

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

Monday, March 27th

First day of classes after Spring Break

Tuesday, March 28th

Grade 9 Immunizations (catch up clinic)

Tuesday, March 28th

Valedictorian Nominations open

Friday, March 31st

Dress Your Best

Tuesday, April 4th

Valedictorian Nomination forms & videos due

Friday, April 7th

Good Friday-Classes not in session

Monday, April 10th

Easter Monday-Classes not in session



Happy Spring Break! Wishing you an enjoyable break! It has been a long, cold winter and I hope we get a little sunshine and heat to melt the remaining snow here at Best. On March 12th we move our clocks ahead an hour, and by the time we return to school on March 27th we will only have approximately 60 days of school left in the year. The last few months of the school year go by so fast, especially for our grads, let's keep that in mind and enjoy every day. Thank you to our Winter coaches all of our student athletes who did well and we are very proud of them. Our Spring teams are well underway. This week we had our spring Music concert. Thank you, Mr. Hughes, as usual it was an outstanding showcase of our students' talent! Thank you to the many parents who joined us at the concert. Our school musical is also well on its way to another masterpiece program. Thank you, Mr. Case and Mr. Hughes, for sharing all your time and talents with our students.

We wish you all the Best, enjoy your time – stay safe – see you soon.

Sincerely, Heather Murphy

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2022/2023

During the months of March and April, School District 43, Coquitlam is participating in the 2023 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, 2023**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2023: 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.

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.

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: the name of your child's district
 - School: the name of your child's school
 - 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Vice Principal, Michelle Ciolfitto at mciolfitto@sd43.bc.ca.

WINTER SPORTS

Well, our winter sports season has to come to an end. We are now transitioning to spring sports, hopefully the weather will start to cooperate, even though we are technically in winter until March 21st. Our wrestling team qualified 9 people for the provincial championships, and we managed to have a provincial champion in grade 9. That is amazing as this is the first time our team has been back in two years. Thank you so much Coach Coops, Coach Jaeggle and Coach Abdou, fantastic work with our team this year, as they also managed to come in 2nd overall in the Fraser North Championships.

Our basketball teams have finished their seasons. Our grade 9 boys basketball team learned a lot this year from Coach Nonis, and we look forward to seeing improvements from them next year. Thank you for your time Coach Nonis. Our junior boys basketball team unfortunately lost in the first round of the Coquitlam playoffs, thank you very much to Coach Gulamhusein, I know that he is excited about trying to improve the players for next year. Our junior girls team lost a heartbreaker in the first round the Coquitlam playoffs, losing by one point to the Ravens. A disappointing loss, however, the girls learned a ton from our wonderful coaches, Coach Day and Coach Weeks, thank you for all your efforts. Our senior boys were hoping that they could make provincials this year, unfortunately, they lost in the third round of the Fraser North Playoffs, coming up two games short of reaching their goal. The Fraser North is an extremely competitive league, and we are very proud of the boys efforts and thank Coach Depelteau, Coach Aldaba, Coach Lewis, Coach Sharma and Coach Sharma. The boys had a fantastic year as they won five tournaments out of the six that they entered. Looking forward to next year from all our teams.

The senior girls basketball team deserves a special mention as they made the provincials this year. The girls had an up and down year, and with less than a month left in the season, we lost two grade 12's to serious ankle injuries for the season. With two weeks to go before playoffs, we lost Denise M to an ankle injury, and the coaches were thinking that the injuries were too much to overcome, however we pulled a few junior players up and the team rallied and gelled over the final two weeks. Denise M made a miraculous recovery to participate in the Fraser North Playoffs, while she was clearly not 100%, her play was invaluable to us. The girls managed to win the wildcard game to qualify for the provincials, being led by a grade 9 point guard Malaya B, grade 10 Jessica P, grade 11 Avin J and grade 12 Josie R. We are grateful to the entire team for stepping up their games when it mattered the most. In provincials, we were ranked 13th, and faced a tough Yale team in the first round. We played extremely well, their experience and size were just too much for us, and we lost 75-49. Our second game was against Reynolds from the Island, the girls again competed extremely well, we came up just a bit short losing 72-66 to the higher seed. Our third game was against Mount Baker from Cranbrook, our girls continued their run of great play and won 58-31. We had to win the last game to ensure that our seeding was correct, and we beat R. E. Mountain in their own gym 67-58. Fantastic job, ladies, your efforts this season paid off in a great run to the provincials, first time BEST has been there since 2016! Hopefully, this is the start of a good run. Thank you very much to Coach Castillo, Coach Nonis, Coach Inoue, Coach Day, and Coach Percevault for all their efforts with the ladies. The coaches are looking forward to next year.



