



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Vice-Principals – Michelle Ciofitto, Kelly Fridge, 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

Monday, January 22

Last day of regularly scheduled classes for Semester 1

Tuesday, January 23- Friday January 26

Grad Assessments (GR 10-12), D.L. Presentations GR 9,
I-Days, Capstone Presentations,
GR 11 Presentations/YDI Surveys, Grade 8 tour,
S2 schedules
(See UPDATED table of events below)

Friday, January 26

Last day of Semester 1

Saturday, January 27/Sunday, January 28

Delta Language Challenge Exams

Monday, January 29

School Based Pro-D Day (Students do not attend)

Tuesday, January 30

1st day of Semester 2

Thursday, February 1

Sem. 1 Final Reports published (end of day)

Friday, February 9

Grade 9 Immunizations



ADMINISTRATION STAFFING UPDATE

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Mr. Joel Nelson (Vice Principal) will be leaving Dr. Charles Best on January 26th. Mr. Nelson has been Vice Principal at Best for the past five years. He has been a strong member of our team, a wonderful leader with our staff, a support for our students and he will be missed by all very much. Mr. Nelson is leaving the district to travel with his family to Japan and Southeast Asia – an education from first-hand experience. Such an exciting family trip! We wish him all the Best with his exciting journey. Thank you for all that you have done for our students and staff. From a personal note, I will miss working with you very much and I am very appreciative of all that you have done for BEST. We wish you safe travels until we meet again! Sincerely, thank you Heather.

Mr. Mike Viveiros is joining our admin team on January 29th as Vice Principal (P-Z). Mr. Viveiros has been a teacher at Heritage Woods for the past 15 years. He is looking forward to the new challenges of his new job and we are looking forward to working with him here at Best.

- Heather Murphy

WEEK OF JAN 22-26

From Tuesday-Friday January 23-26, these alternative programming days are “**INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS**”, and students are expected to participate in the learning experiences designed for them.

All events described below are graduation requirements except those indicated with *.

All the learning experiences listed below (except the Grade 11 presentations on Wed.) require a **charged laptop and charging cord**. Please come prepared with your laptop or arrange ahead of time to borrow a school laptop.

Additional supplies may be needed for some tasks; please check with your teachers.

Students should arrive 15 minutes before start times of all activities listed in the table below.

Specific details about room assignments for assessments have been posted in the front lobby.

REMINDER: CAPSTONE DAY IS ON JANUARY 25TH AND PARENTS ARE INVITED!

Every grade 12 student will present their Capstone projects in a one-hour event on January 25th. Parents and guardians are invited to accompany their grade 12 student and to participate as an audience member on this day (please see additional communication emailed to Grade 12 parents on Wednesday, December 20th). When and where at Charles Best Secondary on January 25th? – The time and location are unique to each grade 12 student.

Please connect with your child. If you're interested in joining the Capstone celebrations, please RSVP to Fara Mirfakhraie at fmirfakhraie@sd43.bc.ca. We hope you can join us to celebrate the talent and accomplishments of our Grade 12's and to recognize their readiness for graduation.

UPDATED WEEK OF JAN 22-26 (ALL GRADES)

Mon Jan 22	Tue Jan 23	Wed Jan 24	Thu Jan 25	Fri Jan 26
Last Day Sem 1 classes Regular Schedule Insufficient Evidence (IE) Support Booking Students at risk of failing courses will be aware that their standing in those courses is “IE”. To remedy the IE, students must book time directly with relevant teachers for the week ahead.	Provincial Assessment: Literacy 10 8:30-11:30 *Digital Literacy Assembly 9:15-11:45 All Gr 9’s (except those students specifically contacted by Ms. Thomas) are expected to attend. Provincial Assessment: FRAL 12 (Oral) 12:00-2:00 *IE resolution time for students Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it.	Provincial Assessment: Numeracy 10 8:30-11:30 *Gr 11 Presentations-mandatory attendance for all Gr 11’s 9:30-11:45 Provincial Assessment: Literacy 12 12:15-3:30 Sem 1 Eng 12 Students who missed the Nov session. *IE resolution time for students Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it. *Gr 8 Parent Info Night 7pm Big Gym	Capstones and *YDI all Gr 11 & 12 attend from either 8:30-10:45 OR 11:30-1:45. <i>See table below for some general info. Check schedule details specific to each student in the main foyer.</i> *Semester 2 schedules published to MYED portals 8:30 a.m. *IE resolution time for students Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it.	*Gr 8 Tour Day (see write up below) Only students helping with the event or working directly with teachers on catch-up work need to attend school this day.

