednesday, Nov 1
Provincial Assessments (select students)	Nov 1 - Nov 3 (schedule TBD)
Take Your Kids to Work (Gr 9 only)	Wednesday, Nov 1

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2023

This year's Parent Teacher Conferences will once again run in two sessions. Session one will run from 2pm – 4pm and will be entirely on-line using your child's TEAMS account. Session two will run from 5pm – 7pm and will be entirely in person at the school. You are free to attend meetings in either session or a blend of both.

We are offering this hybrid model to increase access to meetings for all parents.

Helpful Notes

- Session 1: **2pm – 4pm** entirely on-line using your child's TEAMS account. You will need your child(ren)'s password(s).
- Session 2: **5pm – 7pm** entirely In-Person in the gyms.
- If you have previously registered for PT interviews, simply log in with your email and password.
- If you have forgotten your password, there is a link to reset it.
- If you are new to the site, the directions are straight forward after clicking on 'register'.
- **Cell phones don't typically work well to book interviews. Same with the Safari browser.**

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE ON OCTOBER 18TH

Period 1	8:16am – 9:05am
Period 2	9:10am – 10:00am
Period 3	10:05am – 10:55am
Period 4	11:00am – 11:50pm
Period 5	11:55pm – 12:45pm

GRADE 12 PARENT PRESENTATION –

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18th

Discussion meeting about Post-Secondary Applications, information about Graduation: (ie: Dinner Dance, Commencement, Scholarship Applications and CLC Capstone).

Time 6:45pm – 7:45pm in the library

FIRST TIME USERS, use the link provided below. Register with parent name, parent email address and password. After registering you should receive an activation email. Once you click on the activation link, you will be able to login using your previously registered email and password. **If you don't receive this confirmation email, please check your junk mail folder.** Otherwise, please call the school so we can manually activate your registration.

See more information on next page....

[PARENT TEACHER NIGHT WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2023 continued](#)

Once logged in, create a profile for your student(s) and follow instructions for selecting interview times with their teachers. Once P/T times are booked, you should receive a confirmation email. Should you need to change or cancel interviews, you may do so by logging back into the site with your email and password, then click on the edit/cancel interview link on the right navigation bar.

RETURNING USERS, use the link provided below and log in with your username and password to book. Once P/T times are booked, you should receive a confirmation email. Should you need to change or cancel interviews, you may do so by logging back into the site with your email and password, then click on the edit/cancel interview link on the right navigation bar.

If you have any problems with the parent/teacher interview registration process, please call the office.

[Parent/Teacher Interviews Signup System](#)

[STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM – *ACTION REQUIRED BY PARENTS](#)

A copy of your child(ren)'s BC Student Verification Form is now available to view on the MYED Parent Portal.

Please login to your MYED Parent Portal to review ASAP.

This information is based on current demographic information within MY Ed BC. Should there be any changes, please print and make the changes on the form and return to the school office as soon as possible. If you are unable to print the form, please send your child to the office and the form will be printed for them to take home.

This form will be available for viewing until Oct. 27.

It is important that schools have the most up to date information on file to best serve our students.

[PHOTO RETAKES/PHOTO INFORMATION](#)

Thursday, Oct. 19th – Photo Retake Day

Artona will be on site Thursday, Oct. 19th to take photo retakes. Any student, including grade 12's, who missed the September photo day must be photographed even if they choose not to purchase photos. Student photos are needed for the yearbook and school identification purposes. If your child had their photo taken in September, they should have viewed their photo with the QR photo code that was provided by Artona. If they have not, they can go to the Artona website (Artona.com) to view by selecting "view and order".

We kindly ask that only those students who require a retake attend photo retake day.

Student ID cards and purchased photo packages will be distributed to students on Monday, Oct. 16th during their period 2 class. If your child does not have a class in period 2, they can pick up from the front foyer during period 3.

Those students requesting a photo retake **MUST** bring their photo ID card to the photo retake day and give to the photographer. Students will be called down by grade starting first with all grade 9's requesting retakes, then 10's, 11 and end with 12's.

[NOVEMBER NUMERACY/LITERACY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION](#)

Literacy 12 Provincial Assessment – Thursday, November 2nd

All grade 12 students enrolled in English 12 this semester have been registered to write the Literacy 12 Provincial assessment on **Thursday, November 2nd at 8:15am**. Students will be excused from their period 1 and 2 classes and are required to be at school 15 minutes prior to the exam start time; please plan accordingly to ensure that your child arrives at 8am. Next week an email will be sent to all registered students outlining exam details, date, time, room allocations. In addition, room location lists will be posted in the front foyer a few days before the exam, please ask your child to check the list for their name. If they cannot locate their name, please have them come to the office so we can assist.

