

# Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

Vice-Principals – Michelle Ciolfitto, 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

### Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

“Dress Your Best” Friday

Cross catchment begins Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

### Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

General PAC Meeting Virtual 7:30 pm

### Friday February 18<sup>th</sup>

Yearbook writeup deadline



*Dear Dr Charles Best Community,*

*We would like to welcome new staff to Dr. Charles Best for second semester. We welcome Mr. Michael Howitt to our Social Studies and Career Education departments. We would also like to welcome Mr. Tristan Hansen to our Math and Science departments. And as we announced earlier, we are excited to welcome Ms. Michelle Ciolfitto VP to our Admin team! Welcome everyone to a brand-new semester and to our grads this is your Last Semester.*

*Heather Murphy, Principal Dr. Charles Best Secondary*

## SOCIALS 9 CLASS IN THE NEWS

Ms Leslie's Socials 9 class has made the news! Students were learning about the Indian Act when they made the connection between the Indian Agent Edgar Dewdney and Dewdney Trunk Road. It was uncovered that Edgar Dewdney was the government representative tasked with forcing Indigenous groups to sign treaties in the prairies to make way for the building of the CPR. At the time, there was wide spread famine due to over hunting of the buffalo, causing the First nations and Metis in the area to be dependent on Canadian Government Rations. Edgar Dewdney with held food aid forcing nations to choose between the death of their people and signing a treaty. After treaties were signed, Edgar Dewdney forced Indigenous peoples from their lands with forced marches, historians believe between 3,000 – 5,000 people died due to the policies of Edgar Dewdney. He was also responsible for the running of residential schools in the former North West Territories.

After learning this, Students questioned why Edgar Dewdney is honoured with one of the longest roads in the lower mainland named after him. Some students decided to write letters requesting the City of Coquitlam consider a name change. These letters have started conversations in our community, which was their intent. Students have received support from our MP Bonita Zarrillo, MLA Rick Glumac as well as the Coquitlam Heritage Society.

You can read more on their efforts in the Tri-City News article here.

[Coquitlam students plea city to change name of Dewdney Trunk Road - Tri-City News \(tricitynews.com\)](https://www.tricitynews.com/news/local-news/coquitlam-students-plea-city-to-change-name-of-dewdney-trunk-road)

## YEARBOOK WRITE-UPS

Attention all Grads! It's time to submit your Yearbook Write-up.

Deadline: Feb. 18, 2022

Yearbook is a time capsule. Write something that relates to your time spent at Dr. Charles Best Secondary. Do you want to address your friends? Maybe you want to say thank you to some of your teachers, family, or friends? Are you brave enough to predict the future? What would you like your friends to read 20 years from now? Below are some requirements:

1. Length: max. 100 words (actual words).
2. School appropriate language.
3. No hashtags, email links, etc. You can write them manually in your friends' yearbooks.
4. If the Yearbook teacher doesn't know what it means, he/she won't be able to include it.



## STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE



### Important information for Graduating Students

Reminder for all Grade 12 students who have applied to a post-secondary institution! Almost all Canadian schools require applicants to send them their transcript using the [Student Transcript Service \(STS\)](#). This may be in addition to the school requiring you to upload/ send in a current transcript/ self-report. By using this free service, it is guaranteed that post-secondary institutions will automatically receive your final transcript after graduation. Please double-check your school's requirement and the to-do list in your student portal carefully so that you understand the process. How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the school. More info [here](#). When using STS please ask yourself if you have included your PEN when applying to post-secondary and if you spelled your name exactly as the Ministry records show. If that's not the case your post-secondary choices may have difficulties connecting your application with your transcript. If you need help, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre.

## GRADE 9 & 10 IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Earlier this week parent immunization consent packages were distributed in their block 2 classes to student in grades 9 and 10. Those students in grade 10 who do not have a block 2 class would have received their consent package in their block 3 class. Signed parent consent forms must be returned to the school **no later than Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Students can hand in to their block 2 teacher or drop at the main office. If your child did not receive and immunization parent consent package, please contact Ms. Fridge.