FIELD LACROSSE

We would like to thank all of 42 players who came out to play on the Junior and Senior teams this year and represented our school in the BC high school field lacrosse league. Charles Best has a great reputation for athletics and a long history of field lacrosse and these student athletes lived up to that tradition.

A huge high five to our graduating players on the Senior Team (Chase Budnick, Julian Albert, Nick Ludvik, Matteo Vigni, Devon Graham, Jade Mac Kinnon and, Kalen Murray). These players represented the school in a respectful and competitive manner throughout their high school years. We wish them success with their future endeavors! Here's to hoping they can spare some time and come back to Charles Best as alumni coaches in the future!

A massive thank you to our coaches, Bruce Murray, Shane Budnick, and all the assistants and guest coaches who were able to step in from time to time and help (Chad, John, Aaron, Julian, Angelo, Jeremy and Mike).

Also, thank you to our superb team managers Kelly Murray and Michelle Jovanovic for managing the junior and senior teams. We really appreciate your time and efforts.

We hope to see you all next year playing on the Charles Best lacrosse team!

COURSE REQUEST VERIFICATIONS

Students have now completed course Requests for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

To check the course requests for your student please follow the steps below:

1. Log into your Family Portal
2. Click on “Family” Top Tab
3. Click on your student’s name (if there is more than one student connected to the account)
4. Click on “Schedule” Side Tab
5. Click on “Requests” Side Tab

If any changes are needed, please log back into the course requests and update accordingly. Helpful tips are found at the top of the school website.

The Course Request portal has now been re-opened and will remain open until March 27th.

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS – MARCH 28th

We hosted our second Fraser Health Immunization clinic on Wednesday, March 8th for students and completed immunizations for all students with the last names A-Z.

There will be a catch up clinic Tuesday, March 28th to capture the remaining Grade 9 students (approx. 80).

COMO LAKE BUS STOPS IN FRONT OF SCHOOL

Parents Dropping off: Please do not stop and drop off your child at either bus stop in front of our school. It is dangerous to stop there and drop off. Translink is going to monitor this by taking licence plates and ticketing in the future so please be aware you cannot stop there to drop off. Thank you so much.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY - SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ENGINEERING

For their March talk, the speaker will introduce the field of sustainable energy engineering, which is an emerging engineering discipline that focuses on sustainable energy systems with consideration of societal and cultural implications. **Sat, March 11, 1-2 pm.** **Free.** [Register here.](#)

CACTUS CLUB HIRING FAIR

Cactus Club is hiring for all positions at all locations. [Sign up](#) for an interview on either **March 15th** or **March 18th**.

SIGN UP BY SPRING BREAK - BCIT BIOTECHNOLOGY CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP

This partnership between BCIT, Life Sciences BC, local biotechnology companies and participating school districts will be running April 17 – 21, 2023. Eligible students are in Grades 10-12 and must have an expressed interest in science-related curriculum, be enthusiastic about scientific research and lab work, and be interested in learning about careers related to biotechnology. Fees: \$226.90 (domestic), \$680.70 (international). [Apply by Mon, March 13.](#)

SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY - JUSTICE INSTITUTE BC CAREER FAIR

Learn what it takes to be a successful law enforcement recruit. Meet with representatives from the JIBC Law Enforcement Studies Diploma program, RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency, Vancouver Police, Surrey Police Service, Delta Police, New Westminster Police, BC Corrections and Probation, BC Sheriff Service, Surrey Crime Prevention Society, E-Comm 911, private security companies and more.

When: Mon, March 20, 2023, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. [Register here.](#)

SPRING BREAK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - FESTIVAL DU BOIS

Do you want to meet more Francophones and Francophiles in our region? Want to help out in your community and collect volunteer hours at the same time? Speaking French is not a prerequisite!