Numeracy 10/Literacy 10 Provincial Assessments – Friday, November 3rd

Any grade 11 or 12 students who have **not yet** written the Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessments have been registered to write on **Friday, Nov. 3rd at 8:15am**. Students will be excused from their periods 1 and 2 classes, and it is their responsibility to catch up on classroom work they miss that day. Next week an email will be sent to all registered students outlining exam details, date, time, room allocations. In addition, room location lists will be posted in the front foyer a few days before the exam, please ask your child to check the list for their name. If they cannot locate their name, please have them come to the office so we can assist.

***Completion of the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 Provincial Assessments are required for graduation.**

[CLUB INFORMATION](#)

We are currently working with our I.T. department to add the full list of 2023-2024 Clubs to our website homepage. Please stay tuned.

Once the document is uploaded, navigate to Quicklinks, click on Club Information.

If your child missed Club Day, it is not too late to sign up!

Students can find a complete list of clubs on the bulletin board in the front lobby or ask at the office.

Students, please contact the club sponsor teacher for more details if you are interested in signing up.

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS

The Delta School District is offering language challenge exams for the 2023/2024 school year.

This exam can account for credits and meet the language 11 post-secondary entry requirements for UBC and SFU (this exam will test students on their ability to read, write and speak in this language).

Many students who have taken this challenge exams in the past are students who are in the **French Immersion Program** and wish to use this opportunity to possibly obtain a high grade for one of their grade 12 classes for the purpose of post-secondary entry requirements.

We also have students who take this exam for the sole purpose of meeting the grade 11 language requirement for post-secondary entry into UBC and SFU, but students must be **proficient in the language** if they wish to pursue this challenge exam, as these tests are rigorous and proof of how they obtained the knowledge will be required.

Interested students please refer to [Challenge Exams - Delta School District \(deltasd.bc.ca\)](https://deltasd.bc.ca) for further information on the student application package, exam schedules, locations, and exam specific details.

Students are **required to provide a passport quality photograph as part of the application package**.

Deadline for applications this year is **Wednesday, October 25th**. If students miss this deadline, they will not be able to apply this year and will have to wait until next year to reapply.

Please submit your applications to Ms. Birsan in the counselling suite.

See Ms. Birsan if you have any questions!

MS. LESLIE IN THE NEWS!

Congratulations Ms. Megan Leslie who received a shout out in open parliament by our own MP Bonita Zarrillo during an acknowledgement on World Teacher Day of the great work our teachers do here in Coquitlam. (see article for details)

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CyCaL75Mi-A/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

WINTER BALL – SAVE THE DATE!

Grade 11's/12's only, sorry no guests

Dec. 6, 2023 Time TBD

OCTOBER SPCA DRIVE

The SPCA is looking for donations for their shelter. Blankets, sheets, canned or sealed dry pet food.

They desperately need these supplies now and in preparation for the Winter months.

Please bring any donations to our Youth Worker Heather Bjornson's room on the lower floor during the month of October and into December. Thank you!

TERRY FOX RUN DONATIONS

We will be continuing our support of the Terry Fox Foundation until December. Donations can be sent to school with your child and dropped off at the office. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

QUEEN'S MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

We can nominate **TWO** students this year. Different awards are available, most popular is the Chancellor's Scholarship (50 x up to \$48,000). Open to outstanding students (grades 90%+) who are creative thinkers, have demonstrated school/community service and have proven their leadership skills.

Learn how to get nominated [here](#). **Deadline: Wed, November 1, 9 am.**

GRADE 12'S

CLC12 CAPSTONE IN-PERSON CHECK-IN MEETINGS OCT. 10 – 19TH

All grade 12 students must meet with a CLC12 teacher **between Oct. 10 – 19**. Sign up for the meeting in room 309 and attend the meeting on time and prepared. Revise or extend your Capstone project proposal based on the feedback you received from your CLC12 teacher. Bring this revised proposal and your laptop to your meeting. Be prepared to discuss your project and your plans for life after high school.

2024 AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISING

PURDY'S AFTER GRAD 2024 FUNDRAISER (CHRISTMAS)

Please help support our After Grad 2024 fundraiser by purchasing your Purdy's Christmas chocolates using the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1049914-109988>

The link to the Purdy's Christmas brochure is [here](#).

