



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

Vice-Principals – Michelle Ciolfitto, Kelly Fridge, 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

Thursday, February 1-Friday, March 2

50/50 Raffle open (see flyer below)

Friday, February 23

District Pro-D Day – Students do not attend

Wednesday, February 28

Pink Shirt Day

Friday, March 1

Grade 11 course selection deadline into MYED portals

Friday, March 1

Grade 9 Immunizations-any student who missed Feb. 9/16

Grade 10 students with signed consent forms who missed immunizations in Grade 9

Grade 10 students who are unsure if they are up to date with their immunizations (Fraser Health will assist on site)

Monday, March 4

PAC General Meeting 7pm Library

Wednesday, March 6

Spring Music Concert

Wednesday, March 6

Learning updates (progress reports) published

Tuesday, March 13

Fruit and Veggie Fundraiser orders due

Thursday, March 14

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday, March 15

Last day of school before Spring Break

Friday, March 15

Ski and Snowboard trip to Whistler



REMINDER: STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size, and usefulness to schools. 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.

Early in **2024** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. 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 e-survey 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.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Ciolfitto, Vice Principal at Dr Charles Best Secondary mciofitto@sd43.bc.ca.

BUS DRIVERS WANTED (WITH AN HONORARIUM)

We are looking for any qualified drivers (with a Class 2 License) to be called upon from time to time to drive a school bus, and to assist with the transport of students at our schools. The volunteer driver can be paid an honorarium, and trips are typically booked well in advance. Drivers typically pick up a bus from the designated secondary school, provide the transportation to students at the school for which they have been reserved, and then return the bus to the secondary school when they have finished. All volunteer drivers must be approved by the principal, must fill out a District Volunteer Driver Form, must complete a Police Information Check and provide a Driver's Abstract from ICBC to the school. Drivers can limit their driving to the school of their choice but can also make themselves available to other schools if they wish.

If you are interested in supporting our students, please contact Principal Heather Murphy for more information. hmurphy@sd43.bc.ca

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wear a pink shirt on **Wednesday, February 28th** to celebrate Pink Shirt Day.

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event against bullying, held in Canada and New Zealand. Participants wear pink shirts and attend or host informative events to raise awareness about bullying, particularly in schools. Pink Shirt Day was started in 2007 in Canada, where it is held on the last Wednesday of February each year.

GRADE 9/10 COURSE SELECTIONS OVERDUE

Grade 9 and 10 students, if you have not entered your 2024-2025 courses into your MYED portal, please do this **IMMEDIATELY!** Course selections were due on **Friday, February 16th**. If courses are not entered, you will not have a timetable for next year. Any questions, please see your Counsellor ASAP.

GRADE 11 COURSE SELECTIONS DUE DATE

Grade 11 students, the timeline to have your 2024-2025 course selection entered into your MYED Portal is Friday, March 1st. If you have yet to complete this task, the Pro. D. Day tomorrow would be a great opportunity. Grade 11's were also required to make an appointment with their Counsellor **from Feb. 12-Feb 22**. The link to appointments was emailed Grade 11 students and parents. Please contact your counsellor asap if you require assistance.

STUDENT PARKING

We are experiencing a high demand for parking in the upper parking lot and the demand will only increase as more students pass the 'N' road test before the end of June. Students, you **MUST** register your car with the office and identify your car with your parking pass so we can differentiate between school demand vs. park demand. Registration forms are available in the front office.

Starting the week of February 26th checks will be occurring to ensure cars are displaying passes. We will issue warnings to start and then may start towing if cars do not have a pass displayed. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

If you have registered for the Waterloo math contest, it will be held in room 116 at 7am on **Wednesday Feb. 28th**

You will need a scientific calculator and a pencil. Students will receive an email for those who registered.

If you do not receive an email, please see Mr. Dy in room 116 during period 3 or 4 prior to Wednesday.

FRUIT AND VEGGIE FUNDRAISER

The Fresh Fruit and Veggie Fundraiser is back just in time to welcome the Spring!

For \$25 get 5 lb. BC Red Beets, 5Lb Yellow Potatoes, 3lb Ambrosia Apples and 2lb Cello Carrots.

This truly is a win- win- win situation. Receive fresh, delicious produce, support local farmers, and give back to our school (40% of all sales go directly to support Charles Best!) All sales must be made through your School CashOnline account **before Wed. March 13, 2024**. Fresh produce will be delivered the week of April 9th - 19th.

This item will be available on School CashOnline beginning Monday, February 26th. <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/>

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK GRAD PHOTOS/RETAKES FEB 23/24

These dates are open to all Grade 12's who are purchasing Grad photos and have yet to be photographed.