GR. 11 SCHEDULE ON JAN 25TH

Student	8:30	9:45	11:30	12:45
Adi-Flores (Daniela)	Observe Capstones	Complete YDI survey	x	x
Flores (Diana) – Leon-Carney	Complete YDI survey	Observe Capstones	x	x
Leung - Riley	x	x	Observe Capstones	Complete YDI survey
Richey - Zhu	x	x	Complete YDI survey	Observe Capstones

GR. 8 TOUR JANUARY 26TH

Grade 8 students will arrive at Charels Best between 10:45-11:30am. We will provide hot dogs and chips upon their arrival. After they have finished their snacks, they will gather in the large gym. Presentations begin at 11:45. Presentations, Q&A’s and tours will end at approximately 2:40pm. Grade 8 students are responsible for their own way home at the end of the day. Thank you.

CAFETERIA CLOSURE

Students, please plan ahead next week. The cafeteria will be closed from Monday, January 22nd until Friday, January 26. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 30th.

SEMESTER 2 START UP

Semester 2 schedules will be re-posted into MyEd portals on **Thursday, January 25th**. Students, please view/print/familiarize yourself with your schedule BEFORE the start of Semester 2 classes begin on **Tuesday, January 30th**. If students are having trouble viewing this schedule, staff will be available in the Main Lobby to help on January 30th.

Mon Jan 29	Tue Jan 30	Wed Jan 31	Thu Feb 1	Fri Feb 2
Welcome Mr. Viveiros (new VP) working with students last name P-Z. Professional Development Day School is closed to students.	First day of Classes Sem 2 Students check the MYED portal for their Sem 2 schedule.		Sem 1 Final reports published Check the MYED portal late afternoon for report cards.	

WINTER WEATHER

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs before 6:30 a.m. so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/> We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Please contact the OFFICE in the event you decide to keep your child(ren) home or if they will be late.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

Please consider donating your gently used winter weather items. Ms. Leslie's classes will be collecting the items to donate to Indigenous support shelters in the lower mainland. Students can drop items off at the front office, or room 305. Items needed for all ages and genders: Coats, Gloves, Boots, Hats, Scarves, Socks. We will also collect hygiene items such as: soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes and paste, deodorants. **Donations are gratefully accepted until mid-February at the office.**

THE TRI-CITIES ENCHANTMENT PROJECT – DRESS DONATIONS REQUEST

All students should have the opportunity to attend their grad celebration feeling confident, beautiful, and excited about their special night regardless of their family finances or circumstances. In school district 43, the Enchantment Project provides an opportunity for any student who requires financial support to find a dress. Our program accepts gently used grad gowns, and we are currently in need of dress sizes between 12-22+. If you are interested in donating to the Tri-Cities Enchantment Project, please contact the Youth Worker at your local high school, or drop off at CAFE, Terry Fox or Pinetree Secondary (attention EP/Youth Worker). The Tri-Cities E.P committee thanks you for your generosity.

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS:

Grade 9 immunizations are quickly approaching **Friday Feb. 9th, Friday Feb. 16th, and Friday March 1st.** Today, during your child's period 5 class, they received their individualized consent package. Parents are asked to sign and have their child **return to the school on Monday** to their period 5 teacher. After Monday, students can drop them off at the main office. **Signed consent packages are to be submitted to the main office NO LATER than Wednesday, January 31st.** Fraser Health needs to pick up the packages well in advance of the first immunization day.

Grade 9 Immunization Timeline:

Friday, Jan 19th – Block 5 teachers hand out consent packages to students.

Mon. Jan 22nd– Students to return their signed consent form to their block 5 teacher OR drop at the main office.

Tues. Jan 23rd – Wed. Jan 31st: Students to return signed consent form to the main office.

Fri. Feb 9th – Immunization clinic in the small gym 9am-3pm

Fri. Feb 16th – Immunization clinic in the small gym 9am-3pm

Tues. March 1st – Catch up immunization clinic in small gym 9am-3pm

GRAD PHOTOS

Due to snow, Artona cancelled two days of Grad Photo sessions.

Please see the message from Artona regarding rebooking.

Dear students and parents of Dr. Charles Best, we apologize again for canceling grad sessions on Jan 17th and 18th due to the snow. We have arranged to have our mobile studio open for longer hours today Friday Jan 19th and all day tomorrow Saturday Jan 20th. If you want a session for tonight between 7:00pm- 9:15pm please call our customer service at (604) 872-7272 with your preferred time and we will inform you if its available. If you want a session for tomorrow, please go to <https://artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation> and sign up like you did the first time. We are only at Charles Best until tomorrow Saturday Jan 20th and spots will fill up fast. If you are unable to attend these sessions, please contact the studio for alternatives. If you have already signed up for a session or been photographed, please disregard.

