



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

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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, March 8 – Wednesday, March 13**
Parent/Teacher sign up open

Saturday, March 9
Parent Dance-school gym
Daylight Savings begins-set your clocks ahead 1 hour

Monday, March 11 – Friday March 15
Spirit Week

Tuesday, March 12
Grade 9 French Immersion camp meeting

Wednesday, March 13
Spring Sports and Club photos
Fruit and Veggie Fundraiser orders due
- Thursday, March 14**
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Grade 12 Parent Presentation (Library)

Friday, March 15
Last day of school before Spring Break
Ski and Snowboard trip to Whistler

Tuesday, April 2
Schools reopen after Spring Break

Tuesday, April 16-Wednesday, April 17
Provincial Assessments and Digital Literacy Projects (TBD)

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW INFORMATION

Semester two Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday, March 14, 2024** and will be broken up into 2 sessions. **Session one** will run from 2pm – 4pm and will be entirely on-line using your child’s TEAMS account. (you will need access to your child’s TEAMS login) **Session two** will run from 5pm – 7pm and will be entirely in person at the school. Appointments must be pre-booked. Drop-in appointments are NOT available. You are free to attend meetings in either session or a blend of both. We are offering this hybrid model to increase access to meetings for all parents. Students will be dismissed early that day.

Helpful Notes:

- Session 1: 2pm – 4pm entirely on-line using your child’s TEAMS account
We are not able to offer telephone interviews for this session.
- Session 2: 5pm – 7pm entirely In-Person in the school gyms
(Drop-in appointments are not available for this session-please book ahead)
- Cell phones don’t typically work well to book interviews. Same with the Safari browser.
If you are experiencing connection issues, please try a different device and/or change your browser.
- *For the TEAMS platform, you will need access to your child’s TEAMS account.
- We have teachers with the same last name. Please double check you are booking with the correct one.

March 14th Bell Schedule:

BLOCK 1	8:16AM – 9:05AM
BLOCK 2	9:10AM – 10:00AM
BLOCK 3	10:05AM – 10:55AM
BLOCK 4	11:00AM – 11:50AM
BLOCK 5	11:55AM – 12:45AM

FIRST TIME USERS, use the link provided below. Register with parent name, parent email address and password. After registering you should receive an activation email. Once you click on the activation link, you will be able to login using your previously registered email and password. **If you don't receive this confirmation email, please check your junk mail folder.** Otherwise, please call the school so we can manually activate your registration. Once logged in, create a profile for your student(s) and follow instructions for selecting interview times with their teachers. Once P/T times are booked, you should receive a confirmation email. **Should you need to change or cancel interviews**, you may do so by logging back into the site with your email and password, then click on the edit/cancel interview link on the right navigation bar. **RETURNING USERS**, log in with your username and password to book. Once P/T times are booked, you should receive a confirmation email. **Should you need to change or cancel interviews**, you may do so by logging back into the site with your email and password, then click on the edit/cancel interview link on the right navigation bar.

If you have any problems with the parent/teacher interview registration process that can’t be addressed per above, please call the office.

[Parent/Teacher Interviews Signup System](#)

LEARNING UPDATES

On **Wednesday, March 6th** Learning Updates (formerly known as mid-term reports) became available for parent viewing. Parents are asked to view and discuss each course learning update with their child. Learning Updates can either be accessed on your child's TEAMS page under 'Assignments' or via a paper copy from your child.

GRADE 12 PARENT PRESENTATION

All Grade 12 parents are invited to a presentation on **Thursday, March 14th** from 6:30pm to 7pm in the Charles Best Library. This information session will cover sending marks to universities, the local scholarship package, CLC, Valedictorian, Dinner Dance and Commencement, and other important upcoming events.

COURSE PROGRAMMING

By now, all students should have completed their course programming requests in their **MyEd portal** (submitting a paper planning sheet is not adequate). Please see your counsellor on **Monday Mar 11th** if you still have not completed this task.

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION CAMPING TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

The French Immersion Department would like to inform students of a French camping activity for Grade 9 French Immersion students at the end of June. An information meeting will be held for students only on **Tuesday, March 12th** at 3:15pm in Room 101.

CLUB AND SPRING SPORTS PHOTO DAY

Artona will be here on the morning of **Wednesday, March 13th** to capture photos of our Spring athletic teams and any clubs that were not photographed at the December photo day. Teacher Club Sponsors and Coaches will organize times with Ms. Fridge. Students, please follow up with your Sponsor/Coach to ensure your group will be photographed and to confirm your time slot.

