



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – David Cyr

Vice-Principals – Jennifer Nelson, Tara Sutherland, and Michael Viveiros

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, February 9-Sunday, March 1

MYED student portals open to add 2026-2027 course selections

Monday, February 16

Family Day Statutory Holiday (School not in session)

Wednesday, February 18

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

2026 AfterGrad Pub Night Fundraiser (6:00pm)

Friday, February 20

Orders close for Coffee Fundraiser

Monday, February 23

Immunization Clinic #3

Wednesday, February 25

Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, February 26

YDI and Student Learning Surveys

Friday, February 27

Pro D Day (No Classes for students)

Saturday, February 28

Parent Dance at The Port Moody Legion

Tuesday, March 3

Spring Basketball Play Day (See Ad. on last page)

Thursday, March 5

S2 Informal Learning Reports Published

2026 After Grad meeting 7pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This past month has reminded us how deeply interconnected our school communities are. The recent hold and-and-secure events across the district, followed by the heartbreaking tragedy in Tumbler Ridge, have weighed heavily on all of us.

In moments like these, the strength of our Charles Best community becomes unmistakably clear. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our staff, students, and families for responding with calm, compassion, and steady resolve. Your poise in uncertain moments is something I never take for granted, and I remain profoundly proud to serve this remarkable school.

Amid challenging weeks, we've also had moments of celebration. Our basketball program continues to shine, and I want to highlight the outstanding achievements of all our teams. A special congratulations goes to our Senior Girls, who have now earned a spot at Provincials for the fourth consecutive year!! This level of consistency and excellence is no small feat. Congratulations to our girls and a huge thank you to our coaches, Ms. Weeks and Mr. Day. Go Blue Devils!

Our 12-plex construction project continues to move forward, with work now shifting toward the internal components of the structure. Once this phase accelerates, we expect to see significant progress-plex construction project continues to move forward, with work now shifting toward the internal components of the structure. Once this phase accelerates, we expect to see significant progress. The parking challenges created by the project are also nearing relief, as more than 40 new stalls will soon open around the building and behind the school. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this temporary inconvenience.

As always, I encourage everyone to stay connected through our public calendar and daily Informer. Charles Best is a vibrant place with a great deal happening every week, and staying informed helps us all feel part of the momentum. Thank you for your continued support of our students, our staff, and our school community.

Dave Cyr,
Principal

COMMUNITY THANKS

Once again, we are blown away by the generosity of the students, families, administrators and teachers of Dr. Charles Best. Our clothing drive for the last few weeks and Saturday January 31 was the biggest one to date. We received enough donations to supply Hope for Freedom, The Uplifting Group, Progressive and peer workers until spring. Despite the rain and cold on Saturday, January 31st, our hearts were warmed by all the wonderful people that came by.

With gratitude to Principal Dave Cyr, who places value on community service. Heather Bjornson, who spearheaded these events with a mindset to help those in need. To the Leadership classes who advertised, promoted and worked these events as volunteers. You are all the definition of what community truly means.

With gratitude and a full heart, we thank you all!!!

Sincerely,

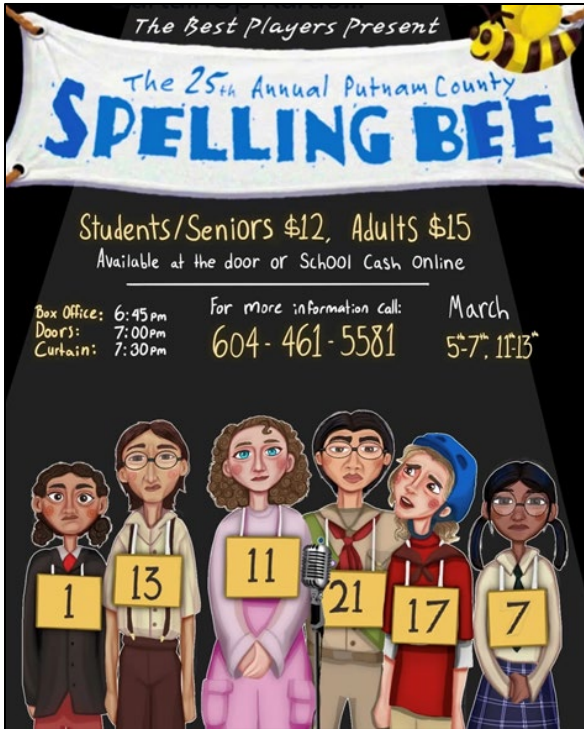
Michelle Jacobsen

Peer Coordinator

Tri-Cities Community Action Team

www.Tri-CitiesCAT.ca

THE BEST PLAYERS PRESENT



Save the date for our Spring Play!

