

# 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:

### Friday, January 29

- Quarter 2 ends
- Grade 8 Virtual Tour (to be held at each Middle School)
- PE lockers cleaned out

### Monday, February 1

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

### Tuesday, February 2

- First Day Semester 2
- First Day Quarter 3

### Wednesday, February 3

- Altered Schedule (see calendar below)

### Monday, February 11

- Poetry In Voice online submission due



**Reminder:** School is not in session on Monday, February 1.

Students are to check their Q3/S2 schedule via their student portal where they normally get their schedules and report cards. Take a picture of your schedule with your phone.

**New students:** Please check in with your Counselor.

The first week of Quarter 3/Semester 2 is shown below.

Note the change on Wednesday February 3. There are NO online classes that day but there will be in class and remote.

## Dr. Charles Best Secondary Quarter 3



Feb 1 – Feb 5, 2021 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Q3						
Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>0</b> (linear)	7:00 – 8:00 60 min	LINEAR: Band/Choir - Gr. 11/12; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - Mr. Hughes to advise students when to attend i.e., choir, band, and various levels, etc. LINEAR: Basketball/Fitness, Butterfly Effect				
<b>1</b> (quarter)	8:05 – 10:35 warning bell @ 10:05 120 + 30** (Wed. Flex is 15 min not 30)	NO SCHOOL	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z) 8:05 – 10:05**	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)
	10:35 – 11:05 30 min	L U N C H				
<b>2</b> (quarter)	11:05 – 1:35 warning bell @ 1:05 120 + 30** min	NO SCHOOL	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)
<b>3</b> (semester)	1:40 – 3:00 * 65 + 15** min	NO SCHOOL	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)
<b>X</b> (linear)	3:05 – 4:20 60 + 15** min	LINEAR: Band/Choir - Gr. 11/12; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - Mr. Hughes to advise when to attend i.e., choir, band, and various levels, etc., Drama (Tues/Thurs) LINEAR: Fly Fishing, Athletic Leadership, Butterfly Effect - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - TBC by teachers (alternating). Times will be flexible depending on the projects.				

Q3 runs – February 2 – April 22, 2021

\* Period 3 Linear Jr. Band/Choir - Gr. 9/10; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - alpha splits  
Semester 2 All other Blk 3 will alternate.

### **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 February 2, 2021**

If your child is not planning to attend the Charles Best Graduation Ceremony on June 9, please let us know by emailing [charlesbestaccounting@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:charlesbestaccounting@sd43.bc.ca) by Feb 12 so the grad fee can be deleted. If you choose not to participate, your grade 12 student will not receive the Cap/Gown, diploma folder, grad video, and grad swag including grad street photo. The cap and gown need to be ordered in the next month and due to COVID restrictions no changes can be made. Plans and orders go in before Spring Break so if you opt out, we cannot add you later, sorry. Thank you for your immediate attention. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration!

### **2020-2021 BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS**

Grade 12 students please remember to check the school's website and the financial aid websites of the post-secondary schools you are applying to for scholarship, award, and bursary opportunities. For example, BCIT, Douglas College and Capilano University are currently accepting entrance award applications! School's website:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx?login=851437746#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx?login=851437746#/)

Please email Ms. Tsang if you have questions: [ktsang@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ktsang@sd43.bc.ca)

**Please note that entrance scholarship deadlines are coming up quickly! Please see the school's website, financial aid websites of post-secondary schools for scholarship, awards, and bursary opportunities!**

BCIT Entrance Awards are for students who are planning to attend BCIT commencing April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022: Up to 25 BCIT President's Entrance Awards are available to current high school students, valued up to \$4000 each (Deadline Aug 5, 2021) and over 100 additional BCIT Entrance Awards valued up to \$6000 each (Deadlines: August 5, 2021 and/or January 6, 2022). Selection is based on academic standing in secondary school and/or post-secondary studies. Other criteria may include school activities, community involvement and demonstrated leadership. Please see website for details: <https://www.bcit.ca/financial-aid/awards-scholarships-bursaries/entrance-awards/>

### **DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS**

Douglas College Entrance scholarship & Awards are for students starting Douglas in the Fall semester. These awards recognize students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities including the promotion of social justice and/or truth and reconciliation. The program offers a variety of one-time scholarships or awards of up to \$3,500, and renewable scholarships or awards of up to \$20,000, payable over four years. Application deadline: March 1, 2021. Please see website for details: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/fees-financing/financial-aid-information/financial-aid/scholarships/entrance-scholarships>

### **CAPILANO UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AWARDS**

Capilano University Entrance Awards are for new students to recognize achievement in academics, sports, and the arts. Other criteria may include financial need, community involvement and leadership. Application deadline: March 1, 2021. Please see website for details: <https://www.capilanou.ca/admissions/fees--finances/financial-aid--awards/scholarships-bursaries--awards/future-students/>

### **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

The counselors will start programming our current Grade 9 -11s for the 2021-2022 school year in February. Here are some important upcoming dates:

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| February 10 <sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm          | - Current Grade 11 Student Programming Presentation online via Teams. Course selection sheets will be distributed in class and will be available in the Counselling Centre. |
| February 11/12 <sup>th</sup>                 | - Current Grade 9 Programming Presentation (in class).  |
| February 15 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> | - Current Grade 11 students need to meet with their counsellor to discuss their course selection and how it relates to graduation and future plans.                         |

- February 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm - Current Grade 10 Student Programming Presentations online via Teams. Course selection sheets will be distributed in class and will be available in the Counselling Centre.
- February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** - **Current Grade 9 – 11 Parent Programming Presentation via Zoom (the invite will be posted on our web site)**
- February 24/25<sup>th</sup> - On line Programming with current Grade 9 students (in class)
- **Please ensure that your Grade 9 son/daughter has access to a computer at school this day and knows how to sign into their MyEd Portal.**
- March 1<sup>st</sup> - Final Deadline for current Grade 11 and 12 course selection sheets. These are due in the Counselling Center.

**Parents, please review the course selection sheet with your child and remember to sign the bottom of the form. All Grade 11's needs to meet with their counselor February 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child sign up for an appointment in the counselling office. Post-secondary requirements are very specific so please do your research ahead of time.**

The course calendar will be available online on our Charles Best website. Please feel free to contact any of the counselors if you have questions.

Ms. John	(A-G)	<a href="mailto:rjohn@sd43.bc.ca">rjohn@sd43.bc.ca</a>
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Mr. Papillo	(P-Z)	<a href="mailto:tpapillo@sd43.bc.ca">tpapillo@sd43.bc.ca</a>

### **POETRY IN VOICE**

It is not too late to compete in PIV! Select 2 poems from the Senior PIV anthology to memorize, interpret, and perform. Check out the details on [the PIV website](#). Email Ms. Silzer for more information @ [dsilzer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dsilzer@sd43.bc.ca) All performances must be submitted to Ms. Silzer by February 11, 2021.

### **FLY FISHING CLASS AND ARCHERY CLASS**

The fly-fishing class stayed dry inside this week while they learned how to tie paracord survival bracelets. The top archers' this week were Eiko and Adriano. The each won Charles Best t-shirts by saving the class from "zombie" fish.



### **ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DISMISSALS**

**Students who are absent:** Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call.

**Students who are late:** Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call. To maintain social distancing, students are to check in with their teacher, not the office.

**Students who are leaving early:** Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call. Students are to check out at the office.

**Remember, if your child is not feeling well, they should stay home-thank you.**

### **STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM/EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS**

We are halfway through the school year and are still missing many forms that were handed out at the beginning of the school year as well as at the end of Quarter 1. Please have your child check their binders, backpacks and bedrooms for these, review, and sign, and ask your child to hand in to the office ASAP. This information is used to have the most up to date contact information in case of emergency as well as correct information to receive communication from the school.

### **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 197 remaining for the whole school...do not miss out! These can be purchased online only on the school website, Quick Links, Student Fees.

### **DONATIONS OF RED DRESSES NEEDED**

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

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.

### **February 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](mailto:ktsang@sd43.bc.ca)**

#### **Study and Go Abroad Virtual Education Fair**

Meet virtually with universities from Canada and around the world from the comfort of your home.

February 11, 2021, 3-9pm EST

- Register here: <https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/virtual-education-fair/>

#### **Douglas College:**

- Information sessions

February 16, 18 at 5pm

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

- Next Steps Visit for SD43

February 4, 2021 at 4pm

- Register here: <https://douglascollege-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5YoduugpjovEtElcl7sl3cMRvIa3Nv-cNy1>

**University of British Columbia:**

- Various dates in February
  - Campus tours: <https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events>

**Simon Fraser University**

- [Applicant Information Sessions](#)
  - [Various dates in February](#)
  - <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours/applicant-info-session/sessions.html>

**University of Victoria**

- Discover UVic
    - February 8 at 4pm
- Register here: <https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/index.php>

**BCIT**

- Information Sessions
  - <https://www.bcit.ca/infosessions/>
- [Big Info- At home edition](#)

[Join us from the comfort of your home to explore multiple areas of study, learn more about what it is like to study at BCIT, and find a program that is right for you. Each night will cover specific industry sectors as well as key student service areas.](#)

- [February 22 to 25](#)
- [Register here: https://www.bcit.ca/events/category/infosession/online/list/](#)

**University of Waterloo**

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

**University of Alberta**

- Events & tours – various dates
  - <http://uab.ca/recruitmentevents>
  - <http://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](https://future.mcgill.ca/portal/live_with_a_tour_guide)

**Western University**

- Info session recordings  
<https://welcome.uwo.ca/presentations/index.html>

**Queen's University**

Undergraduate admission- Webinar Recordings  
<https://www.queensu.ca/admission/webinar-recordings>

**University of Northern British Columbia**

- Info session for SD43 students

February 17 at 4:30pm, please register here: [https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-bl-XwDhSBaqvuGltDY2Yw](https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-bl-XwDhSBaqvuGltDY2Yw)

**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](#)