ATHLETICS

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Jr. Boys team currently sits at 1st in the district with a 4 and 1 record in league play. They have a big game coming up against Centennial on Monday, January 22nd.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Sr. Boys finished 2nd in the South Delta last weekend, losing in the final to Kitsilano Secondary by 8 points.

We played our first league game vs Pinetree on Monday, January 15th winning 84-62. For the season we are 11-6 and improving.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLES BEST SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Our internal scholarship package will be released on February 7. This package will also include the District Authority Awards. All grade 12 students interested in finding out what kind of awards are available and how to apply, please join our info meeting at the library, **Wed, Feb 7**, after school.

HORATIO ALGER GRADE 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

160 x \$5,000 are awarded to **Grade 11 students** across Canada. Criteria are strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, desire and ability to be entrepreneurial in a chosen field, extracurricular engagement and community service, perseverance in overcoming adversity, family income < \$65,000. **Deadline is March 15.** [Apply here.](#)

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now accepted for the many bursaries offered by the Coquitlam Foundation. You submit one application and will be considered for any award for which you fit the criteria. Many different award categories are available, and awards are ranging from \$750 to \$2,500. Scholarships and bursaries are put into place for either a specific post-secondary institute, a particular area of study, or for involvement in a sport or in the community. Financial need will be considered. **Deadline is March 31.** [Learn more here.](#)

CAREER CENTRE NEWS - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS:

SFU - INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING IN JAVA

Series of 7 online workshops running Saturdays, 10-11.30 am, January 27 – March 16. Open to all high school students. Use fundamental programming concepts such as variables, data types, comparison and logical operators, control structures, and functions to create useful programs. This workshop series will be taught using the Java programming language. [Sign up by January 22.](#)

SFU – HOUR++ OF CODE WORKSHOP SERIES

Various one-off workshops (Jan./ Feb.) for high school students to learn how to code and implement popular digital tools. Topics are ranging from user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (in Python and Java), mobile app development, and game development. [Details and registration.](#)

SPRING BREAK CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in gaining experience in children's recreation? Pedalheads Bike Camps are accepting applications for Junior Instructors. Camps are running March 11 – 25 (Como Lake). Must be age 13-16 and must be able to comfortably ride your bike. [More info.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: DISCOVER HEALTH SCIENCE PATHWAYS

This webinar series is for all students who are having plans to become a doctor, pharmacist and more. Faculty program experts will discuss program options that get you on track and will answer your questions live.

- **Pharmacy:** Tuesday, January 23, 5 - 6 p.m. | [Register >>](#)
- **Medicine:** Wednesday, January 24, 5 - 6 p.m. | [Register >>](#)
- **Medical Laboratory Science:** Thursday, January 25, 5 - 6 p.m. | [Register >>](#)

SFU ADMISSIONS WORKSHOPS FOR B.C. STUDENTS

Have you applied to SFU or are you still working on your application? Feeling lost? Join a virtual workshop to get help understanding requirements and self-reporting, learn about next steps, and get your questions answered.

January 24, 11 am, **February 1**, 5 pm, **February 8**, 5 pm. [Sign up here.](#)

SFU BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS APPLICANT ADVISING

Beedie applicants, do you have questions about the application process? A Beedie representative will be visiting us at Best for one-on-one advising. Drop in at the Tech Centre (DL-Room) on **Thursday, February 1**, after school, and get those answers you are looking for.

UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY: GRAPHIC & DIGITAL DESIGN DIPLOMA/ BACHELOR

This info session/ portfolio review and campus tour will give you an introduction to the creative industry and UFV's Graphic + Digital Design programs. Instructors, students, and grads share real-world experiences, provide feedback and advice on building a strong entrance portfolio, answer questions, and share experiences.

Tue. February 6 | 6:00-8:30 PM | Abbotsford. [Register.](#)

PAC CORNER

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, After Grad, teacher appreciation, and student scholarships. Login to your student's portal on the [School CashOnline system](#) to make your PAC donation today!

AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISING

RETURN IT RECYCLING PROGRAM

2024 After Grad has partnered with 'Return-It' recycling centres to make fundraising 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

AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 1, 2024



PARENT DANCE MARCH 9, 2024

Come and join us for a fun evening of dining and dancing, Las Vegas style!

This dance has been a Grade 11 parent tradition for years and is a blast!

Purchase your tickets now and support the Graduating Class of 2025.

Early Bird Tickets are \$65 each and are available until February 16th, 2024.

Visit our [EVENT PAGE](#) for more info!

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