



# 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

#### Sunday, March 1 – Friday, March 13

Purdy's Chocolates Easter fundraiser

#### Friday, March 6/Saturday, March 7

Spring Musical

#### Friday, March 6

Parent Teacher interview sign up opens

#### Tuesday, March 10

Spring Musical

France 2027 Information Meeting @ 6:30pm (Library)

Parent Teacher interview sign up closes (11:59pm)

#### Wednesday, March 11

Club and Spring Team photos

Spring Musical

#### Thursday, March 12

Altered Bell Schedule

Parent Teacher interviews (2-4pm, 5-7pm)

NO Spring Musical this evening

Grade 12 Parent Information meeting (6:45pm Library)

#### Friday, March 13

Last day of classes before Spring Break

Closing night for Spring Musical

Grade 11/12 ski trip to Whistler

#### Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27

Spring Break

#### Monday, March 30

Classes resume after Spring Break

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS-IMPORTANT SIGN UP INFORMATION

General sign up for Sem. 2 parent/teachers interviews begins at 3pm today and will be open until 11:59pm on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Informal learning updates were published to MYED portals on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please log in and review as some teachers may have made a request for a parent teacher interview.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. Link to book follows below. Important program instructions are attached.**

- The link below will take you to the sign-up home page.
- Ensure you are registered for EACH child you have in the school.
- Please book only 1 time slot per teacher.
- We have teachers with the same last name in our school. Please check with your child to confirm.
- **The system is broken into 2 schedules (VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON). Please pay attention when you are booking.**
- You are permitted to book in both schedules if you choose to do a combination of virtual and in-person interviews.
- In the event a teacher is fully booked, please email the teacher directly to set up an alternate time.

#### FOR ALL INTERVIEWS:

- Parents are welcome to schedule an appointment regarding full-year courses during our Semester 2 interviews. These courses will show as (FY) on your child's schedule and are typically run before or after school. Also included are CLC 12 and Digital Learning which are not in class courses.
- Appointments for full year course discussion are also to be booked online using the link below.

#### One schedule will allow you to book **VIRTUAL** interviews (on TEAMS from 2:00pm-4:00pm)

- Interviews will be 8-10 minutes in length
- Do not come to the school during this session
- Teachers may or may not send a TEAMS invite. **It's okay if you don't receive one**
- You will need your child's/children's TEAMS login information for interviews where no invite is sent
- If an invite is sent, click on the link to join ensuring your camera and microphone is on
- Be ready for your interview 5 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment with camera and microphone on
- Should an issue arise, please have your phone ready in case the teacher tries to call.
- Do not call the office, please email the teacher if there are connection issues

#### One schedule will allow you to book **IN PERSON** interviews (in the school from 5:00pm-7:00pm)

- Interviews will be 8-10 minutes in length
- Most interviews will be held in the gyms or Counsellor offices. Please check each teacher in case an alternate location is provided.
- Signage and student leaders will be on hand to assist
- Drop-in appointments are NOT available as teachers will have information prepped about your child ahead of time

**USE THIS LINK TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:**

[charlesbest.parentteacherconferences.net](http://charlesbest.parentteacherconferences.net)

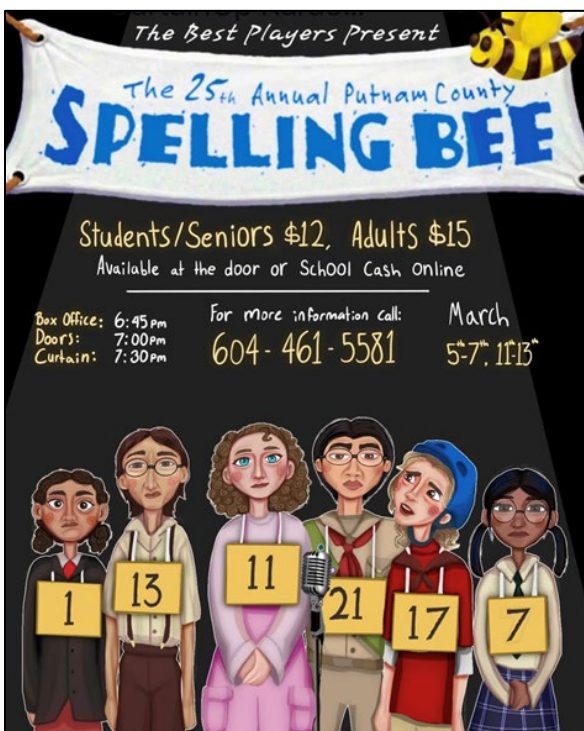
## HONOURS STANDING CRITERIA AND TIMELINE

