



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

Thursday, February 1

Sem. 1 Final Reports published to MYED portals

Thursday, February 1-Friday, March 1

50/50 Raffle open (see flyer below)

Friday, February 2

Deadline to purchase 2023-2024 Yearbook

Monday, February 5

Last day to hand in G.9 Immunization forms

Tuesday, February 6 – Thursday, February 8

2024-2025 course planning for current G.9-11's

Thursday, February 8

Hockey team meeting for all interested students

Thursday, February 8/Friday, February 9

Grade 12 Friendship Photos

Friday, February 9, 16, March 1

Grade 9 Immunizations

Tuesday, February 13

SD43 Trades Open House (see flyer below)

Monday, February 19

Family Day Statutory Holiday – No School

Thursday, February 22

Last day to sign up for AP exams

Friday, February 23

District Pro-D Day – Students do not attend



YEARBOOK PURCHASE DEADLINE

The deadline to order 2023-2024 Yearbooks is **TODAY, Friday, February 2, 2024**. Purchase through your School Cashonline account. Unsure if you have purchased one? Parents can log in to School Cashonline and check their order history. <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/>

FLOWERS FOR FRIENDS

Buy carnations for \$2 for Valentine's Day! Sales will be in the front lobby from **Monday, Feb. 5 until Friday, Feb. 9**. Flowers will be delivered on February 14th during blocks 1 & 2. Limited supply so don't wait!

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

Grade 9 immunizations are quickly approaching **Friday Feb. 9th, Friday Feb. 16th, and Friday March 1st** and the office has received only approximately half of the immunization consent forms.

Parents, Fraser Health requires signed immunizations forms whether or not your child will be participating so please return SIGNED forms to the office no later than **Monday, February 5, 2024**. Thank you on behalf of Fraser Health.

COURSE PROGRAMMING FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

From Feb 6-8, students currently in Grades 9-11 will meet with school counsellors for course programming for the 2024-2025 school year. Course requests are done online through the MYED portal and supporting information will be uploaded to our Dr Charles Best homepage shortly.

Please discuss programming options, and carefully review course selections with your children to ensure they are making suitable choices and meeting all graduation requirements. Feel free to check in with counsellors for programming advice.

GRAD FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS

Artona will be on site at the school **Thursday, February 8, 2024 and Friday, February 9, 2024** from 4:30pm-8:30pm to capture photos of your friendship groups. Your group can consist of 2-15 people with 2 sitting fee options: \$15 person includes 1 digital image or \$22 per person for 4 digital images for the group. Don't miss out!

Use this link for more information and to book: https://www.artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation_group

AP EXAMS

Any students who still want to sign up for AP Exams, please see Mrs. John in the Counselling office by **February 22, 2024**.

BEST CAFÉ

Canuel Caterers run our school café. Canuel has always said if they are able to change suppliers to secure lower pricing they will. They have sent us an updated menu which we have attached in this newsletter. Thank you

SUN RUN TRAINING

Join the Charles Best Sun Run Team! Everyone is welcome, there is no need for any running experience. We have practices every Monday and Wednesday after school. If you are interested in the 10KM run it's happening on April 21, 2024. There is a \$54 fee which includes a shirt with our team's name on it and some treats at the end of the race. If you're interested or have any questions, we have a meeting coming up on **Tuesday February 6, 2024**. Or contact me (Sarah Lok) via email 080-slok@sd43.bc.ca

TEXTBOOK/LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Students, if you haven't already done so, please connect with your semester 1 teacher and/or the library for returns. **Unreturned books will result in a fee charged to your School Cashonline account.**

Please note that resource replacement is very expensive, and we will happily take ALL resources back, even if they are from previous school years.

LOCKERS

Please be advised locker assignments cannot be changed to another location and locks CANNOT be removed from your assigned locker and used for PE. Students, if you had PE first semester, please ensure you remove your personal lock from the blue PE lockers, or they will be removed on your behalf. Students if you no longer need a locker for Semester 2 or would like to request one, please see Mrs. Wynne in the office.

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.



50/50 RAFFLE



All proceeds go towards subsidizing the cost
of graduation activities for the:
Class of 2024
Dr. Charles Best Secondary

**Thank you for supporting our online
After Grad fundraiser**



Charles Best
Hey supporters! Have you checked out our upcoming fundraiser? We would be thrilled if you could help us share our story and increase our impact. Check it out!