### **Immunizations will take place on the following dates:**

**Tues. Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 9 (small gym 9am-3pm)**

**Wed. Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 10 (small gym 9am-3pm)**

**Mon. March 7<sup>th</sup> – Grades 9 & 10 catch up (small gym 9am-3pm)**

Immunizations for meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis are given at school in students grade 9 years. Due to Covid this year's current grade 10 students will receive the vaccinations that were not available last school year.

**\*\*\* Please note this update is about routine child immunizations and not COVID-19 vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccine is provided free to all eligible individuals at COVID-19 vaccination clinics in communities.**

### **Enhanced Covid Protocols**

#### **Masks/Eating**

Students are reminded that they are to wear their masks at all times when inside the building. Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snug to the face. If you child forgets their mask they are to enter the building through the main doors and come to the office to get a mask. When eating students must be seated. Students are encouraged to access open classrooms during their lunch block to eat (limit 15 students per class, spaced out ,not facing each other) Classrooms available are as follows:

## AVAILABLE ROOMS FOR STUDENTS TO EAT LUNCH

AVAILABLE ROOMS FOR STUDENTS TO EAT LUNCH IN SEMESTER 2			
<b>BLOCK 2</b>	117	303	309
<b>BLOCK 3</b>	114	207	209
	218	302	304
	305	307	601
	602	605	
<b>BLOCK 4</b>	101	115	207

## VISITORS

Due to Covid we are allowing very few visitors into the building. If you need to contact your child's counselor, teacher or administrator please call the school or send an email to schedule a telephone conversation or Teams call.



## FLY FISHING & ARCHERY CLUB



The Fly-Fishing class and Archery club would like to thank the PAC once again for the new equipment. The two targets and five new performance bows are already paying off with tighter groups of arrows.

The archery club is still taking on new members, please contact Mr. Jaeggle for details.

## FOODS 12 – CAKE DESIGN CHALLENGE



## GRADE 9 AND 10 PROGRAMING DATES

Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 10 In class Programming Presentation 9:45

Tues., February 8<sup>th</sup> – Wed., February 9<sup>th</sup> – Grade 9 In Class programming Presentations

Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – Grade 9-11 Parent Programming Presentation on Teams Live (invitations will be sent out closer to this date)

Mon., Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – MyEd Online Portal Open for Grade 9 and 10 course selection from home. Assistance is available in the cafeteria after school if needed.

Mon., Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri., Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - MyEd Online Portal Open for Grade 11 course selection from home. Assistance is available in the cafeteria after school Tues to Thurs if needed.

Students – Please drop off your Course selection sheet in the Counselling Centre or the Office once you have entered your courses.

## GRADE 11 STUDENTS PROGRAMING

You will also be required to have personal meetings with you counsellor (virtually or in person) between February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss your future plans and course selection. Programming this year will be online between February 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

DATES:

**Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Individual meetings with your counsellor. Please book online. Link coming

**Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>** – Online programming at home. Assistance is available after school in the cafeteria if needed

## [FUTURE GRADE 11 AND 12 FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS!](#)

A brand-new course is being offered next year taught by Mme Bruneau. It is called **Peuples Autochtones de la Colombie-Britannique 12**. This course is a University accredited course which means it will serve as a language credit as well as a university entrance course. Concepts that will be covered are:

Provincial and federal government policies and practices (specifically the Indian Act of 1876) that have affected, and continue to affect, the responses of B.C. First Peoples to colonialism. It examines contemporary challenges facing B.C. First Peoples, including legacies of colonialism. It looks at Canadian History through an indigenous lens and offers students opportunities to hear and ask questions to guest speakers who will present on a wide variety of topics. This course provides an excellent foundation for students entering post secondary studies as well as the work force allowing them to educate others on what reconciliation might look like in Canada.

Mme Bruneau is looking forward to lots of discussions and analysis with all of you next year!