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

We want to share once 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 so students can have a strong Semester 2 with strong habits and clear goals in mind.

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

## ON NOW - THE BEST PLAYERS PRESENT



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: Dates are March 5-7 and March 10, 11 & 13**

(There is no show March 12<sup>th</sup> due to Parent Teacher Interviews)

Lyrics by William Finn

Book by Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by Rebecca Feldman

### Spectator Testimonials:

"I had the pleasure of seeing (and being seen in) the musical last night, and IT WAS WONDERFUL! Our students and staff (Brent and Brad) are so talented. I highly recommend you attend." -Louise Manton

"What a talented group and impressive production overall! Great night of entertainment." -Dave Cyr

## 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, 2027**, 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.

**We will be holding an information meeting about our upcoming trip to Paris (May 2027) on Tuesday, March 10th** in the school library at 6:30 pm. During the meeting, we will present the highlights of the trip, review essential information, and outline next steps for those who are interested in registering for the trip.

There will also be time to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thierry Bruxelle [tbruxelle@sd43.ca](mailto:tbruxelle@sd43.ca)

Shelley Deacon [sdeacon@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:sdeacon@sd43.bc.ca)

## ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE 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

### \*New Information

There will be a discussion meeting for parents about Grad related topics and upcoming events from 6:45pm – 7:45pm in the library.

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

## STUDENT AND SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

### AT THE BC LEGISLATURE

MLA Jennifer Blatherwick made special mention of Dr. Charles Best Secondary School's achievements in supporting our local unhoused community. She talked about our successful warm weather clothing drives and our support with preparing meals twice a week for people staying at a local shelter.

### DEBATE CLUB

Our Debate Club proudly competed at the LMN Regionals 2026 Qualifiers this January, with several students earning recognition in the Senior Novice category. This category was created to acknowledge students who stepped into a highly competitive field of over 80 participants, many debating against experienced competitors in front of large audiences. Special Recognition goes to:

Victor F. & Imre K. (Senior Novice Champion Team), Vania A. & Eunyul K. (Senior Novice 3rd Place Team), and Victor F. (Senior Novice 2nd Place Overall Speaker)

Their accolades reflect months of preparation, critical thinking, and the confidence to speak under pressure. Competing at the regional level for the first time is a significant accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of their improvement over the years. This opportunity was made possible through partnership with the Debate and Speech Association of British Columbia, which allowed our students to officially register and compete at the regional level.

We look forward to continuing to build our debate program and supporting students as they develop their voice, leadership, and analytical skills.

### PHYSICS OLYMPICS @ UBC



Every year, UBC Physics and Astronomy Department hosts Physics Olympic where they invite high schools in the province to compete in 6 different events ranging from test of knowledge to engineering skills.

This year there were 80 some schools participating despite the event being on Saturday (Feb 28th). Although our team of 9 students who participated did not win anything, they got the opportunity to demonstrate their learning in all six events with satisfying level of success (including robotics and mechanical building events).



Some of our students also got the opportunity to interview for CBC Radio in French, which can be found here:

[Épisode du samedi 28 février 2026 | Le téléjournal Colombie-Britannique](#)

Please go to 2:00 minute mark. The participating students were:

Carson G.	Wesley X.
Bojun L.	Parsa R. M.
Botao L.	James D.
Samaa S.	Alina P.
Glyn Z.	

