

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – David Cyr

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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

Tuesday, January 27

Student learning updates published to MYED Portals

Saturday, January 31

Winter Essentials Drive Thru Donations (9:30-2:00)

Delta Challenge Exams

Sunday, February 1

Delta Challenge Exams

Tuesday, February 3

Immunization Clinic #2

Wednesday, February 4

Semester 2 Photo Day

Thursday, February 5

Grade 9-11 Course Planning Info. Night (7:00pm)

Monday, February 9

Club and Fall/Winter Team Photo Day

Monday, February 16

Family Day Statutory Holiday (School not in session)

Wednesday, February 18

Grade 12 Scholarship Meeting #2 (3:30pm Library)

Monday, February 23

Immunization Clinic #3

Friday, February 27

Pro D Day (No Classes for students)

Saturday, February 28

Parent Dance at The Port Moody Legion

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF IN SEMESTER 2

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| Nawaal Abdul-Khaliq | Social Studies/English |
| Bryan Baldwin | Electrical Train in Trades |
| Corey Guerineau | French Immersion |
| Emily Kwon | Social Studies |
| Jennifer Nelson | Vice Principal (H-O) |

SEMESTER 1 FINAL LEARNING UPDATES PUBLISHED

Semester 1 Finals Learning Updates were published to MYED portals on **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**.

These reports should be printed out or saved to your computer should a future need arise.

Please see the write up below about updates to MYED portals.

UPDATE TO MYED STUDENT AND FAMILY PORTALS

The Ministry has introduced a new user interface for the Student and Family Portals in MyEducation BC.

This updated design offers a fresh look while maintaining all the functionality parents and students are familiar with.

Access and Login

The next time you log in to the [MyEducation BC website](https://www.myeducationbc.ca) using your current login ID and password from a desktop, tablet, or smartphone, you'll notice the homepage looks different.

Key Features

- **Student Portal:** View schedules and class details.
- **Family Portal:** Access schedules, attendance, and published reports such as Learning Updates.
- **Account Options (top right icon):** Update preferences, manage your email and password, or switch to the full site anytime.
- **To view learning update:** click on face icon on the top right hand side of the screen. From pull down menu, click "FULL SITE"

Trouble Logging In?

Try the "**Trouble logging in?**" option on the login page if you forgot your password. Your login should begin with **43-** followed by the email address where you received this message—unless you've set up access through your **BC Services Card**. Switching to this method of sign in can be set up using the "Log in with another provider", after your first successful sign in.

If you still experience issues, please email 080-secretary@sd43.bc.ca or call the school directly for assistance.

UPCOMING IMMUNIZATION CLINICS *NEW INFORMATION

Our remaining Immunization clinics will take place on **Feb. 3rd, Feb. 23rd, & April 21st**.

While the focus of these immunizations is Gr. 9's, these dates are also available for any other grades in which students are not up to date with their vaccinations. Select Grade 10, 11 and 12 students were emailed to pick up a Fraser Health package from the office SO PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS. Many, but not all forms have been delivered in person to students.

These forms need to be returned **NO LATER THAN Monday, February 2, 2026**, thank you.

If you are unsure whether you are up to date, please contact your local Public Health unit or google:

<https://immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/>

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Our coffees are roasted freshly to order in small batches to ensure you get the perfect cup of coffee.
Organic & ethically sourced. 100% Arabica beans.
Resealable zip-lock bag for freshness.