This hilarious and heartfelt musical follows six quirky spellers as they compete for glory at the Putnam County Spelling Bee.

Come laugh, cringe and maybe even learn a new word or two. 🐝

Audience members might even find themselves competing on stage (no pressure)!

NOTE: Correct dates are March 5-7 and March 10, 11 & 13
(There is no show March 12th due to Parent Teacher Interviews)

Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman

2026-2027 COURSE PROGRAMMING

Counsellors have made their presentations to current Grade 9-11 students and students have been instructed to make their course selections in their MYED portals.

Grades 9-11 please complete **between February 9th to March 1st**.

Grade 11's are also encouraged to make an appointment with their Counsellor **between February 17-26th.

This is to ensure all grad requirements are met for next year.

NOTE: this link is for student use only:

<https://outlook.office.com/book/CourseChangeBookings@sd43bccca.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenbled>

AP PSYCHOLOGY 12 EXAM

If any students are interested in writing this exam please see Mrs. JOHN in the counselling office **before Feb. 26th**.

PEER TUTORING 11/12 FOR NEXT YEAR

Students who want to take Peer Tutoring 11 or 12 next year need to complete an application and teacher reference **by Friday March 13th**. The application form can be found in the counselling office. Students who do not complete an application and teacher reference by the deadline will be withdrawn. Please see Ms. Hawes or Ms. Wiskar in 215 if you have any questions.

FRANCE TRIP MAY 22 - MAY 30, 2027

Current Grade 10 and 11 French Immersion students will have the opportunity to take part in an unforgettable educational trip to France in the spring of 2027 when they are in Grades 11 and 12.

The trip is planned for Saturday, May 22 to Sunday, May 30 aligning with the Victoria Day long weekend. During this time, students will stay in Paris and take part in a rich cultural and linguistic experience designed specifically for senior French Immersion learners. The trip will be limited to 20 student spots, and the estimated cost is approximately \$3500. Should interest exceed availability, a waiting list will be created. A parent information session will be held before Spring Break. Please reach out to teachers Thierry Bruxelle tbruxelle@sd43.bc.ca or Shelley Deacon sdeacon@sd43.bc.ca for more information and to secure a spot.

DELFL EXAM

School District 43 Coquitlam, in collaboration with the Centre International d'Études Pédagogiques is offering students in Semester 2 French programs the opportunity to participate in an international French language assessment: The Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF).

Online Registration Information. Link for registration: [ce lien](#).

Through their classroom teacher, students will complete an online registration form to the France Éducation International (FEI) platform. As part of the registration process, limited student information is entered into GAEL's registration platform in France.

Exam dates: April 13 to 17 (B2, B1, A2, A1)

Exam fees (payable via School Cash Online): \$40.00 (B2, B1) or \$35.00 (A2, A1)

If you require any further information, please contact your child's teacher or the SD43 Language and Culture coordinator, Shauna Beaton-Rae at 604-937-6386 (office) or by Email: sbeaton@sd43.bc.ca

****Semester 1 DELF exam results are in. Students can come to the office and see Ms. Thibault.**

ATTENDANCE SUBMISSIONS



Parents, just a reminder to use the following absence report link to submit **student absences, lates and early dismissals** to the office. This link is found on our school website homepage and will open up an outlook email addressed directly to our attendance team. Phone calls to the office are always welcome and you are also welcome to cc teachers on your email if you choose.
*At left is NOT an active link but a screenshot for illustrative purposes.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS-SAVE THE DATE!

Semester 2 Parent Teacher interviews will be held on **Thursday, March 12th** and will be held in two sessions.