When: March 22 (pre-work) to Mar 27, 2023 (depending on your availability and the shifts you choose) Minimum commitment is a 4 hour shift, sign up here: <https://www.festivaldubois.ca/volunteer/>

SD43 TRADES SAMPLER FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN GRADES 11/12

There are still a few spots available for this **April 12th-14th workshop** at Port Moody Secondary, running all day 9 am – 3 pm. Discover a blend of indigenous culture and trades. Activities include learning carpentry skills, designing a CNC machine project, exploring sustainable gardening. *Free lunch and swag for all participants.* If you are interested, please contact Paul McDonald pmcdonald@sd43.bc.ca for more information.

SOYL SUMMER PROGRAM

6-week leadership and employment program for Grade 10 & 11 students who are interested in nature, First Peoples knowledge and good food. Students must be available for the full program duration, July 4th – Aug 10th, 9 am – 3.30 pm (Mondays to Thursdays). Millside Centre, Coquitlam. Steward a schoolyard by growing, cooking and selling food, develop communication and decision-making skills, and earn a weekly stipend. Students will also complete a full four-credit course in “Self-Efficacy”. [More info/ application form.](#) Deadline is April 5th.

PLAYLAND SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Come work for Vancouver’s favourite amusement park – Playland at the PNE! Over 200 open jobs are available in the following areas: Games, Rides, Guest Experience, Playland Maintenance, and Food & Beverage. Must be available at least 3-4 days per week, including evenings and weekends, June to October. Min. 15+. Wages start at 17.60/hr. Mandatory training on May 27th. [Apply here](#) before April 16th.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

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.](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - SFU SUMMER CAMPS

Gain practical experience in a safe and fun environment. Work with children and youth, build leadership skills, and much more. **Apply for this volunteer position by April 17th.** Selected candidates will be invited to an interview in late April when you can also indicate your summer availability.

Must be available to attend training June 28/29. More info/ detailed job descriptions [here.](#)

PROSPER VANCOUVER

Canada's largest business case competition run by high school students is an interactive workshop where you will learn in a conference-style setting and have the chance to apply your knowledge in an intensive business simulation. You don't need a full team to register, Prosper will assign individual registrants to teams.

Cost is \$55/ per participant. **May 20th,** UBC Vancouver campus. [Register here.](#)

EMILY CARR HEADSTART IN ART - Deadline to submit your application to Mrs. Kaufmann is **May 26th.**

Emily Carr University staff will be once again teaching a first year studio course (FNDD 112 Foundation Drawing Studio) **at Gleneagle Secondary School** in Fall 2023.

This course will be available to current Grade 11 or 12 students from any of the secondary schools in School District #43.

The course will carry degree credit at ECU and transfer credit to other Fine Art programs.

The course is particularly aimed at students considering postsecondary studies in visual art, media art or design.

Sept 12 -Dec 12, 2023 (Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00pm). Admission will be based upon the student's marks across 5 courses.

[See application package for details.](#)

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

GRAD 2023 VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATIONS

At Best, the Valedictorian is the graduating student who is voted by their peers to deliver the final address to the graduating class at Commencement. (SFU June 27th) Nominated students will create a video speech.

The candidates' videos will be available for the graduates to view and then vote between April 17 – 24.

The graduates choose the student who they believe will best represent them in a persuasive and inspirational speech.

Nomination forms will be available in the school office starting Tuesday, March 28th after Block 3 in the office.

Candidates must be in good academic standing including Super G standing and be on track to graduate in June 2023.

Good luck to all candidates!

GRADUATION TIMELINE

An impromptu parent information session was held on Thursday, March 9th to discuss Grad 2023 timelines and events for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. For all parents who were unable to attend, please click [HERE](#) to view the power point presentation prepared by our Counselling team.