### UBC COMMERCE COMPETITION



Grade 9 student Esme L. participated in the UBC Commerce CAP Competition last month. Esme, along with her team of four students, had a great experience. They were fortunate to win 2nd place among around 100 students! Esme was also the youngest student to participate, so it was a big learning opportunity for her. We are really proud of her effort and the way she stepped up alongside her teammates. Congratulations Esme!



## **PE LOCKER USE**

A reminder to all S2 PE students that the use of the small blue lockers in the PE hallway are at the student's risk and locks **MUST** be used to help protect personal belongings. Please bring your own lock.

**Locks CANNOT be removed from your assigned locker and used on the small blue PE lockers.**

## **DELF EXAM FOR FRENCH STUDENTS**

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](mailto:sbeaton@sd43.bc.ca)

## **UPCOMING IMMUNIZATION CLINICS**

Our final Immunization clinic will take place on **April 21<sup>st</sup>** 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/>

## **SPRING MARKET MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Just in time for Mother's Day, the school PAC is hosting a Spring Market on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**!

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 a capital project at the school.

**The team is currently putting a call out for vendor applications so if you provide a service such as windows, gutters, pressure washing etc. or have products related to this theme please apply here:**<https://forms.gle/v8Vkd91MDrpl8BPw6>

**Table fees:**

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 student pricing, please contact [Leann.oil4ever@gmail.com](mailto:Leann.oil4ever@gmail.com)

## **YOUTH WORKER CORNER**

Lots of things happening at Best that everyone should know about.

First, students and staff have really stepped up to help our local homeless community especially the vulnerable seniors.

We have had 3 successful drives and collected many items. Several tents and blankets at the encampment had to be destroyed because of a lice outbreak so we are looking for any used tents or blankets right now.

**We are ALWAYS on the lookout for shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste.**

Adopt a Trail- we have many teachers and their classes participating in this program. One class, once a week, collects trash from the perimeter of Mundy Park. If you're ever in or near the park, we have a plaque put up.

Food- what an incredible response from our school community to making muffins and cookies for our senior group homes and now our foods classes are making one hearty meal a week for the homeless. If you and your family would like **to get involved, we always are looking for muffins, cookies (nut free) and soups or large foil pan casserole.**

**Resource Fair Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 9-2** at our school. Please drop by and get information on the resources available for your family in our community.

The Foundry- we are so excited to announce that THE FOUNDRY will be opening in March down near the IHOP and Michaels on Lougheed Highway. The Foundry offers every possible service for students and families on one floor. I will let you know the exact date when I get it.

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

## ATHLETICS



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

**CSSAA**  
Coquitlam Secondary School  
Athletic Association

For secondary sport updates and information...



 @cssaasd43

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

### SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Results from BC Provincials

Feb 25: Played Seaquam (ranked #6, two-time defending champions). Beat them 80-62.

Bianka M. was player of the game with 29 points

Feb 26: Played MEI (ranked #3). It was a good battle, but we fell short and lost 73-66. Mahal B. was player of the game with 18 points

Feb 27: Played GW Graham (ranked #7). Beat them 61-50 with Liz F. named player of the game

Feb 28: Played OKM (ranked #8). Beat them 59-54 securing 5<sup>th</sup> place at provincials. Liz F. was named player of the game with 28 points.

Liz F. was also named a 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Allstar for the tournament.

**FINAL RESULTS: 5<sup>th</sup> PLACE IN THE PROVINCE, THE HIGHEST EVER FINISH FOR OUR SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**



### WRESTLING

Jayden, Savannah, Mihika, and Elon all wrestled incredibly hard this year and showed great determination in some very tough matches at the BC Wrestling Championships. Although they did not advance, we are extremely proud of their effort, sportsmanship, and resilience.

Kaylee D. delivered an outstanding performance, jumping from last year's 5<sup>th</sup> place finish to 2<sup>nd</sup> place this year. She battled through a tough bracket and ultimately lost only to a two-time National Champion.

An incredible accomplishment and a testament to her hard work and growth.