NOTE: Mid-Term Learning updates will be published on Thursday, March 5 and may include a message from your child's teacher to book an interview. Link to book with a pre-access code will be provided at the bottom of the update. Please ensure you check learning updates for all classes as the pre-access code will only be available for 24 hours from March 5-6.

General online sign up for bookings will open **Friday, March 6th** after school and close @ 11:59pm on Tuesday, March 10th. **The link to book and additional information will be provided in the Friday, March 6th newsletter.**

Session 1 will be run as VIRTUAL interviews on TEAMS from 2:00pm-4:00pm.

Session 2 will be IN PERSON interviews in the school from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

FOR ALL INTERVIEWS:

- Appointments to discuss full year/linear course(s) will be an option this semester now that there is enough data compiled for teachers to speak about. These courses will show as (FY) on your child's schedule.
- Both appointment types (Virtual/In Person) are to be booked online.
- Please look for information on how to book an appointment including the link to the booking website in our next newsletter on **Friday, March 6, 2026.**

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE ON MARCH 12, 2026

Period 1	8:16am – 9:05am
Period 2	9:10am – 10:00am
Period 3	10:05am – 10:55am
Period 4	11:00am – 11:50pm
Period 5	11:55pm – 12:45pm

GRADE 12 PARENT MEETING MARCH 12

There will be a discussion meeting about Post-Secondary Applications, information about Graduation: (ie: Dinner Dance, Commencement, Scholarship Applications and CLC Capstone) from 6:45pm – 7:45pm in the library.

Please plan your parent/teacher interviews accordingly if you plan on coming to the meeting.

The content discussed will be similar to what was discussed at the October 30th parent meeting.

HONOURS STANDING CRITERIA AND TIMELINE

To help students plan, we want to share again the criteria and timeline for Honours Standing. For students in Grades 10–12, Honours Standing will be based on Semester 1 Final Marks and Quarter 3 marks, which will be Published in **April**. This timeline is consistent across the district, and we're sharing it now so students can start Semester 2 with strong habits and clear goals in mind.

Please encourage your child to adopt an effective study routine and to seek help early if challenges arise—this proactive approach can make all the difference when marks are published in April.

Please note only classes completed in person at Charles Best Secondary are considered for Honours standing.

Grade 10 and 11	Grade 12
HONOUR ROLL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best 8 courses at Ecole Dr. Charles Best • 73% or greater • Marks calculated at Quarter 3 (April) 	HONOUR ROLL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best 8 courses including Career Life Connections 12 at Ecole Dr. Charles Best • 73% or greater • Marks calculated at Quarter 3 (April) HONOUR CORD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best 8 grade 11 and best 8 grade 12 courses at Ecole Dr. Charles Best • 73% or higher
HONOURS WITH DISTINCTION Grades 10 - 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best 8 courses at Ecole Dr. Charles Best • 86% or greater • Marks calculated at Quarter 3 (April) 	

YDI & STUDENT LEARNING SURVEYS

The Youth Development Index Survey and the annual Provincial Student Learning Survey is being conducted at Dr. Charles Best on **Feb. 26th**. The surveys gather information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The **Youth Development Instrument (YDI)** is a survey designed to help better understand and support the social, emotional, mental, and physical well-being of high school students. Developed in partnership with SFU, educators, health professionals, policymakers, community members, and youth themselves, the YDI identifies the resources and experiences that help young people thrive. The survey explores five key areas, including social-emotional development, learning experiences, and overall well-being.

Please see the announcement at the top of our school website homepage for the permission form.

As part of the Student Learning Survey, we encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate. The results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus on improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province. The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey.

If you have any questions, please contact Tara Sutherland, Vice Principal at Dr Charles Best Secondary, tsutherland@sd43.bc.ca

SPRING MARKET CALL FOR VENDORS

Just in time for Mother's Day, the school is hosting a Spring Market on Saturday, May 9th!

We are excited to be offering this first time event 'Spring Refresh' at Charles Best from 11:00-4:00pm.

The team is planning on incorporating home & garden, Mothers Day and grad gift ideas along with key note speakers with proceeds supporting our 2026 AfterGrad activities.

