Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter Issue #12 – February 14, 2025



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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

Friday, February 14

Last day for current Grade 9 course programming Sunday, February 16 Last day for current Grade 10 course programming Monday, February 17 Family Day Statutory Holiday – No School **Tuesday, February 18** Last day for Mitchell's Soups Fundraiser **Tuesday, February 18-Friday, February 21** Gr. 10/12 Student Learning Surveys

Wednesday, February 26 **Pink Shirt Day Thursday, February 27** Final Immunization Clinic (a.m.) Deadline to sign up for AP Psychology Exam Deadline for International Students to renew Last day for current Grade 11 course programming After Grad Fundraiser offsite Friday, February 28 District Pro-D Day – Students do not attend

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Charles Best Community,

As we navigate through February, we are excited to share some fantastic updates and important reminders with you. Our students are currently immersed in course programming for the upcoming school year. They are thoughtfully planning their schedules, eager to embark on new academic adventures and opportunities next year. It's wonderful to witness their enthusiasm and commitment to their educational journeys. Our counsellors have been working hard, helping them navigate through this process and hosting our parent community for evening events focused on course planning.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our basketball teams including Grade 9 teams, Junior and Senior levels. Their hard work and determination have brought many victories and celebrations, and they continue to excel on the court. Our rivalry game on Thursday, February 6th was one of the most amazing sporting events I have ever attended. The Charles Best spirit was inspirational, and the stories from the game will be told for years to come. Additionally, our wrestling team has made us proud by qualifying eight talented athletes for the provincials—an outstanding accomplishment that highlights their dedication and skill and our Field Lacrosse team is hoping to finish up their season. Fingers crossed the weather will cooperate.

Spring sports are also in full swing! Our rugby, badminton, track, and girls' soccer teams are gearing up for their seasons, promising more excitement and success on the horizon. Thank you to all our amazing coaches for the time and energy you commit to helping our kids achieve success.

As always, the safety of our students, staff, and families remains our top priority. We kindly remind everyone to exercise caution when driving through the school zone, especially during drop-off and pick-up times. Let's work together to ensure that Charles Best Secondary remains a safe environment for all.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to more accomplishments and shared experiences in the coming months.

Warmest regards,

2025-2026 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.

Grade 9's please complete between February 10-14.

Grade 10's please complete between February 12-16.

Grade 11's please complete between February 18-27.

**Grade 11's are also required to make an appointment with their Counsellor between February 10-21.

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

NOTE: this link is for student use only:

https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CharlesBestCounsellorGrade11CourseSelection@sd43bcca.onmicrosoft

.com/bookings/

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 7th.** 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.

AP EXAMS

Any students who would like to sign up for the AP Psychology exam are asked to see Mrs. John in the Counselling office **by Thursday, February 27.**

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2025

The annual Provincial Student Learning Survey is being conducted at Dr. Charles Best next week. It gathers 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.

Between February 18-21, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in **grades 10 and 12**. Parents and students need to <u>check their email</u>, as we have sent emails that contain specific information and details. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus 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. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the esurvey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link **without a logon code by selecting the school district and school name** where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

While the e-survey site will be open until May 3rd, please consider completing the survey as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Sutherland, Vice Principal at Dr Charles Best Secondary, <u>tsutherland@sd43.bc.ca</u>

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Fraser Health will be hosting one final clinic at the school on **Thursday, February 27**th in the cafeteria for any students in all grades that were missed. If you have not handed in your immunization consent form, please do so or students can hand in the form directly to the Health Nurse on Feb. 27th.

HONOURS STANDING CRITERIA AND TIMELINE

We hope your children have had a successful transition into their Semester 2 classes. As we look ahead to the end of the academic year, we would like to share the criteria and timeline for Honour Roll, Honour Cord, and Honours with Distinction.

Students in grades 10 to 12 will have their grades calculated **in Quarter 3**, which takes place in April 2025, for Honours standing. This practice of calculating marks in Quarter 3 is consistent across the district.

We are sharing this information at the beginning of Semester 2, so parents and students are aware of the timeline and can plan accordingly.

Please discuss with your child the importance of starting the semester with effective study habits that support success. Encourage them to seek help at the earliest sign of difficulty. This proactive approach will help prevent disappointment when marks are assessed in Quarter 3, ensuring they have the necessary grades to achieve Honour Roll, Honour Cord, and/or Honours with Distinction.