Liam G. also had an exceptional tournament, winning his final match by tech fall to become a 4x provincial champion! To cap off an already remarkable achievement, he was named Most Outstanding Male Wrestler, a well-deserved honour to conclude his high school wrestling career.

We are incredibly proud of both Kaylee and Liam. Their dedication, resilience, and competitive spirit are inspiring, and we can't wait to see what they will achieve in the future.

Congratulations!

Coaches Joe,  
Phil, and  
Lyndsay



## UNIFIED BASKETBALL



Thank you to all students and staff who came to our home opener on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The energy was amazing!

After some more games, we will be hosting the finals on **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** so hope to see you there!

## FIELD LACROSSE

The boys had a great tournament last week. They lost one, tied two and won their last game! Great way to end the season! Morgan G. did a great job getting the team started and organizing a teacher sponsor and coaches.

We are going to miss Morgan, Jack N. and Nolan C. as they are graduating this year. We would also like to thank our two sponsor teachers Karl Jovanovic and Chris Adams for their help with the team.

## SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Senior Boys Basketball Team wrapped up a memorable season filled with growth and valuable learning for both players and coaches. As a young group that relied heavily on contributions from Grade 11 and Grade 9 players, we experienced some ups and downs while working to build consistency. However, we proved all season that we could compete with anyone. Our biggest highlight came in the Fraser North Playoffs when we upset the number one seed from Burnaby, showing just how dangerous and determined our team could be against top competition.

Although our playoff run ended two games short of the provincial championships, there is plenty to be proud of. Our seniors provided outstanding leadership, setting the tone for effort, teamwork, and commitment while guiding our younger players through important moments. Their impact on and off the court was greatly appreciated, and the experience gained this season has built a strong foundation for the future of our program.

**For anyone interested in playing Sr. Boys Basketball next school year, there will be a meeting on Monday, March 9th** after school at 3:20pm in the cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Depelteau @ [daniel@3Dbasketball.net](mailto:daniel@3Dbasketball.net).

## 2026 AFTERGRAD PLANNING UPDATE

We had our AfterGrad meeting last night and planning is going well. Decorations and Entertainment are almost finalized, and we have started looking at food and prizes for the evening as well as the details of how the evening will run. Our next meeting will be **on April 9th, 2026, in the school library**. 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](mailto:bestgrad2026@gmail.com). Stay informed on all the latest AfterGrad news and fundraisers with the newsletter and follow us at BestGrad2026 on Facebook & Instagram or email us at [bestgrad2026@gmail.com](mailto: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.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](mailto:bestgrad2026@gmail.com) to request the donation marketing letter. Thank you for your support!

## PURDY'S CHOCOLATES EASTER AND SWEET TREATS FUNDRAISING EVENT



Download your fundraiser's QR code.

**DOWNLOAD QR CODE**

Campaign ID: 000024431

After the great success of our 2025 Holiday Season Purdy's chocolate fundraiser, we are excited to share that - by popular demand – **we are bringing it back and is available to all Best families!** This time, our **Easter & Sweet Treats Fundraising Event** is in support of graduation activities and celebrations for our 2026 Grads. Thank you for continuing to support our students and for helping build on last year's success.

- **Start Shopping here between March 1st to March 13th:**  
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000024431>
- **Place your order by Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **Pick Up: Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> between 3:30 to 5:00 PM** in the Cafeteria. Contact [bestgrad2026@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bestgrad2026@sd43.bc.ca) with questions.