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| <p>LIGHT ROAST</p>  <p>\$20 454g</p> <p>First Bell Brew</p> <p>This lighter brew will give you a bold flavor that wakes you up, and a smooth flavor that will make you happy you didn't hit that snooze button.</p> | <p>MEDIUM ROAST</p>  <p>\$20 454g</p> <p>Devils Blend</p> <p>A carefully crafted blend of beans, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. A favorite all day coffee!</p> | <p>DARK ROAST</p>  <p>\$20 454g</p> <p>Devilishly Dark</p> <p>This is not your average joe. This four bean blend is roasted to perfection and will have you chugging your mug and begging for more.</p> |
| <p>ESPRESSO ROAST</p>  <p>\$20 454g</p> <p>Devils Boost Espresso</p> <p>A unique espresso blend with a bold, intense flavor and sweet undertones. This blend makes a superb espresso. Excellent as a drip coffee too!</p> | <p>DECAF</p>  <p>\$20 454g</p> <p>Blue Calm Decaf</p> <p>All the flavor of real coffee without the Jitter! This decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee.</p> | <p>HOT CHOCOLATE</p>  <p>\$17 454g</p> <p>Blue Devil Cocoa</p> <p>The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454 gram bag of specialty gourmet hot chocolate.</p> |

Help Support Us!

By purchasing any of the products above, you are helping us reach our goal!

  **CHARLES BEST AFTER GRAD 2026**
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DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY AFTER GRAD 2026 PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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FEB 18 6 PM @TAPHOUSE COQUITLAM



Come join us for a fun night out at the **Taphouse Coquitlam on February 18, 2026 at 6pm.** There will be great food, refreshing drinks and a lot of fun, a 50/50 draw and toonie toss. Tickets are \$37 per person and include a burger, fries and a drink! We hope to see you there!
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/best-aftergrad-2026-pub-night-fundraiser>

We have a new fundraiser for you to take advantage of: Global Coffee Fundraiser - coffee roasted locally in Maple Ridge!

Please take a look and spread the word!

Pub Night ticket sales are ongoing, and our 2nd online auction is in full swing so be sure to check those out and share with your family and friends. See information below.

Thank you for your support!

Global Coffee Fundraiser:

Locally brewed, uniquely named fresh coffee! Now LIVE!


A new fundraiser for all the coffee and hot chocolate lovers to enjoy!

Deliciously and locally brewed coffee, uniquely named to reflect our school!


This fundraiser ends on **February 20, 2026.**

<https://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/bestgrad2026/>

Please contact bestgrad2026@gmail.com for pickup details.



Online Silent Auction
Dr. Charles Best Secondary
After Grad 2026 Fundraiser



Bids from the heart - 14 days of love - for all the special people in your life!

Auction Starts: January 23
Auction Ends: Feb 5 at 11:59 p.m. PST

Put your bids in from the link shown.
[@bestgrad2026](https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/aftergrad2026-online-silent-auction-winter)

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION – AFTERGRAD 2026 FUNDRAISER

Please check out our second online silent auction! Each item up for bid has been generously donated by our supporters, partners and sponsors.

All proceeds will directly benefit our dry After Grad in May.

The auction closes February 5th, 2026 at 11:59pm. Winners will be contacted about pickup.

Bids from the heart - 14 days of love – for all the special people in your life!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/aftergrad2026-online-silent-auction-winter>

AFTERGRAD PARENT MEETING

Our next AfterGrad parent meeting will be in February date TBD. Please join us to help make this AfterGrad party a blast for our grads!! If you would like to receive more information or wondering how you can help, please email us at bestgrad2026@gmail.com. Stay informed on all the latest AfterGrad news; follow us at BestGrad2026 on Facebook & Instagram or email us at bestgrad2026@gmail.com. Happy Holidays!

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT AFTERGRAD

Are you a Best family who would like to support the AfterGrad? Do you have a Best grad student but you are unable to volunteer your time and are looking for a way to support the AfterGrad fundraising? Here are a couple of great ways you can still help:

1. Make a donation through the SCOL @ <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>.
2. If you own a business or know someone who does, please consider donating to the AfterGrad Online Silent Auction or for AfterGrad prizes. Interested families please email bestgrad2026@gmail.com to request the donation marketing letter. Thank you for your support!

S2 PHOTO DAY & CLUB/FALL TEAM PHOTO DAY

Artona will be in the cafeteria on **Wednesday, February 4th** to photograph Grade 12's that are still needing a photo for the yearbook and composite photo as well as any staff and students that are new to the school.