The team is currently putting a call out for vendor applications so if you provide a service or have products related to this theme please apply here: <https://forms.gle/v8Vkd91MDrpl8BPw6>

Table fees:

'Early Bird' table pricing: Per table \$50 - Corner or 2 tables \$90

Feb 28 - April 15: Per table \$60 or Corner/2 tables \$100

April 16 - May 5: Per table \$70 or Corner/2 tables \$110

Prices are based on availability.

We encourage student vendors to participate as well! For pricing, please contact Leann.oil4ever@gmail.com

UPCOMING IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Our remaining Immunization clinics will take place on **Feb. 23rd, & April 21st** and will be supporting all students in Grades 9-12. If you were given an immunization package from Fraser Health, please either hand in to the office or bring to the clinic in the gym on immunization day.

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/>

CANADA IS CELEBRATING IT'S 30TH YEAR OF HONOURING BLACK HISTORY THIS YEAR

This year's theme is Black Brilliance.

Here's some great resources to get you started:

[February is Black History Month - Canada.ca](https://www.blackhistorymonth.ca/)

[Celebrating 30 years of Black History Month in Canada | Watch News Videos Online](https://www.blackhistorymonth.ca/en/watch-news-videos-online)

Charles Best Grade 12

Scholarship Meeting

Grade 12 students

- 50+ scholarships and bursaries, exclusively for CBSS grads, incl. the District Authority Awards provided by the Ministry of Education
- Award values: \$250 - \$2,500
- Learn about eligibility, how to apply, and everything else you need to know.

AFTER SCHOOL
Wed, February 18

Charles Best School
LIBRARY

ATHLETICS



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics
Home of the Blue Devils
@charlesbestscho
charlesbestathletics.weebly.com



For secondary sport updates and information...



@cssaasd43

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

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

SENIOR GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL



Much appreciation for our 8 seniors who have given their time, talent and heart to these programs. Thank you for memories, the leadership, and the legacy you leave behind. We're so proud of you and can't wait to see what's next—we wish you nothing but success!

Congratulations **Malaya, Maddy and Leila** from our Girls Team and **Ashaan, Daniel, Josh, Emmanuel and Julio** from the Boys Team!



SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL



The senior girls basketball team played in the Fraser North championship on Thursday, February 12th securing second place in their zone.

Bianka M. and Natalie P. were named All Stars for the tournament.

Congratulations to the team as they have secured a sport in Provincials for the 4th consecutive year.

Stay tuned for the provincials schedule which will be played **February 25-28 at the Langley Events Centre!**

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Junior Boys basketball season has officially come to an end after a strong and memorable year for the Charles Best Blue Devils. The team finished the season with a positive record of 11 wins and 10 losses, showing steady growth and competitiveness throughout the year.

Our playoff run ended in the Coquitlam District small final, where we fell short by just three points in a thrilling game. After leading by 12 points at halftime, we lost momentum in the second half against a focused Centennial team. Despite the loss, it was a hard-fought battle, and the coaches are extremely proud of the resilience and character shown by our players.

Beyond the results, this season was defined by strong team chemistry, commitment, and development. The group built great connections through training camps, development sessions, and consistent effort all season long. With a roster of 15 players, we consistently had 12–13 athletes at every practice, even during the Christmas break, demonstrating outstanding dedication even when player were sick.

We would like to recognize several individual performances:

Noah M. 17 points per game, **Zach Van V.** 8 points per game, **Arteen I.** 8 points per game, **Bardia K.** 6 points per game and almost 100 rebounds this season. Many players made significant progress this year, **Tiger W., Takashi S. and Zachary M.** we are very proud of the overall growth of the program.

Congratulations to all the players on a fantastic season. We look forward to seeing them back on the court next year!

WRESTLING

The BC Provincial Championships are next Friday and Saturday at the PNE Forum. We have 7 wrestlers who qualified and will be competing. Grade 12 student Liam G. will be going for his 4th provincial championship title!

AFTERGRAD PLANNING UPDATE

Our second online silent auction was a success!

Thank you for your support!

Did you know you can bring your grads and students until 9pm on Pub Night?

Details on Pub Night ticket sales and the Global Coffee Fundraiser are listed here so be sure to check them out and share with your family and friends and on your social media!

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 5th, 2026, in the school library** at 7pm.

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.

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.schoolcashonline.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!