## SPRING PLANT SALE

**GROWING miles**

**Spring PLANT Fundraiser**  
DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY AFTER GRAD 2026

ORDER MAR 9 - APR 10 | PICK UP APR 30, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

*Purchase gorgeous plants and flowers for your garden and support the Graduating Class of 2026 AfterGrad!*

**Hello Parents, Guardians, and Charles Best School Community,**  
Spring is here and it is time to add some beautiful flowers, plants, veggies and herbs to your porch or garden! Great for Mother's Day gifting too! Please check out this link for some gorgeous plants and flowers and support the Graduating Class of 2026 AfterGrad!  
<https://drcharlesbest.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>  
**ORDER DATE:** March 9th - April 10th  
**PICK UP:** Thursday, April 30th, 3:30-5:00PM in the Cafeteria  
With much appreciation,  
The Parent Volunteer Committee for the AfterGrad 2026  
[bestgrad2026@gmail.com](mailto:bestgrad2026@gmail.com)

## FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

**FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER**

Your Family. Your Style.  
**Book Today!**

LOCATION & DATE  
Dr. Charles Best Secondary | Wednesday, April 22

**Feeling the Love?** Family sessions aren't about perfection — they're about capturing the season you're in, while you're still in it.

For an inclusive fee of just \$39, families experience a mini portrait session that includes a variety of poses to choose from. Most importantly, **we give back \$20 of each session fee to your school.**

**ONLY \$39** 51% goes back to your school!

Questions? [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com) | 604.461.3722 **gradsBC**

### FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER OPEN TO ALL BEST FAMILIES

**Location:** Dr. Charles Best Secondary  
**Date:** Wednesday April 22, 2026  
**Time:** 4:00-9:00pm

**Spring into Family Moments.** April reminds us that love and growth go hand in hand. What better way to celebrate than with a **special family portrait session** with the ones you cherish most?

Portrait sessions are just **\$39**, with **51% of that fee going directly back to your PAC**, making a real difference in your community. PLUS, receive a **\$19.99 credit** toward an online order.

These **7-minute sessions** give you an affordable opportunity to capture **6–10 professionally orchestrated portraits** in a convenient location. Your family is growing up fast — let us capture the season of life you are in today, for memories that last a lifetime.

**\*Limited Space Available.**  
**In the past these events have sold out in one week! Book Now:**  
<https://gradsbc.as.me/?calendarID=2271583>

**Questions?**  
Please email [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com) or call 604-461-3722  
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

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

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

#### **RELAY FOR LIFE VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

The SFU Canadian Cancer Society is looking for volunteers (age 16+) for their annual fundraising event happening Sat, March 21st, 3-9PM, at the SFU Burnaby Campus. Relay for Life is the annual walk-a-thon event to show support for those affected by cancer, and to fundraise for the Canadian Cancer Society. Various positions, [sign up by March 6](#).

#### **PLACE DES ARTS SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY**

Place des Arts is seeking reliable and enthusiastic youth volunteers (age 14+) to assist with their children's Spring Break Camps. Volunteers help escort students, take attendance, assist in classrooms, supervise breaks, and support sign-in/sign-out procedures. You can volunteer for half days or full days but must be available for at least one of the weeks, March 16–20 or March 23–27. Mandatory orientation on March 13, 4.30-6 pm. **Apply by Friday, March 6**, [more info](#).

#### **FESTIVAL DU BOIS VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Be part of this great event by joining as a volunteer. **Event dates are March 6-8**, but volunteers might be needed as well for pre-festival work and take down. [Sign up here](#).

#### **UBC - FACULTY OF LAND & FOOD SYSTEMS**

Are you curious about LFS at UBC? Everyone's welcome at the FREE "Career stories with LFS alumni" event, whether you already have been admitted, are still waiting for an offer, or are considering applying in the future. Tue, March 10, 5.30 pm at UBC. Learn what a science degree from the Faculty of Land and Food Systems can lead to. Hear from LFS alumni representing a wide range of industries and career paths, and participate in a guided networking experience, alongside current students and staff. Gain insight into how interests in food systems, sustainability, nutrition, agricultural sciences, and applied biology translate into meaningful careers. UBC Recruiters will be available to answer admission-related questions. Light dinner will be provided. **Deadline to RSVP is this Sunday, March 8th**. [Details](#).

#### **BUILDING TOMORROW YOUTH TRADES FAIR**

Get ready to explore exciting career paths and hands-on experiences. Representatives from leading trades schools, companies, and institutions will be present to provide information about education pathways, job opportunities, industry trends, and more. Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver, **Tue, March 10**, 4-7.30 pm. **FREE** for students or their parents/ guardians to attend, and free pizza and pop/water will be provided.

