

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

Grade 12's join CLC TEAM	By Friday, Sept 15
Grade 11 Parent Dance meeting (Library)	Monday, Sept 18
Club Day	Wednesday, Sept 20
Grade 9 Parent Night @ 7:00pm Large Gym	Wednesday, Sept 20
Grade 12 Capstone Proposals posted to TEAMS	Friday, Sept 22
School Pro D Day (students do not attend)	Friday, Sept 22
Senior Sail (Meet at school at 4:30pm)	Wednesday, Sept 27
Grad 2024 Merchandise orders due (See link below)	Wednesday, Sept 27
University of Toronto Post Secondary visit 3:15pm (Library)	Thursday, Sept 28
McGill University Post Secondary visit 6:00pm (Library)	Thursday, Sept 28
Truth & Reconciliation Assembly (Assembly Bell schedule)	Friday, Sept 29
Orange Shirt Day	
Truth and Reconciliation Day (School not in session)	Monday, Oct 2
PAC Meeting 7:00pm (Library)	Tuesday, Oct 3
Scholarship Meeting #1 for students	Thursday, Oct 5
Grade 12 Capstone Proposal due	By Friday, Oct 6
Dress your Best Friday	Friday, Oct 6
Thanksgiving Day (School not in session)	Monday, Oct 9
Grade 12 CLC face to face meetings	Oct 10-Oct 20
Learning Updates out (Progress reports)	Wednesday, Oct 11
Dress your Best Friday	Friday, Oct 13
Parent – Teacher Interviews (In-person and on Teams)	Wednesday, Oct 18
Grade 12 Parent Information Session @ 6:45pm (Library)	Wednesday, Oct 18
Photo Retakes	Thursday, Oct 19
Provincial Pro D Day (School not in session)	Friday, Oct 20
Autumn Music Concert	Wednesday, Oct 25 @7pm
Dress your Best Friday	Friday, Oct 27
School Assembly (Assembly Bell Schedule)	Tuesday, Oct 31
Provincial Assessments (select students)	Nov 1 - Nov 3 (schedule TBD)
Take Your Kids to Work (Gr 9 only)	Wednesday, Nov 1

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to Mr. Sokol's leadership class for organizing a most successful Terry Rox Run today! Thank you to our many parents and students who have helped us raise much needed funds to support cancer research. Please help us increase our donations. To date we have raised close to \$3000. Help us get close to our goal of \$5000 or more! Please.

If you require a tax receipt for your donation over \$25, make your cheque out to the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations can be sent to school with your child and dropped off at the office. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support. See you this Sunday at 10:00am for the Terry Fox Hometown run starting at Hyde Creek Pool.

Great job everyone!



SENIOR SAIL

Quick reminder that tickets are still available in a very limited quantity. They will be on sale until September 22 or until they sell out for the September 27th event. Parents, log into your School CashOnline account to purchase.

The cost of the event is \$78 and includes transportation to and from the event.

Grads are to meet in front of the school at 4:30pm. For more details, please view Grad Newsletter #1 that was emailed on September 7, 2023.

GRAD MERCHANDISE

Reminder, orders are Due Sept 27th. **NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.**

Orders are expected to arrive in November.

At left is one of the sample products available in the store. →

The link to your grad store is below:

<https://charlesbestgrad2024.itemorder.com/>



ATTENTION GRADE 11 PARENTS

As is customary, the Grade 11 parents will once again be looking to put on a dinner/dance to kick off our efforts to raise money for the grad events of 2025. It is a really fun evening with good food, good music and lots of ways to support our amazing grads!

We will be convening a first meeting to discuss what is needed and assign tasks so if you're looking to help out please join Us in the school library on Monday, September 18 at 7:00pm.

For more information, please reach out to me at bestgrad2025@gmail.com, Rosemary Brodt

Grade 11 Parent Dance Committee, Grad 2025

SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION

Every year Dr. Charles Best offers approximately 25 student-led clubs. Participating in a club is a great way for your child to meet new students, get involved with school and community initiatives and broaden their skills.

On Wednesday, September 20th we will be hosting our official club day in the courtyard at the front of the school. On this day students will receive information on clubs being offered this school year and how to sign up to become an active club member. Please encourage your child to get involved!

GRADE 9 PARENT NIGHT

Grade 9 parents, please just us on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00pm in the large gym for an information meeting.

Please join us to learn about what to expect for your child in Grade 9 this year. Administration and Counsellors as well as Leadership students will be available to answer questions and provide tours of the school.

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS-SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar. Fraser Health will be onsite this school year to conduct three immunization clinics for our grade 9 students. The three clinic dates will occur on the following dates:

- February 9, February 16, March 1, 2024

Watch for more information at the start of the second semester.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 18th. The evening will be organized into two sessions. Session one will run from 2pm – 4pm and will be entirely on-line using your child's TEAMS account. Session two will run from 5pm – 7pm and will be entirely in person at the school. Parents will be able to sign up for either session.

More details and instructions will be sent out closer to the date.

REMINDER: NEW BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2023-2024

Our calendar year had to be adjusted by a few minutes here and there because of the extra day we have over the entire year.

Here is our Bell Schedule for 2023- 2024.

REGULAR bell schedule – please note all the start and end times. changes.

ASSEMBLY bell schedule – please note all the start and end times.

ADVISORY (Homeroom) bell schedule – this schedule will be used in a limited capacity. The schedule will be published ahead of each event.