PUB NIGHT FEBRUARY 18

Come join us for a fun night out at the **Taphouse Coquitlam** on **February 18, 2026, at 6pm**.

2026 Grads and Students welcome until 9pm! Come and mingle with other Best parents and students and helps us make our grads AfterGrad a memorable one!

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>

SUPPORT OUR GRADE 12 GRADS

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

<https://globalcoffeefundraising.ca/bestgrad2026/> Please contact bestgrad2026@gmail.com for pickup details.

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FUNDRAISING

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.

Order online at www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/bestgrad2026

LIGHT ROAST	MEDIUM ROAST	DARK ROAST
 \$20 454g First Bell Brew <small>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.</small>	 \$20 454g Devils Blend <small>A carefully crafted blend of beans, specially roasted to create a rich, sweet coffee. A favorite all day coffee!</small>	 \$20 454g Devilishly Dark <small>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.</small>
ESPRESSO ROAST	DECAF	HOT CHOCOLATE
 \$20 454g Devils Boost Espresso <small>A unique espresso blend with a bold, intense flavor and sweet undertones. This blend makes a superb espresso. Excellent as a drip coffee too!</small>	 \$20 454g Blue Calm Decaf <small>All the flavor of real coffee without the Jitter! This decaf offers a traditional rich, bold cup of coffee.</small>	 \$17 454g Blue Devil Cocoa <small>The kids need something fun! Stock up with a 454 gram bag of specialty gourmet hot chocolate.</small>

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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Global Coffee Fundraising | www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca | Phone: 604.618.6085



DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY
AFTER GRAD 2026

PUB NIGHT FUNDRAISER



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TICKETS ON SALE



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

Don't miss out-ticket sales close soon!

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. There will be a great menu, and a great night of games too!

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 now 75% sold out so don't delay if you're planning to come!



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

SILENT AUCTION FOR GRAD 2027

Starts Feb 13 and closes Feb 28, 2026- amazing items with including iconic sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting events and great local business donations.

50/50 JACKPOT FOR GRAD 2027

Tickets to the 50/50- Jackpot already over \$600! Click the link below to purchase.



[Charles Best Grad 2027's Silent Auction](#)
[zeffy.com](https://www.zeffy.com)



[Grad 2027 50/50 Raffle](#)
[zeffy.com](https://www.zeffy.com)

The Tri-Cities Enchantment Project



Dress & Suit Donations Request

The Enchantment Project was created to ensure all our young people can attend their high school graduation celebrations. Your donations of modern and stylish grad dresses and suits are vital to the continuation of this project.

Grad dresses and suits can be donated at Terry Fox, Riverside, Gleneagle, Port Moody Secondary, and CABE. Donations are accepted from January to March 2026.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please email Erin Watkins with any questions: ewatkins@sd43.bc.ca

To make a cash donation, contact Lara Couto: lcouto@sd43.bc.ca

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SOCCER SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Royal Soccer Summer Camp is once again running various campsites this Summer Break (one is at Town Centre Park). They are looking for motivated youth age 14+ who enjoy being active outside, want to improve their leadership skills and are keen to mentor and support younger children. Commit for as many full weeks as you like. [More here.](#)

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SD43 students 16+ can now apply to participate in a 2-day instructional program with an ICBC instructor to prepare for the Learner's Permit test. On the second day of the program, students will take the test. This opportunity is designed for students who may face barriers, including but not limited to text anxiety, learning challenges, financial need, etc. Selection criteria are student's needs/ barriers, age, attendance, and good standing with the school. May 12 and May 10, all day, Winslow Centre. Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch, and transportation to ICBC. Hand your completed [application form](#) to Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office by March 11, 3 pm.

SD43 INDIGENOUS TRADES SAMPLER

This is a hands-on, in-the-shop event designed for students in Grades 9-12 who identify as Indigenous. This 3-day experience aims to inspire students to explore the skilled trades and gain some basic skills in the shop. Participants will get to build a take-home project and learn foundational skills in Carpentry and CNC Machining. Wed, April 29 - Fri, May 1, all day at Port Moody Secondary. [More info here.](#) Hand your completed application to the Indigenous Youth Worker or to Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office by March 11, 3 pm.