## [2022 YEAR BOOKS FOR SALE](#)

Under 30 left – \$55.00 Purchase at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

## [PAC CORNER:](#)

[PAC meeting, 7.30 pm Feb 7, 2022](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84216982957>

Meeting ID: 842 1698 2957

[Grad 2022 meeting, 7 pm Feb 16, 2022](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83652101723?pwd=QkxJUi94TWNxSkZYMHU4UjcvZDFhdz09>

Meeting ID: 836 5210 1723

Passcode: grad2022

**BEST GRAD 2022 Return-It Depot** - There is ONE EASY WAY (at all local Return-It Depots), to donate your refundable bottles & cans to benefit the Best Grad 2022 class:

- Visit any of the local Return-It Express locations: Barnet Hwy & Falcon Dr. / Blue Mountain & Ridgeway / Caribou Shopping Plaza, N. Road / Lougheed Hwy across from IKEA
- Ensure your returnables are in CLEAR PLASTIC BAG(s).
- At the kiosk, enter account/phone # "604-313-2056" (for Bg2022) and print the required number of labels.
- Stick labels on bags, leave them to be sorted & counted. THANK YOU for your support!

## [OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL](#)

### **Entrepreneurship Competition for Grade 10-12 students**

SFU's Bright Ideas gives high school students an opportunity to explore the world of business and leads to practical entrepreneurship experience. You will be working with a 4–5-person. During the 9-weeks program students will learn entrepreneurship, basic accounting, marketing and social media, presentation skills and more through speakers, workshops and consulting with industry professionals and senior students. Deadline extended to February 9. [Register here.](#)

### **STEM Fellowship: Research Exploration Opportunity (REO)**

The REO Program will allow high school students to virtually shadow mentors at research facilities across Canada during Spring Break, March 14 to March 25, 2022, and it will provide students with the opportunity to experience research in a university laboratory. [More info here.](#)

### **Local volunteer opportunities**

Please check the [Career Centre website](#) if you are looking for a volunteer position. Pedalheads Spring Break Camp Volunteers, Port Moody Farmers Market, Invasive Plant Removal gigs with the City of Port Moody, Vancouver International Children's Festival, and more.

### **Camp Ignite Info Session**

Camp Ignite is traditionally a four-day overnight camp that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. The camp is open to girls in grades 11-12 living in British Columbia and offers an introduction to the exciting world of firefighting. When: February 8th, 2022 at 7pm. To attend, please email [info@campignite.com](mailto:info@campignite.com)

## [POST SECONDARY EVENTS](#)

### **Capilano University's Bachelor of Design in Visual Communication**

IDEA School Portfolio Day. Join online for a portfolio prep talk and open Q&A. You can share your portfolio for some 1-on-1 feedback. February 12, 2022 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Register here](#)

### **Langara College Program Previews**

Library & Information Technology: Feb 4. [Register here](#)

Fine Arts: Feb 8. [Register here](#)

Studio 58 Acting & Production programs: Feb 15. [Register here](#)

Food & Nutrition programs: Feb 16. [Register here](#)

Design Formation: Feb 22. [Register here](#)

Education Assistant Programs: Feb 28. [Register here](#)

### **Trinity Western University Open House**

Experience a day in the life of a TWU student. Attend a lecture, experience chapel, meet other students and faculty. Feb 11, 2022. [Register here.](#)

### **SFU Coding for a Social Change Spring Workshop for Grade 9 students**

Running Feb 5-Apr 9, 2022 (every Saturday except Feb 19 long weekend), 10:00-11:30 am. FREE. [Register now.](#)

### **Green Collar Career Conference for youth in Grades 9-12**

Students are invited to experience new career opportunities at this FREE virtual career conference. The day includes breakout sessions, prizes, and a chance to win a \$500 scholarship. Saturday, February 12th, 2022, from 9 am to 3 pm. [Register](#) by February 9th, 2022

### **University of Northern BC Engineering Info Session**

UNBC Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering undergraduate programs are still open for applications. Learn more about their engineering programs on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:00 pm**. Faculty, current student, and alumni will be there answering questions and sharing their experiences. [Register here](#)

### **U of Toronto: Experience Engineering for Grade 9 & 10 students**

Join U of T Engineering Recruitment staff for this special online presentation designed for Grade 9 & 10 students. The first 30 minutes of the event will be an overview of our Engineering programs, opportunities, academic requirements, and community. After, there will be a Q&A period. Monday, January 24, 2022, at 5 pm (Pacific Time). [Register here.](#) | Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 5 pm (Pacific Time). [Register here.](#)