***ONLY CLASSES COMPLETED IN PERSON AT ÉCOLE DR. CHARLES BEST ARE CONSIDERED FOR HONOURS STANDING.

Grade 10 and 11	Grade 12
HONOUR ROLL	HONOUR ROLL
Best 8 courses at Ecole Dr. Charles Best	Best 8 courses including Career Life Connections
• 73% or greater	12 at Ecole Dr. Charles Best
 Marks calculated at Quarter 3 (April) 	• 73% or greater
	Marks calculated at Quarter 3 (April)
	HONOUR CORD
	 Best 8 grade 11 and best 8 grade 12 courses at
	Ecole Dr. Charles Best
	• 73% or higher
HONOURS WITH DISTINCTION Grades 10 - 12	
Best 8 courses at Ecole Dr. Charles Best	
86% or greater	
 Marks calculated at Quarter 3 (April) 	

ATHLETICS



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



Athletic Association

For secondary sport updates and information...





Follow Charles Best Athletics on Instagram here

WRESTLING

We qualified 8 athletes for Provincials on Friday, February 7th. The boys team tied for second overall and the combined score placed us third. Great showing!! Provincials will run Feb. 21 and Feb. 22 at the PNE Forum building.



Kaylee D., Liam G., Taekhee H., Elon H. Missing from pic-Kai M.

RESULTS

Kaylee D. - 1st Liam G. - 1st Taekhee H. - 2nd Elon H. - 3rd Kai M. - 3rd

Alexander N. - 4th Anthony N. - 5th Andrei B. - 6th William S. - 6th



2024-2025 Wrestling Team and Coaches

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Please congratulate the senior girls basketball team for earning a spot in the provincial championship for the 3rd consecutive year! The team has played through numerous injuries and illnesses but continue to compete and work through adversity. They defeated Heritage Woods on Wednesday night in an exciting game to make it to the Fraser North finals, which are at SFU on Sunday, February 16th. Please come cheer on the team and wear your Best gear! See you at Langley Events Centre February 26 – March 1st for provincial play.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Sr Boys are 5-1 in league play and are hoping to qualify for Fraser North Championships. The boys fed off the energy of a huge and loud crowd vs Centennial last week. They came out on top 77-49. Many thanks to Mr. Karmali and the leadership team for organizing the event. Unfortunately the Sr Boys had a disappointing effort vs Terry Fox and lost 67-37 Tuesday. With a win vs Heritage Woods and a Centennial win vs Fox the boys can secure the #1 seed in Coquitlam. The road to Provincials keeps going!

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The junior boys battled and learned all year, as moving to grade 10 basketball is a real eye-opening experience. I am very happy with their willingness to learn and get better this year as we introduced the strategic side of basketball. Coach Taplin and Coach Percevault express their gratitude to the wonderful parents of the boys who drove them all around the lower mainland and supported us. We hope that the boys continue to work on their skills and get better for next year and senior ball. Coach Percevault

GRADE 9 BASKETBALL - SEASON RECAP

The Grade 9 basketball team has officially wrapped up their season, and what a season it was! Finishing with an impressive 11-10 record, the Blue Devils secured 4th place out of 8 teams, earning their spot in the district championships.

Their playoff run was nothing short of spectacular. In the first round, the team pulled off a historic comeback, overcoming a 17-point deficit in the final five minutes of the fourth quarter to snatch a thrilling victory and advance to the semifinals. Despite their resilience, they fell short against Heritage Woods.

In the third-place game against Centennial, the team once again fought hard, taking the lead late in the fourth quarter. However, Centennial managed to tie the game and force overtime, where they capitalized on key moments to secure the win.

Although the season ended in heartbreak, this team showed incredible determination, grit, and teamwork all year long. A huge congratulations to every player for their dedication and hard work!

We can't wait to see them back on the court next season, stronger than ever. Coach Johann & Coach Kenan

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

PAID SPRING BREAK WORK OPPORTUNITY

Hall Constructors is offering grade 12 students the chance for paid work over Spring Break (80 hours at \$25/hour, March 17-28) and to explore a career in civil construction at the same time. **Deadline to apply is February 21.** <u>More info</u>.

OUTSTANDING GRAD PHOTOS-ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY



For those grade 12's still needing to take a grad composite photo, there's still time to get your grad photos at Artona!

You will be included on the graduating class composite if you are photographed **by March 31**. Please book now by scanning the QR code or visiting <u>artona.com/bookings</u>

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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Students and Parents: Please use this QR code to follow the Career Centre on Instagram or check the Career Centre page on our school website for regular posts about upcoming post-secondary events, local volunteer opportunities or other neat, usually free, opportunities for personal growths like free coding classes, Fire Academy, career mentoring, etc.

@bestcareercentre

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SFU CODING WORKSHOPS: HOUR++ OF CODE

This event series features various one-off online workshops for high school students to learn how to code and implement popular digital tools. Covered topics range from user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (in Python and Java), mobile app development, and game development. Please review the overview and requirements for each workshop before registering. Workshops run on **Saturdays, between February 27 and March 29**.

