

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 – Kelly Fridge, David Jones, 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

Tuesday, September 21

Fire/Earthquake Drill

Friday, September 24

District Pro-D Day (school not in session)

Wednesday, September 29

Terry Fox Run (TBD)

Thursday, September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school not in session)

Friday, October 1

Classes resume-school is in session

Dress your "BEST" Friday



Dear Dr. Charles Best Secondary Families,

September 17th already! It's been a busy time at Best the past few days! The positive energy from our students and the dedication to education from our staff makes me feel hopeful we will have another successful school year. In only eight days we have a timetable for every student, teachers teaching, supplies distributed, every student and staff member photographed, and a few of our Athletic teams and clubs are well under way – Go Blue Devils!

Thank you for your patience as we worked through our school start up in yet another set of guidelines and precautionary protocols. Our district continues to support our custodial staff in their efforts to deep clean our building. Our counsellors have been working hard since the end of August to complete students' schedules and balance classrooms as best we can. I realize it is extremely difficult to change classes. Our school is full and there is little to no possible room to move.

As we look at the remaining days of September, we are planning for our Terry Fox Run and fundraising activities. Please if you can - donate. Our athletic leadership students will be out collecting as you drop off or pick up your child or you can give your child money to donate at school. Together we must continue to support cancer research. We have all been impacted in some way by this horrible disease, please help us raise much needed funds. Thank you in advance.

Please stay in touch. Our school "Informer" is available on our website. Print copies are posted throughout the school. Starting next week (2x's a week) student council will announce highlights from the "Informer" on the PA. We will send newsletters every two weeks. Download the School APP for announcements as well. Please email your child's teachers, counsellor, or VP if you have any questions or concerns. Stay connected, stay informed, it's the Best thing you can do!

Parents and Students, we need your help!!! There is a TIK TOK challenge out there right now that has students destroying – VANDALIZING their school washrooms. The basic idea is to destroy school property specifically sinks, mirrors, soap dispensers and toilets; film it, add music and post it on TIK TOK. We have had several our soap dispensers pulled off the walls, mirrors smashed, and toilet seats ripped off. All of this costs us a lot of money to replace and repair. A lot of school money! Please talk to each other and convince anyone thinking of doing this that this is a very costly and ridiculous exercise. If this behavior continues, we would all have less money for our school.

Sincerely, Heather Murphy

TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the West entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic. Also, please do not enter or park in the staff parking lot at the West End of the school and please make sure you stop at all stop signs and crosswalks. Whenever possible park in the parking lot closest to the field in a stall. Please do not wait for your student in a lane way as you are blocking traffic.

STUDENT SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEDURE

Students who arrive late to school go directly to class and inform their teacher they have arrived for attendance. There is no need to stop at the office. If a student needs to leave the school early, parents please contact the office either by phone or email to excuse your child. Students are to stop at the office to sign out.

[ACCESS TO SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS](#)

Parents/guardians please understand under the current COVID guidelines, you must sign in on our Contact Tracing book situated at the front door. Even if you just walk in to quickly drop something off you must sign in. Thank you for your cooperation

[STUDENT VERIFICATION AND EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS](#)

Please help us ensure that we have the most up to date and accurate contact information for your child. If you haven't already done so, please review, edit and sign your child's Verification Form and have your child drop off at the office. If your emergency contacts have changed – update them on the form! If your email address or phone number has changed-please update them as well. There are significant times that we may need to contact a parent or guardian of one of our students and the only way we can do that is if we have accurate information on both the Verification and Emergency Release forms. Please help us help you!

[MYED PARENT PORTAL ACCESS FOR GRADE 9'S](#)

MyEd Parent portal access for grade 9 students has not yet been activated. Once the process is completed a message will be sent to the parents of grade 9 students to watch for an email with instructions from "SYS ADMIN". Instructions can also be found on our school website under "Tech support: Getting started". We anticipate this being ready to go by October 1st.

[CONNECT WITH THE BEST CAREER CENTRE](#)

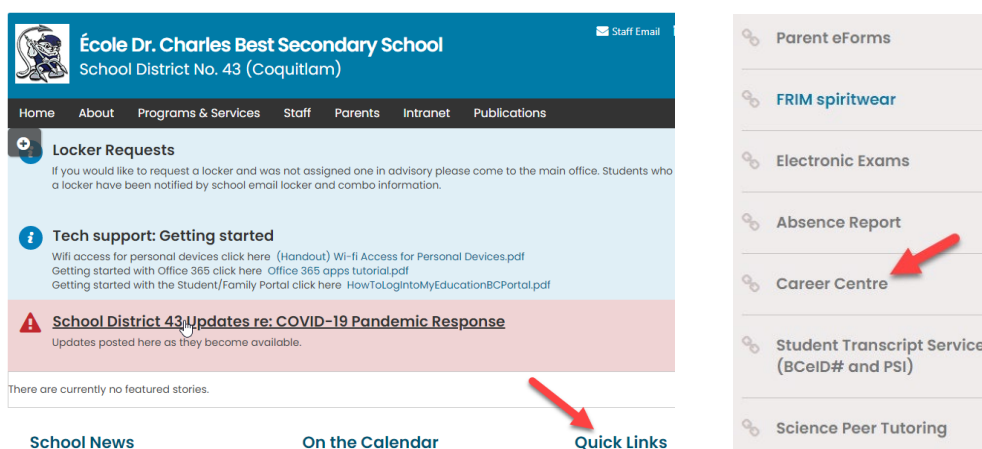
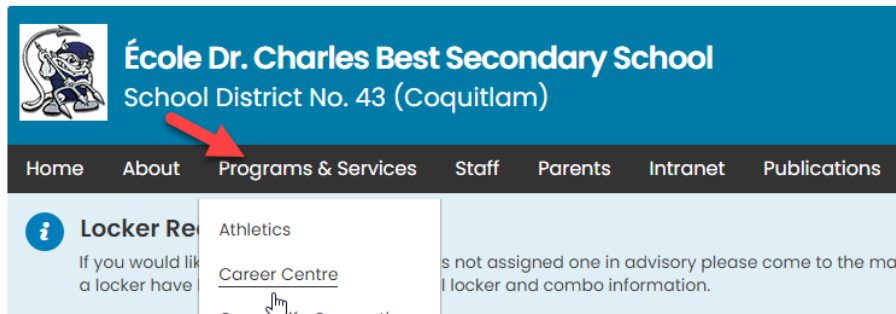
Here at Charles Best, we have an AMAZING resource for students and parents to find out about Post Secondary Events, Scholarships, as well as Financial Aid, Volunteer and Job Opportunities. There are too many opportunities to list in the newsletter so please use the following options below to access the Career Centre regularly as opportunities, and dates are continually added.

The Career Centre is also on Instagram with the following handle: [bestcareercentre](#)

Ms. Kaufmann is located on the main floor in the Tech Centre and is available from 9:00am – 3:00pm, M-F.

All grade 9-12 students are also invited to join the Career Centre on TEAMS (code gvymg1).

There are 2 options on the homepage to access the Career Centre:



Please visit the [ONLINE Career Centre](#) (click blue buttons below) and the [Career Centre calendar](#) below regularly.

