

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

Vice-Principals – Gordon Easton, David Jones, and Joel Nelson

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, January 18

PAC General Meeting 7:30pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 20

Grade 12 Grad Parent Committee Meeting 7:00pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 27

Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 Assessment

Friday, January 29

Quarter 2 ends

Grade 8 Virtual Tour (to be held at each Middle School)

Monday, February 1

School Based Pro-D Day (school not in session)

Tuesday, February 2

Quarter 3/Semester 2 begins (see attached schedule)

Grade 8 Parent Information Night 7:00pm (Zoom)

We welcome 2021 with hope and optimism.

Let us make sure that family, love, health and compassion pervades our thoughts so much that we have no time for fear, impatience, negativity or unkindness. 2021 is already looking like the change we have been hoping for. We can watch the news with optimism and a little confidence looking ahead. We cannot let up now. We must continue to be safe and encourage our kids to be safe. Our actions matter very much "it is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves" - Shakespeare.

In the next few weeks, we will work with our feeder schools to set up our new grade 9's for next year. We have updated our Course Programming forms for our grade 9-11 students and our counsellors will be working on that process in February. Within that optimism and hope we will build a semester (not quarter) timetable as we have had in the past. Let's keep the hope that we will be able to maintain that schedule for Sept. At the same time, we will be working on our Grad 2021 celebrations for June. Currently, we are planning for a celebration like last year. We do not know what the Provincial Health Protocols will be in June so we have not worked out any details only secured the people and equipment that we will need regardless of the final workings of the day. We have booked Grads BC to create a video of the day and we have booked another videographer to live stream the event. The date that worked for everyone is June 9th.

Please stay in touch with your child's teachers, counsellors or administrators if you have any questions to concerns. Quarter 2 ends on January 29th and quarter 3 begins on February 2 (Monday February 1 is a Professional Development day)

Thank you – Heather Murphy, Principal Dr. Charles Best

Anti-Racism Coalition of Vancouver (ARC)

On Friday, January 15, many Dr. Charles Best students and staff recognized the Anti-Racism Coalition of Vancouver in their petition to include more mandatory education about the civil rights struggle of Black Canadians into our curriculum. Students were encouraged to wear black in support to show solidarity with Black and other racialized students and others in the community on behalf of the Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC). If you're interested in more information, here's a [link](#) to a Vancouver Sun article about Black Shirt Day.

The following link pertains to a joint statement on Black Shirt Day from Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, and Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AG0002-000051>

PAC GENERAL MEETING

You are all invited to attend the next Zoom Charles Best PAC General Meeting at 7:30 pm on Monday, January 18, 2021.

Topic: Dr. Charles Best School General PAC Meeting

Time: Jan 18, 2021 07:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81609588619>

Meeting ID: 816 0958 8619

GRADE 12 GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Do you have a student graduating this year? All parents of graduating students are invited to join us in working to prepare a fun and memorable after-grad event for our 2021 graduating class.

Grade 12 Parent Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00pm

The zoom info for the meeting is as follows:

Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8132971024?pwd=bUlhRkRsMUk0Z3FJeWtqNVdndEJJdz09>

Meeting ID: 813 297 1024

Passcode: N6vtVj

We look forward to seeing you there!

NUMERACY AND LITERACY 10 ASSESSMENTS

Grade 10 students currently taking English 10 or are in a Math 10 class will be writing the Numeracy and Literacy 10 Assessments Wednesday Jan 27th. They will be notified by their teacher of time and location. We will try and have students write in their regular class time. There will be space for a small number of students who missed the assessment last year but will be notified by Mr. Jones to write. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jones.