Depending on the method used to order, you may be prompted for a customer code: 59854

The order deadline is **November 13, 2023** and pick up will be arranged during the week of November 26, 2023.

Thank you in advance for supporting our 2024 after grad event!

RETURN IT RECYCLING PROGRAM

2024 After Grad has partnered with 'Return-It' recycling centres to make fundraising for next year extra easy!

1) Use Recycle Account – Charles Best AfterGrad 2024

2) Use the school's phone # (604-461-5581) when you print labels for your recycling bags

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS:

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

If you are in grades 9-12 interested in writing the University of Waterloo Math contest, please see Mr. Dy in room 116 at the beginning of period 3 or 4. The deadline to sign up for the November contest is **October 15th**.

YMCA SUMMER WORK EXCHANGE INFO MEETING

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) program offers youth aged 16-17 the opportunity to gain paid work experience, practice their second official language skills, and explore another Canadian community through a 6-week exchange to Québec during the summer.

Come to our info meeting in the Tech/DL Centre on the main floor on **Mon, October 16**, after school and learn more.

UBC GEERING UP PRESENTS CODE WORLD: A RACE TO WIN FOR GIRLS* IN GRADES 8 TO 12.

On **Sat, October 28**, 10 am – 3 pm students will be introduced to main principles in software development and coding!

*All cis and trans girls, genderqueer or non-binary people, and those who identify as other gender minorities are welcome. [Register for free.](#)

BCIT CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP BIOTECHNOLOGY

Calling all Gr. 11-12 students interested in science (especially Biotechnology), who are enthusiastic about scientific research and lab work. This workshop will run **December 11 -15**, on campus. You would miss school for this. Fee is \$233. Apply by October 30. [More info.](#)

STEM LAUNCHPAD MENTORSHIP EVENT

Students identifying as female are invited to attend on **Thursday, November 9 (all day in Vancouver)**. Incl. a keynote speaker, a panel discussion with distinguished industry leaders, and the chance to connect with mentors for a face-to-face group session. Parents are welcome too. [Register for free here.](#)

MILLENNIUM STEM CONFERENCE

By participating in Vancouver's 5th annual STEMCon, students are given the opportunity to network and collaborate with like-minded individuals, learning the importance of technology and its practical applications across a diversity of careers. Saturday, November 18, 9 am – 4 pm, BCIT Downtown Campus. [More info here.](#)

POST-SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE (VIRTUAL) – CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND

Discover UBC Engineering, one of Canada's top engineering schools, through presentations, panel discussions and virtual booths. A panel of faculty, staff and students will be available to answer your questions. [Sign up here.](#)

For the best experience, you are encouraged to attend all live sessions:

Thursday, October 12, 6-8 pm: Research spotlights | Why engineering | Women in Engineering panel

Friday, October 13, 4-6:30 pm: Research spotlights | UBC Engineering admissions | Speak with representatives from each of our UBC Engineering programs.

Saturday, October 14, 9-11 am: Research spotlights | Student experience panel | International student session

KPU KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE - TOMORROW

Visit the Surrey campus on **Saturday, October 14**, 12-2 pm, and get to know KPU faculty, students, and staff as they share hands-on demos, engaging stories, and tips for getting the most out of your time as a student at KPU. Get help with your application, and [registered](#) guests will be entered to win incredible prizes, including free tuition!

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO FAIR

Check out Douglas College, connect with faculty representatives and ask questions about your program(s) of interest in person, on campus! [Register in advance](#) to win a tuition voucher. It's recommended to [explore offered programs](#) before your campus visit to ensure that you know at which campus your program is offered. Coquitlam Campus: Tuesday, October 17th, drop in 5-8 pm. New West Campus: **Thursday, October 19th**, drop in 5-8 pm.

SFU FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT PRO-D DAY WORKSHOP OCTOBER 20TH

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to SFU's Burnaby campus. You will get to meet Faculty of Environment professors and current students. [Register here.](#)

SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Attend a lecture with university students and take a guided campus tour on October 20 (Pro D Day). This event is open to students in grades 10-12. Offered at the Surrey and the Burnaby campus. Lunch is included. [Sign up here.](#)

PAC CORNER

Upcoming PAC meeting: Tuesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in the school library. All parents are welcome!

Did you know? You can **DONATE TO THE PAC ONLINE!**

Parent donations to the Charles Best PAC help to support various aspects of your student's educational experience. Each year, the PAC provides much-needed funds to support activities such as extracurricular clubs, AfterGrad, teacher appreciation, and student scholarships. Login to your student's portal on the [SchoolCash Online system](#) to make your PAC donation today!