Photos will be taking place in the morning, and students will be called down over the PA.

Artona will be on site on **Monday, Feb. 9th** to take photos of our Clubs and fall athletic teams. This date was rescheduled from December 17th. Please check with your Club Sponsor or Team Coach for your times.

COURSE PROGRAMMING PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Counsellors will be hosting a Parent Information Night on **Thursday, February 5th at 7 pm**, in the school Library, to go over the course planning process for current grade 9-11 students.

REMINDER OF MATH SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR GRADES 9 & 10

Charles Best student tutors are now available during **Blocks 2-4 in the Math Tutorial Room**, offering extra help for **Grade 9 and 10 students** who may benefit from additional math support. This initiative is designed to provide students with a welcoming space to ask questions, strengthen their understanding, and build confidence in their math skills. We encourage parents, students, and teachers to take advantage of this free academic support and spread the word to students who may find it helpful.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE



Tickets are on sale for our Grade 11 Parent/Guardian Dinner and Dance on **Saturday, February 28th** at the Port Moody Legion!

All BEST Parents, Guardians and Friends are welcome! This 90's themed dinner and dance is aimed at building the Charles Best community and raise funds for our 2027 Grads.

It is the only fundraiser that Grade 11 families hold to support Grad celebrations.

Please follow the link below to purchase your tickets.

Tickets are already over 50% sold so don't miss out on this Charles Best tradition!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/dinner-and-dance-for-guardians-of-grad--2027>



Looking to get involved in making the Grade 11 Dinner and Dance a memorable event?

Please email bestgrad2027@gmail.com.

Please join us and help make next year's Grad one to remember!

We are also putting out a request to the Best community for Silent Auction donations. If you can assist or know of someone who can please email us

bestgrad2027@gmail.com.

[Best Gr11 Dinner Dance 2026 | Coquitlam BC facebook.com](#)

<https://www.instagram.com/bestgrad2027>

ATHLETICS



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics
Home of the Blue Devils
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For secondary sport updates and information...



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[Follow Charles Best Athletics on Instagram here](#)

Follow the 2025-2026 Senior Girls Basketball team here: <https://sites.google.com/view/bestsportshub/home>

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS



Charles Best is incredibly proud of **Kierana L.** for an outstanding performance at the 2025 South East Asian Games in Thailand featuring athletes from 11 Southeast Asian nations.

Kierana represented Indonesia in speed skating and finished the games with a Bronze in the Women's 1500m and Silver in the 2000m Mixed Team Relay.

At the closing ceremony, Kierana was selected as the flag bearer for Indonesia chosen from over 1000 athletes!

Congratulations Kierana!

FIELD LACROSSE

The lacrosse team has their last regular season game February 9th against Riverside. They played against Vancouver College on Wednesday at home and won 17-3! They will end the season with a tournament the week of February 23rd with games at Best and Centennial.

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Season Continues Strong!

The Junior Boys Basketball team is continuing its season with confidence and determination. After weeks of hard work and commitment, the team currently holds a record of 5 wins and 1 loss in league play, showing steady growth and strong teamwork on the court.

An exciting challenge awaits tonight (Friday 30th) at home, as the Junior Boys face Terry Fox in what promises to be a high-intensity matchup. This game will be an important test for the team, and your support can make a real difference! (Tip off @6pm)

The team's final league game will take place on February 3 against Heritage Wood, just before entering the playoff phase. The playoffs are scheduled for February 4 and February 6 and will be hosted at Terry Fox.

As the season moves forward, the goal is clear: finish among the top three teams in order to qualify for the Fraser North Championship.

