

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

Vice-Principals – Michelle Ciolfitto, Kelly Fridge, 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

Friday March 11th

Last day before Spring Break March 14-25th

Sunday March 13th

Daylight Savings – spring ahead

Monday March 28th

School back in session

Valedictorian nomination forms available in the front office

Grad 2023 Parent zoom meeting

Wednesday March 30th

Grad 2022 Zoom Meeting



Dear Dr. Charles Best Community,

The Staff at Dr. Charles Best would like to wish our students and families a relaxing and safe Spring Break. Take the time to enjoy our longer days! We return to school March 28th and then we will blink and the school year will be over. Students this is the time to focus and put in a little extra effort because this time will fly by so fast!

We are in full swing planning Grad 2022 celebrations! **There is an important Grad 2022 survey for grads to fill out. (See below)**

We know that Provincial Health is changing it's COVID-19 guidelines for schools after Spring Break. We will send out updates as we receive confirmation.

Enjoy your time!

See you March 28th

Sincerely,

Heather Murphy, Principal

Grad 2022 Song Nominations -LAST DAY

Submit your favorite song to be played during the slideshow, grad dinner dance and commencement. A vote will take place with all the nominated songs. [Click here](#)

GRAD 2022 SURVEY - Please fill out as soon as possible

<https://forms.office.com/r/PQGFccipAv>

GRAD FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS – April 12th - ATTACHMENT

Grad Friendship Photos for Tuesday, April 12th 3:30-8pm! Booking open.

Only 1 booking per group is necessary so one person in the group will be responsible for booking the appointment and distributing one 4X6 photo to each student in the party. Photos will be delivered back to the school in 2-3 weeks after the sitting. Cost for each student in the photo is \$2 students are to bring CASH at the time of the photo. If a student is in multiple groups they will be required to pay \$2 for each grouping. All the money collected will be donated back to the grad class and put towards Dr. Charles Best Grad 2022 Celebrations!

[STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2021/2022](#)

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.

During the months of February to April, School District 43, Coquitlam **XXX** is participating in the 2022 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 29th, 2022**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2022: Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 complete the survey; Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Students complete the survey; and all Staff associated with a School complete the survey.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
3. Under the section *Direct Access – no logon number required* select:
 - District: Coquitlam (#43)
 - School: Dr Charles Best
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
6. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project. If you need more information or would like to see the results for the District or your school, please contact us.

[A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR PAC CHAIR](#)

Hello Best families,

This May 9th at 7:00pm we will be holding our PAC AGM. We welcome all parents and guardians to join us.

In advance, we want to share some information that you may find encouraging. During this school year parent donations and other work being done virtually by our cohort of parents and children through PAC has improved Charles Best for our children, and children to come.

Here are some highlights.

- Continuing to capitalize on the amazing gym renovations through the purchase of new wrestling mats, a major investment for the physical education program.
- Support for the arts has included a new Tenor sax, clay and craft supplies as well as new technology including iPad's and Go-Pros
- Social development - guest speakers, cultural awareness support and hardware for the library
- This year, and through three years of the pandemic we have supported our school and our grads. This year is shaping up to be another great year in our new and ever-changing reality for 2022 Grads!

Even when we cannot get together, together we are still collectively making a difference in the lives of children at Charles Best.”

We hope to see you on May 9th!

Will Davis
PAC Chair



PAC CORNER:

Grad 2023 meeting - Monday March 28 @ 7:30pm

Topic: Best Grad 2023 Parent Committee Meeting

Time: Mar 28, 2022 07:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89392579732>

Meeting ID: 893 9257 9732

Grad 2022 meeting - Wednesday, March 30 @ 7:00pm

Topic: Grad 2022 Meeting

Time: Feb 16, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83652101723?pwd=QkxJUi94TWNxSkZYMHU4UjcvZDFhdz09>

Meeting ID: 836 5210 1723

Passcode: grad2022

General PAC meeting - Monday, April 11 @ 7:30pm

Topic: Dr. Charles Best PAC General Meeting

Time: Apr 11, 2022 07:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83893564150>

Meeting ID: 838 9356 4150

PURDY'S EASTER CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE GRADS of 2023 – ATTACHMENT

Funds raised will go towards reducing the cost of the Graduation **2023** Dinner & Dance.

Sale deadline March 29th by 3:00pm

Exact Delivery date April 13, 2022

Link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1528311-94885>

Campaign # 59854



GRAD 2023 SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER – ATTACHMENT

Funds raised will go towards reducing the cost of the Graduation 2023 Dinner & Dance.

Sales Deadline: Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 12:00PM

Exact Delivery Date: TBD

Link: <https://charlesbestgrad2023.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

For more info contact: bestgrad2023@gmail.com



Family Photo/Grad Fundraiser – Sunday April 3rd at Rocky Point ATTACHMENT

The session booking site will open up March 08 and will be first come first serve until we are completely full (approx. 40 spots). \$20.00 sitting fee paid upon booking. They will receive proofs and a complimentary 8x10 of their choosing. Everything will be mailed directly to the parents. All proceeds are donated to GRAD 2022



[POST SECONDARY EVENTS](#)

Careers and Trades March Newsletter – [Attachment](#)

REMINDER: CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 1, 3 PM

Do you know that we have internal scholarships that are only open to Charles Best grads? Students can access all relevant information on the Career Centre team > Grads 2022 Local Scholarship package channel (team code gvrymg1), but you can have a look at available scholarships  [here](#). Deadline to apply: April 1, 3 pm.

FORKLIFT TRAINING (SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY)

If you are at least 15 years old and interested in getting your Forklift training certification over Spring Break (March 24 & 25), please visit the "[43Careers.com > Certificates](#)" website to complete the sign-up survey. Spaces are limited. If you need more information, please contact Doug MacLean at 604-341-8977.

S.A.T. SPRING BREAK BOOTCAMP

Led by EducationUSA adviser Jenika Heim, the SAT Boot Camp is a five-session series with the goal of practicing strategies to improve your SAT score. March 14-18, 2022, 7 am daily. Each session covers a different topic, you can attend one or all five. If you cannot make a session, you will receive a recording that you can review on your own time. There is no cost to attend. [Register and learn more here.](#)

LEARNING TO LEAD™

4-week leadership program open to self-identified girls in high school (Grades 10-12). Participants gain confidence through a series of interactive workshops and activities. Students learn some of the fundamentals of the leadership mindset, how to identify and lead from their strengths and values, how connecting with a mentor can support their leadership journey, and how to take action with confidence. On Zoom. Spring 2022 Cohort will run in May/ June. Details and application [here](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the [Career Centre website > Employment & Volunteering](#) for a long list of local organizations currently looking for motivated high school students. Here are just a few examples:

- Festival du Bois (great opportunity for FRIM students): April 1-3, Mackin Park
- PoCo Music Festival: March 27 – April 3.
- City of PoCo: Volunteers wanted for Children's Spring programs, Swim Lessons, and special events. Apply by March 25.
- Port Moody Farmers Market, running Sundays 10 am – 2 pm
- SFU Summer Camps: Apply by April 24th
- Pedalheads Bike Camps, multiple local locations. Apply by May 1

UBC ENGINEERING WORKSHOP FOR FEMALE* GRADE 10-12 STUDENTS

Grade 10-12 students identifying female are invited to explore why engineering is an amazing career for women who want to change the world, help improve the lives of others and the environment around us, and who like teamwork and problem-solving. Learn about different types of engineering, chat with current students, hear from guest speakers and learn more about engineering at both the UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan campuses. **Sat, March 26, 2022, 10:00am - 12:30pm** - [Register here](#)