LANGARA COLLEGE CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST

High School students can submit their best work (Photography, Design Formation, Journalism or Film Arts) for a chance to win an Apple Watch or AirPods Pro. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and gain recognition. **Deadline is February 28.** More info.

PHARMACY EXPLORATION DAY AT UBC

Students in grades 10-12 will have the chance to complete fun challenges in UBC's pharmacy labs while getting to know what pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists do. Form a group of 5 with friends or join individually. **March 8, 10 am – 12.30 pm,** UBC campus. <u>Register</u> by March 3, 4 pm.

YMCA SUMMER WORK EXCHANGE

Walk by the school lobby, **Tuesday, March 4**, after school to chat with the YMCA representative. How about spending this Summer working in Quebec (paid!), living with a host family (free because it's a reciprocal exchange), and enhance your French skills and your world view? The program is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage; therefore the program fee is only \$200 and includes transportation to and from Québec, as well as all program activities. <u>More info</u>

JILL OF ALL TRADES

SD43 will be partnering with BCIT again to offer this hands-on event on April 10. Female or gender diverse students in grades 9-12 get to explore careers in the Trades and will get a behind-the-scenes look at BCIT's state-of-the-art facilities. Free transportation to and from BCIT and lunch are included. **Deadline to hand in your application is March 7th, 2025.** <u>More info</u>.

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN TRADES SAMPLER

SD43 will be offering a 3-day experience for Indigenous Students grades 9-12 in various trades including Woodworking, Welding and CNC machining. This event will take place April 15-17 at Port Moody Secondary; transportation can be provided if needed. **Apply by March 7.** <u>More info</u>

PLAYLAND JOBS

Come work for Vancouver's favourite amusement park – Playland at the PNE! They are looking for over 200 enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join their Games, Rides, Guest Experience, Playland Maintenance, and Food & Beverage teams for this year's season. Must be 15+. Details here. **Application deadline is March 9.**

SPRING BREAK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Various camps are looking for volunteers: Rainforest Adventure Camps (must enjoy recreation activities), Place des Arts (must be 15+ | camp themes involve visual arts, dance, drama, music), Pedalheads Bike Camps (must be 13+ and able to safely ride a bike). All positions require an honest interest in working with young children. See Career Centre website for details.

WESTERN IVEY BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

Students in grades 10-12 can get an understanding of the "case" method of learning for which the Ivey Business School is well recognized. Students are given a case describing a real-world situation in which some type of business problem is being faced, and they will work as a team to implement an action plan. <u>Apply</u> by February 28 to participate in this free one-day event at Mulgrave School in Vancouver, Sat, April 5, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.

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POST-SECONDARY EVENTS

KPU SURREY DISCOVERY DAY

Explore everything Kwantlen Polytechnic University has to offer at their Surrey campus: Melville School of Business, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Fine Arts. The event will be packed with interactive activities, engaging workshops, and hands-on campus experiences designed to help you discover the educational path that's right for you. **Friday, February 21, 11 am – 2 pm.** <u>Register to attend.</u>

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY VISIT

Stop by the lobby on **Thursday, February 27,** after school to say hi to the UCalgary recruiter. Get your questions answered or simply stop by to find out why Calgary could be a great choice for post-secondary.

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.

- Diploma in Law Enforcement Studies: February 26, 6-7 pm, JIBC New Westminster campus. Register Now
- Bachelor Law Enforcement Studies: February 27, 6-7 pm, virtual. Register Now
- Application deadline for all programs is March 11.

STUDY & GO ABROAD FAIR

Meet with top universities, graduate schools and professional schools from Canada and around the world. Visit the "Travel Zone" for work abroad, internships, immersive language travel and volunteering. Vancouver Convention Centre, **Sunday, March 9 | noon - 5 pm.** <u>More info.</u>

APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN

After UBC, the <u>University of Victoria</u> has just announced that they are still accepting applications to the majority of their programs. If you missed the previous deadline and want to take the chance, submit your application as soon as possible. Any program you see on Education Planner is still open for applications! **Transcript deadline remains March 15.**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you in grade 12 and missed our scholarship meeting? You can find all the required information on the <u>Career Centre website</u>. We have 60 scholarships exclusively for Charles Best grads, including the District Authority Awards. Application deadline is April 2, but don't wait to the last minute because you will need a reference letter, a personal letter, and a resume – plus completion of the online application form. Questions? Contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre.

BC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Criteria is demonstrated leadership that has made significant impacts to the social, ethical and collaborative fabric and practice of school(s) and community. 1 x \$1,500. <u>Apply</u> by March 3.