**Start date: Feb 1st
Draw date: March 2nd**

<https://trellis.org/charles-best>



ATHLETICS

HOCKEY TEAM MEETING

Every hockey player (grade 10-12) who are interested in joining our school hockey team this coming Spring, please see Mr. Last to get a registration form. There will be a meeting on **Wednesday February 7** after school in the cafeteria.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

If you are interested in trying out for the junior or senior girls soccer teams, please sign up using the links below or in the library. The QR code is in front of Mrs. Royle's desk in the library. Once we have numbers, we will send out info regarding try out dates. Hope to see you all there. Jr. Girls form <https://forms.office.com/r/tsQ0kv36te>
Sr. Girls' form <https://forms.office.com/r/UafS2fk4zi>

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The junior girls' team has been learning all season how to play basketball. We finished 3 and 3 in league and will be starting our playoffs on February 6. Our highlight on the year so far, has been a third-place finish at the New Westminster Junior Girls tournament. Keep learning ladies, it has been fun season of basketball.

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The senior girls pulled off a second win vs. Heritage Woods on Tuesday with Denise Mendoza hitting a winning shot with 14 seconds left. The team has clinched 2nd place in the league. Their last league game is **Tuesday, February 6th** at home vs. Riverside. **THIS IS A HUGE GAME SO WE NEED A LOT OF FANS!!!** Senior night is **Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00** with an exhibition game vs. Pacific Academy. The senior girls are heading to Fraser Norths on February 13th.

GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL

The grade 9 boys basketball team finished league play with strong wins over Centennial and Pinetree giving them a 4-2 record in the league. They are hoping to build off this momentum as they head into next week's district playoffs as the #3 seed. Good luck boys!

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Sr Boys suffered a tough loss vs Port Moody on Tuesday in league play and will look to rebound tonight vs Centennial. We are hosting Riverside Tuesday Feb 6th at 7:30pm before taking off for Calgary on Wednesday for a tournament. Sr Boys are 13-8 this season. **BIG AWAY GAME TONIGHT VS. CENTENNIAL 7:00PM. WE NEED FANS!!!**

CAREER CENTRE NEWS - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS:

SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 6-8pm at Centennial Secondary School**. Students and parents will have the chance to learn more about the opportunities and supports for students interested in trades. The SD43 Trades Programs team will present as well as Skilled Trades BC, ICBA (Independent Contractors and Businesses Assoc.), Skilled Trades Employment Program BC, ACCESS BC, and the BC Centre for Women in Trades Training. Following the presentations, you can attend a mini fair and connect with representatives from those organizations, SD43 program instructors, and recruiters from local post-secondary institutions/ trades training centres.

SFU APPLIED SCIENCES IS FOR YOU: CAMPUS VISIT FOR BLACK YOUTH

In partnership with the Black Women Business Network (BWBN), SFU Faculty of Applied Sciences is inviting African, Caribbean, and Black youth in grades 8, 9, & 10 to explore the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the SFU Surrey Campus. Incl. a guided tour, a complimentary lunch and presentation from an advisor to learn more about the Faculty of Applied Sciences programs at SFU, and a hands-on activity related to applied science.

Fri, February 23 (Pro D Day). 10 am – 1.30 pm. [Sign up here.](#)

YAIL – YOUTH ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP CAMP

YAIL is open to the first 65 High School registrants (ages 15-17). All costs are paid by the sponsoring Rotary club. Participating District 5050 Rotary clubs range from Hope, BC to Everett, WA. The event takes place at Alexandra Neighbourhood House in Surrey, BC, **March 1-3**. YAIL will help you discover new skills, progress your leadership skills, learn more about the value of teamwork, build relationships with like-minded individuals, and more.

[Register/ more info.](#)

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.](#)

SWEAT – STRUCTURED WORK EXPERIENCE SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY

Grade 11 & 12s: This is your chance to gain meaningful structured work experience during Spring Break (March 25-28). LaSalle College Vancouver is inviting you to their campus to use state-of-the-art equipment, learn from faculty, and gain experience that can be useful in the future. Receive 30 hours of collaborative hands-on workshop work experience in Fashion Design, Jewelry Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Digital Film and Video, Recording Arts, 3D Modeling & Animation, Game Art & Design, Culinary Arts, Baking & Pastry, etc.

Cost is \$150 [Register here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

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.](#)

EDUCATION USA WEBINAR SERIES

Finance your Studies: Wed, February 7, 2 pm. Join EducationUSA for a review of typical costs associated with studying in the USA and the different types of financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, employment, talent scholarships, and athletic scholarships) that you may be eligible for. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

BCIT BIG INFO EVENT IS BACK

Check out BCIT's full-time programs, from business, computing, and health to engineering, trades, and applied science on **Wed, February 21**, 4-7 pm at the Burnaby campus. Learn about the programs available, admission, and get your questions answered by faculty staff. [Register to attend and for a chance to win free tuition prizes.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY VISIT AT BEST

Grade 11 students: Now is the perfect time to start thinking about post-secondary. A recruiter from the University of Calgary will be visiting us on **Thursday, February 29**, after school. Stop by their table in our main foyer and start connecting. Grade 12's who have applied to Calgary: If you have questions, this could also be a good opportunity to find your answers. Come say hi.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLES BEST SCHOLARSHIP MEETING REMINDER

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 in the library, **Wed, Feb 7**, after school.