Any Grad who requires a retake can also book on these dates. Location: Burnaby Central Secondary School

Use this link to book: <https://www.artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation>

**Graduates can also contact Artona Customer Service at 604-872-7272 to book alternate dates at their Burnaby or Vancouver Studios.

ATHLETICS

WRESTLERS PROVINCIALS BOUND

We had 11 out of 23 wrestlers qualify for the provincial championships. Congratulations to all!

Emilio N. - 5th, Kai M.- 4th, Liam G. - 1st, Ellison H. -

5th, Aria T. - 5th, Kai S. - 1st, Jason L. - 5th, Elon H. - 3rd,

Kaylee D. - 1st, Bradyn R. - 2nd, Sophie W. - 4th,

Will B. - 5th.



ATHLETICS CONTINUED

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

A big congratulations to the senior girls basketball team who won their wildcard game vs. South Delta on Tuesday, February 20th to secure a spot in provincials! Elizabeth F. with 20 points, Jessica P. with 19, Denise M. with 13, Avin J. with 12, and Hannah B. with 17 rebounds and countless blocked shots. Congratulations to Jessica for winning an all-star medal at Fraser Norths! Looking forward to playing next week Feb 28 – March 2 at Langley Events Center!

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Sr boys had a successful and fun tournament in Calgary going 2-1 and got to spend one day in Banff. We are starting the Fraser North Playoffs Thursday, February 22nd in New West. Lastly, Senior night was last Thursday, February 15th and we'll be sad to see 5 Seniors move on.



Calgary Tournament February 7-11, 2024



Seniors Night February 15, 2024



Senior Basketball team at Banff, Alberta. February 2024

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY VISIT AT BEST

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 say Hi. Grade 11s, now is the perfect time to start thinking about post-secondary. Grade 12's who have applied to Calgary: If you are having questions, this could also be a good opportunity to find your answers.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Are you planning to attend Douglas College this Fall? Or, are you in grade 11 and are starting to explore options? Connect with faculty staff during an in-person info session to learn about your potential program of interest.

Tue, March 12 at the Coquitlam Campus, and **Thu, March 14** at the New West campus. Starting at 5 pm.

[Sign up to attend](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Grade 12 students are encouraged to check out if they are eligible for any scholarships.

The [Career Centre > Financial Aid website](#) is currently listing almost 60 different bursaries and scholarships. Also, don't miss our internal scholarships. Applications are accepted until April 5th, 3 pm, and students can apply to as many of the listed awards as they wish. The internal package also includes 40 District Authority Awards reserved for Charles Best grads. [More info here](#). Students with questions can visit the Career Office (in the counsellors' area) or email skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

An important message from Coquitlam Fire/Rescue!

Camp Ignite is an incredible program that was both developed by and is run by females in the Fire Service, and is designed specifically for female participants in Grade 11 & 12. This year's Camp Ignite program runs **August 8-11, 2024**.

Knowing how impactful this program is, Coquitlam Fire/Rescue is excited and proud to sponsor yet another participant to attend Camp Ignite this year, meaning that the lucky applicant will have an opportunity to attend at no cost to them!

As I've said in the past, I am a huge supporter of this incredible program and urge girls to attend, as it not only provides experience in firefighting, but also helps girls gain confidence, build friendships, and learn about health and fitness in a safe, team-oriented, and fun environment. Because of this, I encourage you and your teaching and/or counselling staff to reach out to your Grade 11-12 female students to inform them of this fantastic program!

To help get the word out, I have attached Camp Ignite's promotional poster for their 2024 program and I would ask that you post it throughout your respective schools and/or distribute it to your female students in Grade 11 & 12.

For information on the program itself, please visit www.campignite.com. To get an idea of what the program entails, check out the [awesome videos](#) under the "PUBLICITY" tab on the website. This year's application package is being collected via Google Forms, and can be found under the "JOIN US" tab of the website, or you can access it [HERE](#). Applications must be submitted **no later than May 1st, 2024**.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me! I look forward to reviewing the application packages and helping to select this year's lucky applicant!!

Regards,

Denise Ziebart | Fire Prevention Officer & Public Educator

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CAMP IGNITE



A YOUTH FIREFIGHTING MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM FOR GRADE 11 & 12 GIRLS

AUGUST 8-11TH, 2024

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL MAY 1ST



HOST DEPARTMENTS TBD

For more information, or to submit an expression of
interest to be a host department please email:

info@campignite.com



WWW.CAMPIGNITE.COM

CAREER CENTRE NEWS - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS CONTINUED

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC SAFETY – SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Grade 11 students identifying as female could have the chance to explore careers in public safety and security, connect with experts in the field, and visit public safety departments to experience daily operations. Examples are Canada Border Services Agency, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Correctional Services, and the RCMP. The program is running July 8-12, 2024, salary is \$16.84/hour. [Apply here](#) by **February 27**.