DIABETES HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are in grade 12 and have received care for type 1 diabetes by a Canadian pediatric health care team or physician for a minimum of 1 year, you maybe be eligible. Multiple \$3,000 awards available. <u>Apply</u> **by March 3.**

ARTS EDUCATION BURSARY

PoCo's Theatre Society Legacy Fund offers multiple bursaries of up to \$2,000 each for SD43 graduates enrolling in a formal arts program anywhere in the world. Financial need is considered. Apply **by March 15.**

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Various scholarships and bursaries ranging from \$1,000 - \$1,500. Submit one application to be considered for any award you are eligible for. Financial need will be considered. Apply **by March 31**.

BCRPVPA Scholarships

Graduating BC students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and service within the school and community maybe be eligible for one of 10 \$1,000 bursaries. Apply here **by March 31.**

LIONEL CHEMISTRY BURSARIES

High-achieving high school students who plan to study chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering at a postsecondary institution, but who would not be able to attend without significant financial assistance can apply. Multiple bursaries of up to \$16,000. <u>Apply</u> by March 1.

YOUTH OF CANADA SCHOLARSHIP

Open to all domestic students aged 14-18. 3 x \$500 are available, and candidates are required to submit two short essays demonstrating community involvement, impactful experiences, and creativity. **Due March 17.** <u>More info</u>.

BC PRINCIPALS AND VICE-PRINCIPALS SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to 20 scholarships of \$1,000 each are available (10 are reserved for children of BCPVPA members). Criteria are academic achievement and demonstrated leadership within the school and community. <u>Apply</u> by March 17.

GRADE 12 FUNDRAISERS



There are LOTS of opportunities to support our grads. See below for details!! Stay informed on all the latest AfterGrad news, follow us at BestGrad2025 on Facebook

2025 & Instagram AND join our mailing list at <u>https://bit.ly/Best2025AfterGradMailingList</u>.

NEW 50/50 ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Back by popular demand!! Get your tickets online at <u>https://bestgrad2025.rafflenexus.com</u> and watch the pot grow!! Draw will be on March 10, 2025 at 2pm.



MITCHELL'S SOUPS

Last call for your soup orders!! There is nothing better than a batch of soup to keep you warm on these cold winter nights. All the dry ingredients are included, so easy to make and so yummy!!



Pickup: End of February Exact date and location will be sent to buyers by email prior to pickup. https://tinyurl.com/BG2025Soups <u>**NEW** ME-N-ED'S PIZZA</u> Mark down the date and make March 6th a pizza night while supporting our grads!!



<u>PUB NIGHT</u> Join us at The Cat and Fiddle Pub on February 27th. Get your tickets before they are all gone!!



PAC CORNER

Thank you to all the parents that attended the past PAC meetings. If you can't make it out, you can find all the meeting minutes on the PAC website: https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac. **Note- meeting minutes are always posted approx. one month behind because we are required to have them reviewed and approved by the collective at the following month's meeting. There is no PAC meeting scheduled in February. Please join us for our next in-person meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00pm in the school library. Hope to see you there!

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!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD FOR FAMILIES

There are a number of opportunities for families listed below. Click on the following links for more information. Youth Rock'n'Roll Concert Series at PoCo Bowl Pro-D & Spring Break Horse Camps **Tri-City Eagles Field Hockey Club** Imagine This Spring Break Theatre Camp Coquitlam Adanac Lacrosse Registration **Dental Hygienist Week Colouring Contest** Coguitlam RCMP Volunteer Info Session HULU Family Drop In Port Moody Soccer Registration Sing with MyVOICE Coquitlam-Moody Softball ERASE, Safer Schools Together: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Coquitlam Little League Spring Registration is open! Coquitlam Public Library Science Expo 2025 YMCA Free Winter Program for Families FamilySmart Connect and Learn (child mental health & substance abuse support) Chess2Inspire Association 2025 BC Youth Chess Championship **U9 Softball Registration is Open** Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! Musical Theatre Summer Camp

GRADE 11 PARENTS

A new semester has begun, and time is flying by! Before we know it, our grade 11 teenagers will be in grade 12, experiencing all the fun and meaningful senior activities, like senior sail, senior sting, Prom, aftergrad, and Commencement. As the committee planning the fundraising Dinner and Dance (details below), we would like to encourage you to attend, to mingle with other grade 11 parents and to raise money for our future grads in the process! We are eagerly seeking to sell 100 more tickets. With thanks, your fellow grade 11 parents.

Join us on **Saturday, March 8th at 6PM** for an exclusive hot buffet dinner, live DJ, silent auction, 50/50, wine toss, and much more! Conveniently located in the school gym.

This annual event is open to everyone in the community (must be 19+ to attend). Get your early bird rate of only \$65 per person (\$75 after Feb 29).

Reserve your spot \P now by clicking on this link <u>https://buytickets.at/charlesbestpac</u> or scan this QR code

Email us at bestgrad2026@gmail.com for any questions and/or comments.