**This schedule can also be referenced on our website homepage.*

DR. CHARLES BEST BELL SCHEDULES



Regular Bell Schedule

Period	Start	Finish
1	8:16 am	9:35 am
2	9:40 am	10:59 am
3	11:05 am	12:24pm
4	12:29 pm	1:49 pm
5	1:54 pm	3:13 pm

Assembly Bell Schedule

Period	Start	Finish
1	8:16 am	9:20 am
2	9:25 am	10:30 am
Assembly	10:35 am	11:45 am
3	11:50 am	12:55 pm
4	1:00pm	2:05 pm
5	2:10 pm	3:13 pm

CHARLES BEST CAREER CENTRE

Grade 12 students may already know that Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office is always available to help with anything related to post-secondary applications, admission requirements and scholarships.

However, the Career Office is also a great resource for any students looking for volunteer opportunities and extracurricular learning opportunities (i.e., Business Case Competitions, Engineering events, Mini Med School).

All grades are welcome to visit (in the counsellor's area), Monday to Friday, 9 am – 3.30 pm, or to contact Ms. Kaufmann by email: skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca Also, (re-)join the Career Centre TEAM (code gvrymg1), follow the “bestcareercentre” on [Instagram](#), and check back to the website (Click on Career Centre under ‘Quicklinks’) for the latest updates.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

WOMEN* IN ENGINEERING: CAREER EXPLORATIONS

Sat, September 23, 10 am – 3 pm. UBC campus. <https://tinyurl.com/Women-in-Engineering-event>

**All cis and trans girls, genderqueer or non-binary people, and those who identify as other gender minorities are welcome.*

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: CYBERSECURITY

Sept 23, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:00pm | Grade 8-12 . Must [register](#) by **September 18**.

UK UNIVERSITIES FAIR

With over 50 top UK Universities attending, students will be able to chat to universities directly, ask questions and attend seminars throughout the day. **Wed, September 27th** from 4 pm - 8 pm. [Register here](#).

STUDY AND GO ABROAD FAIR

Learn about study options in Canada and abroad, check out the “Student Travel Zone” where organizations are showcasing internships, volunteer programs, work abroad options, and language travel. There will be also seminars about scholarships, etc. Free admission. Vancouver Convention Centre. **Thu, September 28**, 1-6 pm. [Register here](#).

MINI MED SCHOOL

Students in grades 10-12 can now register for BC Children’s Hospital Mini Med School 2023.

Wednesdays, Oct 4 | Oct 11 | Oct 18 | Oct 25, 7-9 pm. **Register by September 20th** for a chance to be selected. [More here](#).

DISCOVERY DAYS IN HEALTH SCIENCES

November 1. Open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are interested in the sciences, and want to learn about career options in medicine and the health sciences.

For a chance to get selected, please [read more here](#). **Deadline is September 24th**.

GAIRDNER HIGH SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Students in grades 10-12 can participate in-person at BC Children’s Hospitals Research Institute, or virtually in real-time (missing the lab tours).

Monday, October 23 | 8:45 am – 12:15 pm. [Register for free](#) by **September 24, 2023**

HOOR ++ OF CODE EVENT SERIES

Between Sept to Nov 2023, SFU Applied Science Outreach will be offering multiple online workshops on various topics ranging from user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (in Python and Java), mobile app development, and game development.

High School students can register for free and learn how to code and implement popular digital tools.

To see the list of offered workshops, please visit [Career Centre website > Opportunities](#).

SCHOOL PHOTO QR CODE CARDS

Students, if you have lost your QR photo card that you received last week on photo day you can go to Artona.com and complete the following steps:

1. Click on “School Photos”
2. Once in school photos click on “View and Order.”
3. Click on “School day Photos, View and Order.”
4. Click on “I’ve lost my photo access card.”
5. You will be prompted to contact Artona via online chat, email or by phone.

If you have your QR photo card and cannot access your photo, please contact Artona:

[Email Artona at crs@artona.com](mailto:crs@artona.com)

OR Call Artona (604)872-7272

BC DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time. It is available at <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey>

The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – your input matters! The public questionnaire is available until Oct. 15 in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism> So, don't wait! Your feedback is anonymous and will help us make our province work better for everyone. Every person's perspective counts.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Parents, if your child is not able to attend school, please contact the office by phone or email the school office at charlesbestattendance@sd43.bc.ca.

VERIFICATION FORM/EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM UPDATES FOR 2023-2024

As our district continues to move towards digitization of student forms to ensure the confidentiality of personal information, Student Verification forms will no longer be printed and distributed to students during their first day of school advisories. Rather, starting this school year student verification forms will be published to the Family Portal for parents to access. An email will be sent to all parents during the 2nd week of September that will provide details of this new process.

DISTRICT EMERGENCY PROCEDURE INFORMATION

Please see attached two very important documents pertaining to the emergency situations: District Emergency Procedures and Dr. Charles Best School Emergency Preparedness Information. Next week during your child's advisory they will receive a "Student Emergency Release Form". For the safety of your child, it is important that you fill out the form and have your child return to the main office in the bin under their alpha last name; A-G, H-O, M-Z by September 15th.

2024 AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISING

2024 After Grad has partnered with 'Return-It' recycling centres to make fundraising for next year extra easy!

- 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.

PAC CORNER

Upcoming PAC meeting: Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in the school library. The 2023-24 PAC budget will be presented for approval at this meeting. 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. Login to your student's portal on the [SchoolCash Online system](#) to make your PAC donation today!