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The senior girls had a successful showing at the Kodiak Klassic January 16-17 where they defeated Lord Tweedsmuir and Langley Christian and battled against the #1 ranked Argyle to come 3rd place in the tournament. The team has won their first 3 league games against Heritage Woods and Centennial. Fraser North playoffs begin on February 9th - watch the Informer for locations and times!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD FOR SD43 FAMILIES

[PCFA Softball Registration](#)

[Town Centre Park Cleanup Day](#)

[Coquitlam Recreation - Sewing: Fashion 8-11yrs](#)

[Kids Spring Break Programs at Minnekhada \(Gr 6-8\)](#)

[Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! Musical Theatre Program](#)

[Fraser Health: keep your child healthy during winter](#)

[The Snow Angels Program](#)

[All Ages Poetry Slam](#)

BEST CAREER CENTRE NEWS Follow our Career Centre on Instagram [@bestcareercentre](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SPRING BREAK CONSTRUCTION WORK OPPORTUNITY

B & B Contracting is once again hiring grade 12 students who are interested in civil construction. If you want to gain meaningful work experience and exposure to the field, and are available **March 16-27**, all day, you could make \$25/hour. Work sites are across the Lower Mainland; reliable transportation is required. Orientation, skills training and mentorship will be provided. [Learn more](#) and **apply by February 16**.

REGIONAL ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY (RAPS): VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR COMMUNITY EVENT

[RAPS](#) is hosting several community fundraising events to launch their annual Car Lottery and 50/50 Raffle in support of their efforts of saving and improving the lives of animals. They are looking for volunteers to engage with the public during three events at local shopping centres. Students can volunteer with a friend if they like, and anyone under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

[Coquitlam Mall, Feb 28 & March 1](#) |

[Tsawwassen Mills, Feb 7 & 8](#) |

[Lansdowne Shopping Centre in Richmond, March 7 & 8](#).

IRONWORKER BOOTCAMP & CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Ironworker Union Local 97 is running a free 3-week bootcamp in Maple Ridge. First week is during Spring Break. Suitable candidates will be invited back after graduation (June/July) to complete weeks 2 & 3. After completion of the bootcamp, the union will provide required tools and find (paid) work placements on jobsites in Greater Vancouver. Apprenticeship pathways will be discussed after 6 months of work. [More here](#).

SPRING BREAK BIKE INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Pedalheads is hiring Instructors for their Spring Break bike camps! Gain work and leadership experience, build up your resume, spend time outside, and help kids learn how to bike. Camps run at Queen of All Saints School (Como Lake), Brentwood, South Burnaby, etc. If you are turning 16 this year, and enjoy working with young children while being outdoors, think about applying [here](#).

PNE SPRING & SUMMER WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Playland is looking for over 1000+ enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join the 2026 season for the **Playland Amusement Park** and support the delivery of the **FIFA Fan Festival™!** A wide variety of positions are available in departments such as Food & Beverage, Guest Experience, Ticketing, Games, Rides, Public Safety, Parking, and Grounds Clean-Up. Base wages start at \$18.54/hr, plus employee discounts and other perks. Must be min. 15. [More info](#). **Early application deadline: March 9**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE JUNIOR PLAYERS TOUR

Are you interested in golf? The Junior Players Tour (JPT) is currently seeking enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to help with upcoming. Roles incl. registration duties, scoring, hydration stations, spotting, etc. Events will take place in Richmond and Vancouver (March Break), Pitt Meadows (August), and Surrey (**Labour Day weekend**). [More info](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY ANIMATION & VFX PROGRAMS

Get an insight view on **Sat, January 31**. This immersive experience is designed to help students explore creative career pathways through interactive activities, industry insight, and direct engagement with faculty. Participate in motion capture and VR demos, portfolio reviews, and live workshops, and hear from industry alumni working at leading studios about how CapU prepares graduates for the field. [Sign up](#).

KPU DISCOVERY DAYS

Ever wondered what it's like to be a KPU student for a day? Discovery Day is your chance to find out! Participate in Mock Classes, go on a campus tour, and engage in interactive activities to explore the educational path that's right for you. Free pizza and prizes. [Register here](#).