LOST AND FOUND

Missing something? Students check the lost and found on the main floor across from the Tech Centre **BEFORE Thursday, March 14th**. Items have been displayed on tables for easy viewing.

FROM OUR DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Riding on the success of our one act play festival, featuring the haunting tragedy *The Insanity of Mary Girrard*, *The Best Players* are changing gears. Mr. Case, and a cast and crew of fantastically talented students are readying the spring production of Shakespeare's "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*. *The Best Players* are proud to present this family friendly, timeless comedy. Be sure to set aside one evening in the first two weeks of May.

A Midsummer Night's Dream opens **Thursday, May 2nd** and will run **May 3rd** and **4th**, as well as **May 9th**, **10th**, and **11th**.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and seniors. Box office opens at 6:45 PM, doors at 7:00 PM with curtain at 7:30 PM. This wonderful story is a sure springtime cure for the winter doldrums.

We look forward to seeing you and your families in May.

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.

REMINDER: 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/>

PARENTS AS EDUCATION AND CAREER COACHES

Learn how you can support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12. The session is engaging and informative – and open to all SD43 families. Topics include B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials, program and admission requirements, and application dates, cost of post-secondary and options for financial aid, career exploration resources, including **Find Your Path**, applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC.ca, and more.

Tuesday, March 12, 6.30-8 pm. Register [here](#)

ATHLETICS



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



For secondary sport updates and information...



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

BASKETBALL UPDATE

Our winter basketball season has come to an end and our spring sports season has begun. Basketball ended this past weekend for our school with our senior girls' team who participated in Provincials for the second consecutive year. The senior girls' team had to overcome the season ending loss of two starters in early January, forcing people into different positions. It was a wonderful showing by our young ladies as they finished 13th in the province at the Quad A level. Denise M won a scholarship from the Fraser Valley Bandits for \$1000 for being a wonderful well rounded basketball player and young person.

Our junior girls' team, who showed a lot of growth over the season, finished fourth in the Coquitlam playoffs, and did not advance to the Fraser North playoffs.

The grade 9 boys' team advanced to the Fraser North playoffs, where they narrowly lost out on a chance to qualify for the grade 9 invitational championships.

Our junior boys' team who as grade 9's did not qualify for the Coquitlam championships, finished second in the league as juniors and lost out in tough games at the Fraser North championships, wonderful improvement.

Our senior boys' team won a challenge game to qualify for the Fraser North playoffs and played Burnaby number 1 very tough in the first game ultimately losing by 10 points after another tough game their season ended.

Now the work begins for next year! Good luck to all our spring sports teams.

WRESTLING PROVINCIAL RESULTS

Congratulations to our wrestlers who represented Dr. Charles Best extremely well on and off the mat at Provincials February 23rd and February 24th. Great performances for the whole team; most finished in the top 16.



Liam G. (G. 12) Provincial Champion!
1st ever 2-time Provincial Champ at Charles Best
Bradyn R. (G. 12) – 6th place finish



Kaylee D. (G. 9) – 4th place finish



Senior Girls Basketball

SD43 MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

Anyone interested in signing up for the SD 43 Mountain Bike team please see Mr. Raabe in the Tech Center **ASAP**. First ride is scheduled for **March 13th** at Burke Mountain.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

WESTERN IVEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply to participate in this free one-day event at West Point Grey Academy in Vancouver, Sat, April 6, 10 am – 3 pm. They will 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. [Apply](#) by **March 15**.

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES – YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Are you a Grade 10-12 student who has a strong interest in STEAM topics and is eager to share your enthusiasm with others? Whether you are skilled in coding, robotics, engineering, or science communication, there is an opportunity for you to make a significant impact! Science Alive is currently recruiting volunteers to facilitate and moderate the ongoing STEM Speaker Series. [Details can be found here](#). **Apply by March 18**.

JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS WANTED FOR UBC GEERING UP SUMMER CAMPS

Junior Instructors are high school or university students (grade 9 and up) who lend a helping hand at clubs and camps. You work closely alongside the instructor team to deliver and share STEM to youth in a hands-on and dynamic learning environment. This involves some curriculum development, assisting with lesson delivery, materials preparation, teaching opportunities, and more. There is a program running out of Coquitlam. Minimum commitment is one week full-time. [Apply](#) by **March 17**.