CERTIFICATE IN ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

The ACE certificate is a 14-months unique work-based entry level educational program designed to introduce high school students and recent high school graduates to the worlds of Architecture, Engineering and Construction. Running July 2024-August 2025. Students will be introduced to skills, concepts and terminologies used in these sectors. ACE is delivered in a blended format, which includes classes held at BCIT's Burnaby campus, virtual learning through BCIT's Learning Hub platform, and fieldtrips to local design firms and construction sites and, finally, in the work environment. [Register for a zoom webinar](#) on **March 4, 6.30-7.30 pm**. [More info](#).

TRADES SAMPLER FOR SD43 INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

SD43 is hosting a 3-days workshop at Port Moody Secondary, April 10-12. Students will learn basic skills in Carpentry, Welding, and CNC Machining. Other highlights include presentation from ACCESS B.C. connecting with elders, free breakfast and lunch, swag, and more. [Register here](#) by **March 14**.

MORESPORTS IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS IN KIDS' RECREATION PROGRAMS

MoreSports Tri-Cities is offering leadership and volunteer opportunities for high school students who enjoy being active and working with children. Grow your skillset by completing useful trainings, such as High Five, First Aid, basic coaching and gain volunteer hours by helping out in after-school programs and Spring/ Summer break camps. [More info](#).

SD43 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Are you reliable, trustworthy and open to talking to new students? Students in grades 10-12 are wanted to help out in an international classroom setting and participate in cultural activities. You can volunteer one to five weeks (July 8 to August 9). More info and application form can be found [here](#). **Deadline: June 14, 2024**.

SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers (age 14+) will get an opportunity to work with children and youth, build leadership skills, meet new people and have a rewarding summer as part of SFU Camps & Youth Programs! Applications are now accepted **until April 11, 2024**. [More info here](#).

INFORMATION SESSION

Free information session: How to co-exist safely with coyotes

Sign up to attend a free information session to learn how to co-exist safely with urban coyotes.

Coquitlam and Port Moody are collaborating with the Stanley Park Ecology Society for the second year to provide information on common misconceptions about urban coyotes, as well as tips to help keep your family and pets safe.

Register to attend one of two free information sessions

Coyote breeding season is underway now through April, which means they will be more active as they secure and protect territory. Residents may hear coyotes howling and yipping more often as they communicate with each other and establish their territories and may even come across coyotes while the animals are active and seeking mates.

Minimizing conflicts between coyotes, humans, and pets is important in protecting the safety of our community, and our urban wildlife. Coyotes have a vital role to play in the urban ecosystem as they help control the population of rodents and other wildlife.

Presented by Dezirae Barreto from the Stanley Park Ecology Society, each one-hour session will provide information about coyote breeding season, common misconceptions about urban coyotes, what to do if you encounter a coyote, and ways to manage attractants. All ages are welcome to attend.

Port Moody

Register at portmoody.ca/SignMeUp or call 604-469-4556.

- **Date:** Friday, February 23, 2024
- **Time:** 7-8pm
- **Location:** Glenayre Community Centre, 492 Glencoe Drive
- **Course ID#:** 00039004

Coquitlam

Details at coquitlam.ca/UrbanWildlife and register by email at: UrbanWildlife@coquitlam.ca.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 16
- **Time:** 1-2pm
- **Location:** Room 2/3 at Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex, 633 Poirier Street

About the Stanley Park Ecology Society

[Stanley Park Ecology Society](#) – a registered charity since 1988 – began as the Stanley Park Zoological Society. Following the closure of the Park's petting zoo in 1995, the society revised its name but continued with its aims of education, conservation, and outreach programs.

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!

AFTERGRAD FUNDRAISING



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>





Dr. Charles Best Secondary
Easter 2024
After-grad Fundraiser

Order Deadline March 3rd

Order Pick up March 15th between 2-5 pm

Link to order form: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1929560-116504>

PARENT DANCE MARCH 9, 2024

This legendary event at the Dr. Charles Best Secondary school gym typically sells out each year. 🏃
So don't wait, act now.

Visit our [EVENT PAGE](#) to buy tickets and then get your dancing shoes on and come out and have fun supporting the Grads of 2025!