JANUARY 2021 POST SECONDARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL EVENTS

Due to COVID-19, post-secondary events have been moved online. In the events below you can find out more about the institutions' programs, their admission requirements, and how to apply. Post Secondary school applications have opened on October 1, 2020. If you have any questions regarding Post Secondary and/or scholarships, please email Karen Tsang: ktsang@sd43.bc.ca

Canadian Universities Event- Winter Edition

CUE BC Winter Edition will be less focused on presentations and more focused on drop-in chats and Q&As

January 20 & 21, 4-7:30pm

Register here: <http://cuebc.org/>

Douglas College:

Info sessions: Jan 26, 28

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information-sessions>

Vancouver Island University:

Experience VIU Virtually: January 16, 20, 21

<https://info.viu.ca/experienceviu-register/>

JANUARY 2021 POST SECONDARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL EVENTS CONTINUED

University of British Columbia:

Various dates in January

Campus tours: <https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events>

Simon Fraser University:

[Beedie School of Business Webinars](#)

[On Wednesdays at 4:00pm](#)

<https://beedie.sfu.ca/bachelor-of-business-administration-webinars>

University of Victoria:

Gustavson School of Business weekly info sessions

Wednesdays, January 13 to 27, 2021 at 5pm

Register for info session by emailing: bssclerk@uvic.ca

Info sessions

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/index.php>

BCIT:

Information Sessions

<https://www.bcit.ca/infosessions/>

University of Waterloo:

Waterloo Wednesday Webinars

<https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/tours-events/waterloo-wednesdays>

University of Alberta:

Events & tours – various dates

uab.ca/recruitmentevents

uab.ca/tours

University of Toronto:

Get to know U of Toronto, Live info sessions & webcasts:

<https://discover.utoronto.ca/live>

McGill University:

Live with a Tour Guide

https://future.mcgill.ca/portal/live_with_a_tour_guide

Western University:

Choose Western

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<https://welcome.uwo.ca/presentations/index.html>

Queen's University:

Undergraduate Admission and Recruitment FAQs page

<https://www.queensu.ca/admission/admission-faqs>

University of Northern British Columbia:

Info session for SD43 students

January 12 at 4:30pm, please register here:

https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q4Vv0MwzTN2PQhqfCe_otA

GRADE 12'S: STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICES

If you are applying to a Post-Secondary Institution, please remember to fill out the Student Transcript Services form. This will either automatically send your transcript to the institution or allow the institution to access your transcript from the Ministry of Education. This is a required step for admissions to most post-secondary institutions. Instructions on how to fill out the form are located on our website or you can view a recording of our presentation in Teams under Grade 12 Survival Guide. Please see your counsellor if you have any additional questions.

[NEW 2020-2021-Sending transcripts to post-secondary schools 2020-2021.pdf](#)

DONATIONS OF RED DRESSES NEEDED

We are looking to collect red dresses of all sizes for upcoming REDress Day (Feb 5th)

They will be used in an art installation to bring awareness to the problem of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada. For more information, please follow this link:

[Red dresses create powerful symbol at Douglas College - Tri-City News](#)

Please send your donations care of Ms. Leslie to the office.

FLY FISHING CLASS

The Fly Fishing class learned how to tie egg patterns this week in preparation for our next trip to the river.

In addition, this week's winners of the bulls eye competition were Eiko, Nick and Arvin (not pictured) who won movie passes and Starbucks gift cards.



POETRY IN VOICE

The Poetry in Voice (PIV) school wide recitation contest is happening **on-line** this year! Check out [the website](#) for details. Students can choose either the English or the Bilingual stream; they must select two poems from the senior PIV anthology to memorize, interpret, and perform. All performances must be submitted by video recording this year. Contact Ms. Silzer in the library by January 8 for details and to register. To participate in the school wide contest, video links must be submitted to Ms. Silzer by February 11, 2021.

ATTENTION GRADS OF 2021!

We need your gown size! Please have your parents go to school website, Quick links, Student Fees, Graduation – Commencement. Here you can pay the fee and enter your height in feet and inches. **Please order by January 31, 2021!**

STUDENT SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Now that Report Cards are posted online in the MYED Parent Portal, we have not been printing off the “Student Fee Statements” and attaching them to the report cards. Please log into your school cash online account (Student’s legal first and last name must be used) on the School Website, Quick Links, Student Fees to see what item(s) are attached to your student. You may find the following: School Policy Forms, outstanding textbooks, library books, student fees, etc. Please clear up any outstanding items asap or at the latest by January 31/2021. Grade 12 Parent/students make sure your account is all clear so you will be ready to purchase grad related items when they become available. If you are having problems logging into your account, please call 1-866-961-1803 for assistance.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are selling fast! Only 230 remaining for the whole school...don't miss out! These can be purchased online only on the school website, Quick Links, Student Fees.