[Register here](#). There are also [scholarship opportunities](#) for attendees.

#### **DREAM IT, BE IT – CAREER CONFERENCE**

The TriCities Soroptimist Club is inviting female students in grades 9 – 12 to explore career pathways on **Sat, March 14, 2-5.30 pm** (PoCo Community Centre). The free event includes a panel discussion, a speed-dating style career fair with 30+ women showcasing their professions and career pathways, snacks & beverages, and door prizes. [Sign up](#).

#### **SFU SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS**

If you enjoy working with children, are 16+, and are a looking for a summer job, check out SFU Camp's instructor postings! Must have had your first paid position with a kids' camp or similar to be a competitive applicant. Deadline is April 10. [More info](#). If you are hoping to gain some first experience this summer and are looking for volunteer opportunities, applications for SFU Camp volunteer positions will be accepted **starting March 25, 2026**, mark your calendar. [Details](#).

#### **BC YOUTH PARLIAMENT**

Miniature youth parliaments run across the province of BC and are a beginner-friendly opportunity to develop public speaking skills and gain knowledge about parliamentary procedure! Gain insight into the political process, even if your civic engagement so far has been limited. **March 27-29**, Coquitlam City Hall. Application deadline is March 21. [More here](#).

#### **MORESPORTS IS HIRING AFTER-SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS**

MoreSports is looking for students who would make great role models for children. They are hiring after school coaches for various elementary and middle schools this Spring. Must be in grade 11 or up. [More info](#).

#### **CAMP IGNITE**

Female students, currently in grades 11-12, will have the chance to explore the many aspects and specialties associated with firefighting. Camp Ignite is a three-night, three-day camp (August 7-9, Lower Mainland location TBA) that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. [Apply here by May 1](#).

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY VISIT

Stop by the lobby on **Monday, March 9**, 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.

### UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA VISIT

On **Tuesday, March 10th**, a recruiter from the U of Ottawa will be visiting us. This is a chance for any grade 11 student thinking about studying in Ottawa after graduation & for any current offer holder to get your questions answered.

### STUDY IN THE UK FAIR

Connect with some of the UK's top institutions on **Wed, March 11, 3-7 pm** (Vancouver Convention Centre). Join seminars hosted by leading universities and take advantage of the opportunity to receive on-the-spot offers. You'll also have the chance to speak with UK university specialists and get personalized guidance on your study plans. [Register](#).

### DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO NIGHTS

Students are invited to learn more about the program options available at Douglas College.

In-person, **Wed, March 11, 5 pm**, Coquitlam campus | **Thu, March 12, 5 pm**, New Westminster campus. [Register](#).

### LANGARA COLLEGE: THEATRE ARTS

Come learn about [Studio 58](#) and the offered programs in Theatre Production or Acting. The session includes a video presentation, special guests and lots of time for questions and answers. Participants will also enjoy free access to Studio 58's newest production, "Something Rotten". [Sign up now](#) to attend on **Tues., March 31, 6:15pm to 9.30 pm**.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**Attention Grade 12s: If you have spare time on your hands during Spring Break, check out some scholarships. One starting point could be [the Career Centre website](#) with currently 30+ different opportunities listed.**

### CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Grade 12s, applications are now accepted for our school-administered scholarships. 61 awards ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 are waiting for you. Criteria vary: Leadership, citizenship, school or community involvement, financial need, pursuing specific programs in post-secondary, achievement in a variety of areas, incl. athletics, applied skills, trades, languages, etc. You can find everything you need to know [here](#).

**Deadline is Sun, March 29.** Questions? See Ms. Kaufmann before Spring Break.

### COQUITLAM FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Around 100 scholarships and bursaries starting at \$1,000. Submit one application to be considered for any award you are eligible for. Financial need will be considered, but various awards are merit-based. [Apply by March 31, 2026](#).

