

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

Monday, February 20th

Family Day – No School Monday

Wednesday, February 22nd

Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day

Friday, February 24th

Pro-D day

Monday, February 27th

Best Grad 2023 T-Shirt Order deadline

Wednesday, March 1st & 8th, Thursday, March 28th

Grade 9 Immunizations

Friday, March 10th

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser



GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS – MARCH 1st, 8th & 28th

Below is information provided by Fraser Health regarding the vaccines provided, “Mature Minor Consent” and what to do if your child has already had these vaccines or is behind in their vaccines.

- **G.9 vaccines provided by Fraser Health**

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/grade-9-immunizations-bc>

- **Consent: Parent or “Mature Minor Consent”**

Fraser Health asks that parents provide consent for immunization but, they will also accept “Mature Minor Consent” for G.9 students if there is absent of parent’s consent. It is important for parents to discuss and to decide with student before their immunization.

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>

- **What to do if your child has already received their vaccines**

If your child has already received their vaccines at Doctor’s office/ pharmacist/ back home country or if they are not sure if they still need booster for these vaccines, please go to the following link to self update Immunization history: www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform

Or, please email ha.nguyen@fraserhealth.ca or Carmen.Gutierrez2@fraserhealth.ca copies of infancy immunization records so that they can be updated in the Fraser Health computer system to determine which vaccines they still qualified for.

- **If your child misses the immunization day at school**

Please visit this link and follow the instructions to get vaccines they need:

[After FH visit to school FINAL Aug 2022.pdf](#)

WARNING: GRAD SCAVENGER HUNT THIS WEEKEND!

Dear Grads and your parents: We understand that the grads may have a grad activity planned this weekend - a **scavenger hunt**. Some of the activities planned involve illegal and potentially dangerous activities. Please be reminded that if you are involved in such activities, you could be putting your participation in School Grad celebrations in jeopardy. Moreover, we do not want any of our grads to put themselves at risk this long weekend.

Please think. Please be responsible. Please be smart. Please be safe.

BEST SENIOR GRAD 2023 T-SHIRTS

Thank you to Maia and Jacob for designing the newest Senior Grad T-Shirts

Order with these links and pick them up from the school right after Spring Break.

There are absolutely **NO late orders** on these shirts.

If you are ordering the one that has personalization, please ensure your name is spelled correctly.

The last day you can order is February 27th.

BEST SENIORS LINK: <https://charlesbestgradgirls23.itemorder.com/>

GRAD 2023 LINK: <https://charlesbestgrad23.itemorder.com/>

BAKER DRIVE - STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK-UP PROHIBITED

Parents are reminded that stopping on Baker Drive to drop off or pick up Charles Best students is prohibited. We have been informed by the city that “no stopping signs” have been installed along Baker Drive and they will be ticketing those who continue to do so.

COQUITLAM STUDENTS MAKE EMOTIONAL PLEA FOR PRIDE EVENT

The GSA has been working hard to advocate for Coquitlam to raise the pride flag and host a Pride event. They are presenting to council on Feb 27th.... very exciting!

Here's a link to their tri-city news [article](#)



Coquitlam students make emotional plea for Pride event to show they're 'not alone'

Dr. Charles Best students seek support from city council for the Pride flag and gathering as a way to build support and acceptance of the queer community.

www.tricitynews.com

“BEST” ATHLETICS

WRESTLING ZONES RESULTS

We sent 10 wrestlers to zones and 9 qualified for Provincials. All wrestlers had wins which is a great accomplishment in and of itself.

Gold medal winners...Liam G., Kai S., and Selina L.

Silver medal winners ...Bradyn R. and Arya T.

4th place to Elon H., Markus M., and Thomas B.

5th place Kai M.

The girls team placed 5th, boys’ team was 4th and overall combined we were 2nd!!

Amazing performance considering it’s a rebuild year from a 2-year absence.

Thanks for all the coverage and support!



CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

GRADE 12 STUDENTS

GRADE 12S – ARE YOU INTEREST IN ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTIONS OR ENGINEERING?

Info night for BCIT’s (free) pilot ACE micro credential program coming up on February 22, 6-7 pm, [sign up here](#). Earn 8 post-secondary credits while exploring career pathways. [Learn more about the program here](#).

UBC AND UVIC ARE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Both the University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria have extended their application period for selected programs. Most of the programs at UBC Okanagan and UVic are still accepting applications, plus very few Vancouver based UBC programs. To see details, please log into [EducationPlannerBC](#). Don’t delay applying, programs can fill up at any time.