ROYAL SOCCER SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers age 14+ are wanted to assist staff with coaching and supervising children at camp. You can apply for one week (July-August), or many, half-day or full-day. Applicants should enjoy soccer and sporting activities, be great with children, be energetic and reliable. If you are 16 or older, you may be eligible for a CIT (Counsellor in Training) or Camp Counsellor position. [More info](#).

SFU SCIENCE ALIVE CODING CLUB

The Coding Club offers a diverse array of free in-person workshops tailored for school-age students interested in delving into coding and exploring popular digital tools. From May to June 2024, various topics are covered such as user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (using Python), web design, mobile app development, and game development. SFU Sustainable Energy Building, Surrey. See website for topics/ dates. **Spots are limited**, [sign up](#) early.

EDUCATIONUSA: UNDERSTANDING THE SAT AND THE ACT

Join EducationUSA and 3 U.S. admissions officers to learn more about the SAT and ACT standardized tests. Learn about format and content of the SAT and ACT, understand the differences between the two exams, discuss strategies for test-taking, and review what test-optional means. **March 20**, 2-3 pm PST. [Register](#). EducationUSA is a free advising resource that supports Canadian students' questions about studying in the United States. [More info](#).

CPA BC COIN COMPETITION

COIN provides students with an opportunity to compete provincially with other students who share an interest in business and accounting. The Top 25 highest-scoring students will be presented with cash prizes. The CPABC COIN Competition is an annual multiple-choice-question exam focusing on accounting, entrepreneurship, business acumen and introductory financial literacy concepts – taking place **Sat, April 20th**, 10-11 am. [Register](#) before **April 8, 2024 at 9 am**.

BCIT BIOTECHNOLOGY CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to learn more about careers in Biotechnology during an one-week workshop at BCIT (April 15 – 19). BCIT will be accepting 13 students with priority given to Grade 12 students first. If you are interested, apply as soon as possible. [More info](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE

Interested in learning more about the UBC Sauder Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) program? [Register now](#) for an info session on **Thu, May 23 2024**, 4:30 - 6:00pm.

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.

GRADE 12 RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

TRIUMF YOUNG ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS FELLOWSHIP

The Young Engineers and Scientists (YES!) Fellowship offers six-week summer research experiences to graduating secondary students in British Columbia entering their first year at a recognized post-secondary institution. The Fellowship includes an award of \$4000. The intent of the YES Fellowship is to motivate graduating high school students with a passionate interest in science to pursue a research career in physical sciences or engineering by offering them the opportunity to experience a real life research environment. Placement dates are starting in first week of July.

Application deadline is March 15, 2024. [More info.](#)

PAC CORNER

The final PAC meeting of the school year will be held on **Monday, May 6** at 7:00 pm in the school library. As this will be our Annual General Meeting, the following PAC Executive Committee positions for the 2024-25 school year will be elected: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member(s)-at-Large.

Any parent of a Dr. Charles Best student is a member of the PAC and is eligible to be elected to any of these positions. For position descriptions and responsibilities, go to the PAC website:

<https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac/blank-page>

If you have any questions, please contact Graeme Illman (current PAC Chair) at bestpacchair@gmail.com

AFTERGRAD FUNDRAISING

RETURN IT RECYCLING FOR AFTERGRAD 2024

Friendly reminder to only put Canadian deposit items in the return it as US and other non-recycling have been dropped off by error. Please ensure there a maximum of 12 bottles/bag and that there are no broken bottles as well.

Thanks very much for your continued support.

How it works:

- 1) Use Recycle Account – Charles Best AfterGrad 2024
- 2) Use the school's phone # (604-461-5581) when you print labels for your recycling bags



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



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Summer Learning 2024

Eight locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Elementary

Three locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Middle

Two locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. Free to all BC residents*. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 (earn a passing mark) also available, by referral.

Secondary Skill Building

Two locations, Wednesday July 3 - Thursday August 8 8:00-11:30am OR 12:00-3:30pm. Biology 11.12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11.12; EAL 10.11; English 10.11.12; English First Peoples 11.12; Mathematics 10.11.12; Physics 11.12; PHE 10; Socials 10.11.

Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track

Check out the SD43 full day program on our website!

Secondary Full Credit

Registration begins at 6:00am for ...
- Elementary: Tuesday April 30
- Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 3
- Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 8
Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.
*SD43 Residency requirements apply

To Register

WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA / Phone 604-936-4261

Courses and locations listed above are subject to change