- KPU Langley (Health, Business, Arts): Mon, Feb 9, 11 am – 3 pm
- KPU Richmond (Wilson School of Design, Entertainment Arts, Business, Sciences): Thu, Feb 13, 11 am – 3 pm
- KPU Surrey (Art, Business, Science, Fine Arts): Fri, Feb 20, 11 am – 3 pm

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

BE THE LIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Open to female graduates of South Asian descent (20 x \$2,500). Criteria are academic achievement, community involvement, and financial need. [Apply by February 21](#).

RE/MAX QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

40 x \$1,000 are available for Canadian High School grads, must submit a 500-word essay responding to one out of three prompts. **Deadline is March 6, 2026**. [More info](#).

HORATIO ALGER GRADE 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

160 Canadian Scholarships at \$10,000, and 10 Entrepreneurial Scholarships at \$25,000 for current grade 11 students who are planning to begin a bachelor's degree in Canada starting Fall 2027. Must have demonstrated financial need (<\$80,000 household net income), be Canadian citizens, maintain a +70% average, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and be involved in extracurriculars and community service. [Apply by March 31, 2026](#).

YOUTH WORKER CORNER

For more information about any of the topics below, please email Heather Bjornson @ hbjornson@sd43.bc.ca or call 778-840-6091, thank you.

THIS WEEKEND - WINTER ESSENTIALS DRIVE #2 - We will be holding another winter essentials drive on **Saturday January 31st 9:30-2:00** at the front of our school. There are high needs for muffin mixes, adult absorbent briefs, and feminine products, shelters, sleeping bags and blankets.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCE FAIR - On **April 8th** from 830am-130pm we will be holding a COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCE FAIR with 13 representatives from different support agencies within our community to help parents, students and caregivers. One agency is "THE FOUNDRY" which will be opening their doors at the beginning of February and will have many of the supports (doctors, nurse, drug/alcohol, mental health, birth control etc., all on the same floor.

Naloxone Training- Parents/ Students/Caregivers- if you are interested in Naloxone training (free) sometime at end of February or until Spring Break please, email me at hbjornson@sd43.bc.ca and let me know how many will be attending so I can set up a time with the naloxone group. This will be a nighttime event.

Vaping Information- vaping among students has increased in the last few years and we really don't have all the facts on the long-term health effects. One group, The Foundry, will be starting their work in Coquitlam around Feb 1 and has offered to come and give students and families information on this issue. If you are interested in attending this information night, please email me with your name before March 1 (actually the sooner the better) and I will set this up.

Soups/Muffins- our Leadership students and other students have been helping me make soups, biscuits and muffins for the homeless. I am looking for any ingredients I can put in muffins (muffin mixes), soups etc. If you know of any stores or companies that have seconds I would appreciate it. This endeavor is really eye-opening for our students, and I want it to continue.

PAC CORNER

Please join us for our next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting on **Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 7pm** in the school library. All parents and caregivers are welcome! Principal Dave Cyr will also be in attendance to provide school updates and answer questions.

Please check out the PAC website for more information on how your PAC works for you and how you can get involved: <https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac>. OR contact us at bestpacchair@gmail.com for any questions. For updated news please follow us at charlesbestpac on Instagram or Facebook. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

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!

2026 HOUSE REGISTRATION

AGES 4 - 20

LEARN OUR GAME

WEEKLY PRACTICES & GAMES

GREAT MEMORIES

GREAT FUN

PCFA

REGISTER AT  pcfa.club

Our 2026 softball registration is now open for all age Groups 4 - 20 years of age. This season is ramping up to be a great time for young athletes who are new to the sport or returning to the recreational side of the program to participate.

- **PCFA Softball Program** welcomes all recreational and new-to-softball players ages 4 - 20 years to join us for a fun and inclusive season! Our program focuses on learning, teamwork, having fun, and enjoying the game.
- (Practices begin Late March/Games begin April - June 2026)
- Register and learn more at pcfa.club/2026-registration
- Questions can be sent to president@pcmsa.ca pcfa.club

Warm regards,
Port Coquitlam Fastpitch Association
CC: Ryan Gokool / Andy Balsler (PCFA - contacts)