PATHWAYS TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K-12 teaching. To qualify, the program must lead to eligibility to apply for a B.C. teaching certificate and teach in the K-12 school system in this province. Value: \$5,000. [More info.](#) **Deadline: February 15.**

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT CITIZENSHIP

Recognize graduating students for outstanding contributions they have made to their school and community. Value is \$750 (x3). **Deadline: February 29**, 3 pm. [More info.](#)

BC PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Grads who are pursuing education in trades, technical, and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be assessed on academic excellence and demonstrated leadership within the school and community. 20 x \$1,000 available. **Deadline is March 18, 2024.** [More info.](#)

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

20 x \$500 are available for B.C. students who dedicate a significant amount of their time and energy to volunteering in their local communities. Have you made outstanding contributions in your local community for a considerable amount of time or have initiated, organized or contributed significantly to a one-time project? Apply [here](#) by **March 31.**

DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS & SFU FINANCIAL AID

Various entrance awards valued \$3,000 - \$20,000 are available for students starting at Douglas this fall. [Learn more here.](#) SFU applicants who have demonstrated financial need and marks in the 80% range may be eligible to apply for bursaries. [More here.](#) **Deadline for both post-secondary institutions is March 31.**

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.](#)

BCIT PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS AWARDS

BCIT is looking for 3 SD43 grads who have applied to BCIT and are planning to attend a full-time first-year technology, technical studies, or trade program at BCIT. Well-rounded students, demonstrated leadership, commitment, and drive. [More info here.](#) **Apply by April 3.**

PAC CORNER

There is no PAC meeting scheduled in February. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, March 4th** at 7pm 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, 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

PARENTS AS EDUCATION AND CAREER COACHES

Learn how you can support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12. The session is engaging and informative – and open to all SD43 families. Topics include B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials, program and admission requirements, and application dates, cost of post-secondary and options for financial aid, career exploration resources, including **Find Your Path**, applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC.ca, and more. **Tuesday, March 12, 6.30-8 pm.** Register [here](#)



Parents & Student Supporters

Join our virtual **Parents as Education & Career Coaches (PECC)** Workshop to learn how you can help support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12.

Sessions are engaging and informative, and include a website tour followed by a Q&A.

Topics include

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials
- Programs, admission requirements, and application dates
- Costs of post-secondary and financial aid options
- Career exploration resources, including **Find Your Path**
- Using **My List** to save and compare programs
- Applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC

Register Now

EducationPlannerBC with Coquitlam SD 43

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

MS Teams *The session will be recorded and emailed to all registrants.



Register [using the link here](#) use the QR code. Registration is required.

For more information, contact: support@educationplannerbc.ca

Or contact: Denise Healeywright <dhealeywright@sd43.bc.ca>



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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!

Purchase your Tickets | Subscribe to our Email and Follow Us on Social Media | Support our Silent Auction




GRAD 2025 PARENTS INVITE YOU TO

Las Vegas!

MARCH 9 | BEST PARENT DINNER DANCE | 6:00 PM
IN THE SCHOOL GYM

A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE GRAD 2025 DINNER DANCE

DONATE A PRIZE FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA | @BESTGRAD2025 | EMAIL TO DONATE: BESTGRAD2025@GMAIL.COM

Instagram + Facebook | Threads + Twitter/X

Early bird sale ends Feb. 16

SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

 **Tuesday,
February 13th, 2024**

 **Centennial Secondary
570 Poirier St. Coquitlam**

 **6 – 8pm** (presentation in
theatre will start at 6pm)



LEARN ABOUT THE
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE
SKILLED TRADES

HEAR ABOUT SERVICES & SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS

ICBA (Independent Contractors & Businesses Association) • **STEP BC** (Skilled Trades Employment Program) • **ACCESS BC** (Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society) • **BCCWITT** (BC Centre for Women in Trades Training) • **Skilled Trades BC**





LEARN ABOUT LEVEL 1 TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAMS

Meet Post-Sec. Instuctors

- **BCIT** • **KPU & others**

Meet SD43 Program Instructors

- **Auto Service Technician** • **Carpenter**
- **Professional Cook** • **Electrician**



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