****SOME DUE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Activity	Date	Time	Location/Contact
Pick up Valedictorian Nomination Applications	March 28	Period 3 onwards	Main office
Due Date for Valedictorian Videos	April 4	3:00 PM	Nominations returned to Ms. Murphy
Valedictorian Nomination Speeches Due	April 13		Ms. Murphy
Guest Forms Available	April 13	Period 4 onwards	Main Office
Valedictorian Voting online	April 17 - 24		Link will be open Apr 17-24
Guest Forms Due	April 24	3:00 PM	Main Office
No Books or Fees or Other Amounts Outstanding by This Date	April 28	3:00 PM	Cleared at Main Office before purchasing tickets for dinner/dance/aftergrad
Grad Assembly	TBD		
Commencement messages due	May 10	3:00 PM	All students - Online form will be created
Online ticket sales (bus, dinner dance, Aftergrad)	May 3 -19	8:00 AM	Link will be provided on website, under Cash Online
Distribution of Commencement & dinner dance tickets	May 23, 24	Period 5 & after school	
Dinner Dance Table Reservation	May 25, 26, 29	Blk. 5 and after school	Room 101 (Ms. Thomas)
Grad Dinner Dance	June 10	6:00 PM to 11:30 PM	Fairmont Waterfront Hotel
After Grad	June 10 night/ 11 Morning	12:15 AM – 1:00 AM Check- in	Charles Best School Gym
Commencement Rehearsal	June 14	Period 5	Large Gym
Commencement Ceremony	June 27	6:00 PM	Simon Fraser University
French Leaving Ceremony	June 28	1:00-3:00	Small Gym

GRADE 12 INFORMATION CONTINUED

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 questions, please contact Mrs Kaufmann at skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca

GRAD 2023 T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

The fashion club is hosting a meme t-shirt collection fundraiser to reduce the grad class's costs for the ceremony.

Pre-orders open now until March 29th. Follow the link to order: <https://forms.gle/YXqQXGTMiKFrF7Qx8>

SEATS AVAILABLE FOR PLUMBING FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

This June intake would be an ideal opportunity for a grade 12 student who is looking for a head start into the Trades. This FREE 8-week program runs out of the Piping Industry College of BC in Delta. Students should have some paid work experience or Work Experience 12 knowledge. Pre-Requisites: plan to complete English 12, strong numeracy skills and good literacy skills, excellent attendance record. [Learn more here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA HAS EXTENDED THEIR APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadlines depend on the faculty you are applying to. Nursing and Engineering applications are accepted until April 1.

The Faculty of Arts has extended their deadline until May 1, and Business and Science applicants have until May 31.

[Details on the U of A website.](#)

GRADE 12'S HAVE YOU WON A SCHOLARSHIP/ BURSARY?

We want to celebrate with you and acknowledge everyone who won a financial award in our commencement program. Please share the good news by submitting [this form](#), even if it's an entrance scholarship and you've decided not to attend that school. Congrats!

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.**

LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Visit the [Career Centre website > Financial Aid tab](#) and check out over 50 different scholarships and bursaries currently listed. These awards are based on many different criteria, such as leadership/ volunteering, Italian or Chinese heritage, playing hockey, love of Science, going into Trades, loss of a parent, being the first one in your family pursuing post-secondary education, etc. Upcoming Entrance Scholarships deadlines: Douglas College's Entrance Award deadline is March 31st, and the UVic Entrance Awards are due April 30th. SFU Entrance Bursaries (based on financial need) must be submitted before April 30th.

PAC CORNER

The final PAC meeting of the school year will be on **Monday, May 1 at 7:00 pm** in the school library. As this will be our Annual General Meeting, the following PAC Executive Committee positions for the 2023-24 school year will be elected: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members-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. If you have any questions, please contact the current PAC Chair, Graeme Illman (bestpacchair@gmail.com).

All parents are welcome!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADE 11 STUDENTS!