YOUTH 4 ACTION SPRING BREAK WORKSHOP

Think Global, Lead and Act Local. Ready to make a difference and take action for sustainability? Join high school students from across Metro Vancouver for three action-packed days of leadership, learning, and fun! Meet inspiring professionals and explore unique sustainability career paths, learn about climate change impacts and share strategies for adaptation and mitigation, get to know Metro Vancouver's role and services and provide input on upcoming initiatives, and more. Free. [Apply](#) by March 4, 2026.

STEM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Kids Computer Program at CLCI is looking for classroom volunteers (grade 9 and up) to support a coding program (Scratch and Micro:bit) for Elementary School students. Saturdays, March 7 - June 6 (no class on March 21 + 28, April 4), 2.15 - 4 pm, at Como Lake Middle. If you enjoy working with kids, are interested in STEM, and are available ideally for the full program, contact Lucie at sd43computers@gmail.com or 778 868 4498 (call or text).

SFU SCIENCE ALIVE CODING WORKSHOPS

Science ALIVE is launching a new round of online workshops for high school students to learn how to code and implement popular digital tools. These workshops are free, with many beginner and intermediate level workshops available. Students are welcome to sign up for as many workshops as they'd like! The program runs Feb 14 - April 25, various dates. <https://sciencealive.ca/hour-of-code>

ROCKY POINT ICE-CREAM HIRING FAIR

Looking for a summer job? Download the [application form](#), fill it out and bring it to the Hiring Fair along with your resume! The Canteen & Creamery, 2920 Murray St, Port Moody | Sun, February 22, 10 am - 2 pm. They are hiring at all locations, Port Moody, New West, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam. Looking for friendly, hardworking people who love teamwork, good vibes and ice-cream. Applicants must be Canadian or Permanent Residents.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

CAREER PATHS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT - INFO SESSION

Join one of JIBC's upcoming info sessions to learn more about the program structure and courses, career opportunities in law enforcement and public safety, and hear from faculty, admissions experts, and current students. Application deadline for all programs is March 11.

- Info Session - [Diploma in Law Enforcement Studies](#): February 25, 6-7 pm, JIBC New Westminster campus. [Register Now](#)
- Virtual Info Session - [Bachelor Law Enforcement Studies](#): February 26, 6-7 pm. [Register Now](#)

STUDY & GO ABROAD FAIR

Explore colleges, universities, gap year opportunities, and study abroad options on Saturday, February 28, 1-5 pm at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront. Plus, don't miss the free ScholarshipsCanada seminar at 12pm! [Register here.](#)

UBC OKANAGAN - EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINE

The following undergraduate degrees still have space for both domestic students and international students: Applied Science (Engineering), Bachelor of Arts, Commerce, Science, Fine Arts, Health & Exercise Sciences, Media Studies, and Sustainability. If you are graduating and still want to apply, head over to Education Planner BC before March 31 – but don't delay, applications will close when a program has reached capacity.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Grade 12s, our school's scholarship package is coming out on **Wed, February 18**, after school. Join us at the library to learn what type of awards are available and how to apply. Must be Canadian citizen or PR. This package will include the District Authority Awards provided by the Ministry of Education. **Applications will be due at the end of Spring Break.**

SFU ENTRANCE BURSARIES & AWARDS

For entering students with grade average +80% and demonstrated financial need. Deadline is March 31. [Apply here.](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to \$20,000. Available for students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities, including the promotion of social justice and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation within their schools and/or communities.

[Apply here](#) by March 31.

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.

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, April 13th, 2026 at 7pm** in the school library. There is no PAC meeting in March. 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!

TRI-CITY WARRIORS MINOR BALL HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026 spring season is now open.

Don't delay-late fees will apply on any registrations on February 15th or after!

2026 Spring Season Registration: <https://www.tcmbha.com/en/page/registration/registration.html>

DR. CHARLES BEST PRESENTS
SPRING BASKETBALL DAY
GRADE 8 GIRLS & BOYS

MEET FUTURE COACHES AND PLAYERS
PRIZES TO BE WON
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TUESDAY | **GIRLS 3:30-5:00PM**
MARCH 3, 2026 | **BOYS 5:00-6:30PM**

USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:



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