UBC CHANGING THE WORLD: ENGINEERING THE FUTURE Explore why engineering is an amazing career for those who want to change the world, help improve the lives of others and the environment around us. Virtual event for girls and gender non-conforming folks in grades 10-12, Wed, March 1, 6-7.30 pm. [Register here](#).

GO CODE GIRL

Free computer science workshop for **Grade 8 to 11 girls***. Learn about the exciting world of coding and software development and discover opportunities in the computing and engineering fields. This event will introduce students to the concept of Machine Learning. **Wed Feb. 22**, 5-6.30 pm. SFU Surrey campus. [Register here](#).

WESTWOOD PLATEAU GOLF CLUB HIRING FAIR

Looking for a job? Different departments are hiring for the golf season (April to October): Turf Care, kitchen, restaurant, banquets/ events, and golf operations. Bring your resume/ cover letter on

Sat, February 25 or Sunday, February 26, 10 AM to 3 PM. [More info and registration here](#).

STUDY & GO ABROAD FAIR VANCOUVER

Start planning to study or travel abroad. Learn about university and college programs, scholarships, working abroad, and volunteer opportunities worldwide! **March 2nd**. [Register for free.](#)

SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY: SWEAT (STRUCTURED WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING)

La Salle College in Vancouver is offering Grade 11 and 12 students the opportunity to experience campus for four days and use state-of-the-art equipment and learn from faculty. Students can receive 30 hours of hands-on workshop experience in 3D Modeling & Animation | Digital Film & Video | Game Art & Design | Culinary Arts | Baking & Pastry | Hospitality Management | Fashion Design | Graphic Design | Interior Design, etc. **March 20-23, 2023**. Cost: \$150. [Register here.](#)

CAMP IGNITE FOR GRADE 11 & 12 GIRLS

Are you an aspiring firefighter? Do you have an interest in exploring the limits of your potential? Ignite your passion. Ignite the possibilities. August 10-13. **Apply by April 1st, 2023**. [More here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

BCIT BIG INFO

Find out more about BCIT's many programs and explore the Burnaby campus. Join online on February 22, 4-7.40 pm. [Sign up here for the virtual event.](#)

BCIT SHEET METAL INFO SESSION

The sheet metal trade consists of a wide variety of areas that you could be employed in. Sheet metal work includes heating, ventilation, and air conditioning in residential, commercial and industrial settings. Other specialized areas include stainless steel, industrial exhaust systems, architectural work and roofing. Want to learn more? Tuesday, February 21st, 5 pm, BCIT Campus Burnaby. [Register here.](#)

KPU WILSON SCHOOL OF DESIGN INFO SESSIONS

Graphic design for marketing, Feb 22nd, 6 pm (Richmond campus). [Sign up here](#) (bottom of the page).

SCHOLARSHIPS

BCSTA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT CITIZENSHIP

Three awards of \$750 each are available for graduating students who have made outstanding contributions to their school and community. [Apply here](#) by **February 28, 3 pm**.

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Students with financial need should [check this out](#). A variety of different awards is available, and you only submit one-for-all application. Value's tba, last year they ranged from \$500 to \$2,500. **Deadline is Friday, March 31.**

CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Grade 12 students can find our scholarship package on the Career Centre Team (code gvrymg1), "Grads 2023 – Local Scholarship Package" channel. There are opportunities for all types of students, you don't need top-grades to be eligible to apply. This package also includes the District Authority Awards for students showing outstanding achievements in Trades, Applied Skills, Indigenous Languages, Fine Arts, Physical Activity and Community Service. Application deadline is March 31, 3 pm. Any question, please contact Mrs Kaufmann at skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca

LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Visit the [Career Centre website > Financial Aid](#) tab and check out around 50 different scholarships and bursaries currently listed. These awards are based on many different criteria. Upcoming Entrance Scholarships deadlines: Capilano University (March 1), Toronto Metropolitan University (March 1), University of the Fraser Valley (March 10), Douglas College (March 31). Deadline to apply for SFU Bursaries (need-based) is April 30th.

PAC CORNER

Upcoming PAC meeting: Monday, March 6th, 2023, at 7:00 pm 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, AfterGrad, teacher appreciation, and student scholarships.
- Log in to your student's portal on the School Cash Online system to make your PAC donation today.