### BCIT PATHWAY TO SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIPS

3 x \$3,000 are available for SD43 students entering a full-time first year technology, technical studies or trade program (excluding apprenticeship) directly from high school. These awards are recognizing well-rounded citizens, who have displayed leadership qualities, and have demonstrated that they are willing to work hard to achieve their goals.

Commitment and drive are as important as formal academic standing. **Apply by Thu, April 2, 3 pm.** [More info](#).

### SD43 SCHOLARSHIPS – NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Various financial awards are available for SD43 graduates, incl. the **Roughead Student Athlete Scholarship** which is only open to CBSS graduates who will be playing a varsity sport at a Canadian post-secondary institution. You'll need a personal letter, a resume, and must complete an online application to be considered for as many awards as you are eligible for. [More info](#). **Deadline is April 15.**

## 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](mailto: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!

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD FOR FAMILIES**

Click on the links below to learn more:

- [Moresports Spring Break Camp at Hillcrest](#)
- [Central & Pitt River Spring Break Camps](#)
- [SD43 Ready, Set, Learn Storybook Adventure](#)
- [Miller Park Community School Spring Break Camp](#)
- [Metro Ford Soccer Spring Break Camps](#)
- [Royal Soccer Club Camps](#)
- [Tri-City Warriors Ball Hockey](#)

- [PCFA Softball Registration](#)
- [Town Centre Park Cleanup Day](#)
- [Kids Spring Break Programs at Minnehada \(Gr 6-8\)](#)
- [Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! Musical Theatre Program](#)
- [The Snow Angels Program](#)
- [All Ages Poetry Slam](#)

**FESTIVAL DU BOIS**

Buy tickets here:  
<https://www.festivaldubois.ca/>



**Welcome to the 37th annual Festival du Bois!  
March 6 • 7 • 8, 2026!**

The fiddle takes centre stage for a weekend of dynamic francophone, world and folk music and dance with brilliant artists from coast to coast. Join us for concerts, workshops, shows for kids & families, fun and fascinating on-site activities, fabulous food, shopping and a generous helping of francophone warmth and spirit! Grab something plaid and your pals and come meet us in Mackin Park!

**DR. CHARLES BEST PRESENTS**

**SPRING BASKETBALL CAMP**

**GRADE 6-8 GIRLS**

**ANYONE IS WELCOME - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**  
**\$105 INCLUDES ALL SESSIONS & T-SHIRT**

<b>SUNDAYS</b> <b>APRIL 12-MAY 30</b>	6:00-8:00 PM DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY
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USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:



Questions?  
Email [mweeks@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mweeks@sd43.bc.ca)



**KidSport** Saturday March 7 10am-1pm  
 So ALL Kids Can Play!

**USED EQUIPMENT SALE** sponsored by: *Saputo*

**RIVERSIDE SECONDARY**  
 2251 REEVE STREET Admission by donation or non-perishable item to the SHARE Food Bank  
 PORT COQUITLAM

**SAVE on your family's sports equipment!**  
 The KidSport Used Equipment Sale has everything from bikes and hockey gear to fitness equipment, wetsuits, and more!

**Open to EVERYONE!**  
 equipment for ALL kids and adults!  
 Outfit a child for lacrosse or hockey, including helmet, stick, and/or skates for approximately \$100!

**GIVE back! Donate your gently used\* equipment**  
 From February 21 - March 6, donate your used equipment at the following locations:

- Port Moody Recreation Complex (main lobby)
- Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex (main lobby)
- Port Coquitlam Community Centre (lower arena lobby) [www.kidsporttricity.ca](http://www.kidsporttricity.ca)

\*gently used equipment is:  
 • less than 6 years old  
 • in good condition  
 • wearable for league sports

**SPRING TRI-CITY ELITE TRYOUTS - Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 U14/U15 Boys & U13/U14/15 Girls



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REFINE FUNDAMENTALS, IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN!

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REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

CAMP DATES:  
**16 - 27 MARCH 2026**

REGISTER HERE



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