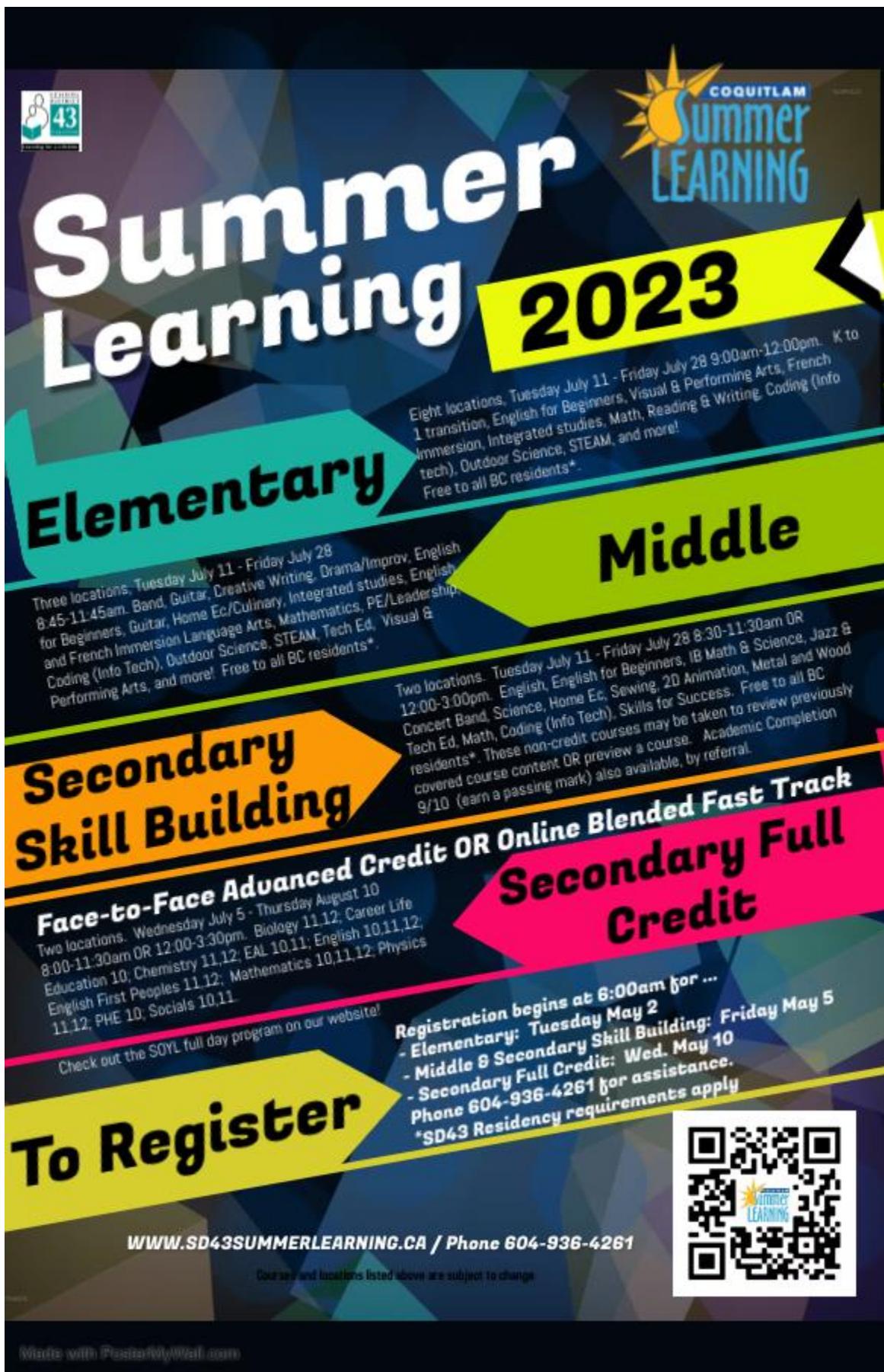
We're actively looking for volunteers to form a Grad 2024 committee to start fundraising work in September. If you're interested, please email bestpacchair@gmail.com

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.
- Login to your student's portal on the School Cash Online system to make your PAC donation today.

SUMMER LEARNING 2023 IN SCHOOL DISTRICT #43 **UPDATED FLYER

If you have any questions, please call the COQUITLAM CONTINUING EDUCATION Centre @ 604-936-4261, email summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca, or visit our website at www.sd43summerlearning.ca



The flyer features a dark blue background with colorful geometric shapes. At the top left is the SD43 logo. At the top right is the 'COQUITLAM Summer LEARNING' logo with a sun icon. The main title 'Summer Learning 2023' is prominently displayed in white and yellow. Below the title are four main sections, each with a colored arrow pointing to the right: 'Elementary' (teal), 'Middle' (green), 'Secondary Skill Building' (orange), and 'Secondary Full Credit' (pink). A 'To Register' section is at the bottom left in a yellow arrow. A QR code is located at the bottom right. The footer includes the website and phone number, and a small note about subject changes.

Elementary
Eight locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 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*.

Middle
Two locations, Tuesday July 11 - Friday July 28 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & 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
Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track
Two locations, Wednesday July 5 - Thursday August 10 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.

Secondary Full Credit
Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!
Registration begins at 6:00am for ...
- Elementary: Tuesday May 2
- Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 5
- Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 10
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

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