

Dr. Charles Best Secondary GRAD 2022 Newsletter

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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 GRAD EVENTS

Thursday, April 7

Sports Jersey Day

Monday, April 11

PAC meeting 7:30 Zoom

Friday, April 15 -18th

Easter weekend

Tuesday, April 19

School back in session

Thursday, April 21st

Midterm Report Cards

Friday, April 22

PRO-D School not in session

Wednesday April 25th – Friday Apr 29th

Grad Assessments, CLC Capstone



Wednesday, May 11th

Senior Sail 4:30 pm at Best for Bus

Saturday, June 11

Grad Dinner Dance (Fairmount Waterfront)

AfterGrad

Wednesday, June 22

Commencement SFU - 6 pm

****** See attached detailed Grad Calendar of Events**

Dear Dr. Charles Best Grads 2022 and parents,

We are so pleased that the COVID restrictions have lifted enough for us to plan your many exciting Grad activities. We have included as much information as we have to date however it is important to read all our messages between now and the end of the year because there might be changes here and there. Please we cannot emphasize enough how important it is to read our newsletters. I would also ask you to share the information with fellow grads and fellow grad parents so that we can get the information out there. Many things depend on numbers. For example, if we do not sell enough Senior Sail tickets, we will not be able to have a Senior Sail. Please help us help you by sharing grad information as much as you can. We are so happy our grads have many grad activities to look forward to. We talked to them in an Assembly the week before the break and told them the great news. We also reminded them of the sobering fact that the grad activities are all gifts – they are all extra events that volunteers organize for them and if they make poor choices and choose to participate in Grad crime activities, they will not be allowed to go to Grad activities. For example, if a grad does not follow the school and district code of conduct at the Senior Sail then they may not be allowed to participate in Dinner Dance and Commencement. Lets please work together grads, parents and staff to make these last few days of high school and these super celebrations memorable for everyone.

Heather Murphy, Principal Dr. Charles Best Secondary

DINNER DANCE 2022

Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver June 11th 6pm So exciting. So decadent! Ms. Thomas has been planning and working to make your dinner so special. We feel so fortunate to be able to have a Dinner Dance with our grads we are excited too. She has organized their top menu items for the dinner and dessert buffet – make sure you come hungry. We are not 100% certain of the cost of the tickets yet. As soon as we do, we will send out a detailed message about Dinner Dance tickets etc. A reminder if you have any outstanding fees or missing textbooks, you must clear those up before you can purchase a Dinner Dance ticket. CLC Capstone Projects must be completed by April 29th to purchase tickets as well. Dinner Dance tickets will go on sale May 4th -18th. Table reservations will be made with Ms Thomas the last week of May.

Grads are responsible for their transportation to the event, but we will arrange for buses to bring them back to the school for After Grad. Details to follow but at least if you are arranging rides to Grad (limos or such) you do not have to plan and pay for a ride back from Grad.

Dr. Charles Best SENIOR SAIL – GRADS of 2022

Survey says ---Grads want to have a Senior Sail! I am so pleased that we have been able to plan for the Grads to set sail on **Wednesday May 11th**. As I explained the cost of such an event has increased considerably but we were able to find a little money to offset some of it. Cost is \$70.



What do I get for \$70?

Grads meet at Dr. Charles Best at 4:30 pm. Meet in the gym and get organized to get into the buses waiting to take us Downtown Vancouver. We will be cruising aboard the Queen of Diamonds. Grads will dance with their friends to the tunes supplied by a DJ. Pizza and pop will be supplied but you might want to eat something between after school and the cruise. We will cruise around the Vancouver Harbour for 3 hours and then load back into the buses and travel back to Dr. Charles Best. We should be back to Best between 10:15 and 10:30 pm.

How do I purchase a ticket? Go to School Cash On-line (on our website same place you pay your fees) Tickets will go on sale starting April 6th. There are a limited number of tickets as the boat has a limited capacity. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. If you want to go buy your ticket soon.

Can I bring a guest? No this is for Dr. Charles Best Grads 2022 only.

Do I have to ride the bus, or can I drive myself? You must ride the bus. You can only go if you ride the bus. Its fun. We can sing!

What should I wear? The dress code is semi formal. Not too fancy. It’s a night out. It’s a special grad activity and you will want to take lots of pictures so dress appropriately. But also, be comfortable. You are travelling on a bus, dancing, eating, going up and down stairs on a moving boat. There are two floors to hang out and dance and then a top floor that is outside so you might want to bring a coat to wear outside. There is nowhere to store a bag and the security at the docks will check your coats and all bags. Please do not bring any backpacks or bags. (small cross body bags are ok but will also be searched)

This is a school function. All school rules and the District Code of Conduct apply. Please do not make foolish choices on this evening. The company Security will check every grad. If they find any drugs, alcohol, vapes or weapons they will be confiscated, and you will be sent home at your parents’ expense. You cannot vape or smoke on the boat. Please be aware that if you chose to not abide by the rules, you will not be refunded and you will not be able to attend the Dinner Dance. You are risking quite a lot – please factor that into your decision making for this event.

The safety and security of all our participants who attend this event, is our highest priority. As well, our reputation in the community. Please help us preserve our outstanding reputation and I guarantee you will have more fun as well.

If you have any medical alerts that could relate to this activity, please contact Ms. Fridge kfridge@sd43.bc.ca.

Any questions or concerns- contact Ms. Murphy hmurphy@sd43.bc.ca (principal)

All Aboard!

PROVINCIAL GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

All Grade 12’s in the Province are required to write the Literacy 12 Assessment in order to graduate.

With consideration of the January exam session being cancelled by the Ministry, we have scheduled every eligible grade 12 to write this mandatory assessment between April 27 and 29th according to the following alphabetical arrangement:

	Lab 1 -Room 208	Lab 2 Room 213	Lab 3 – Room 216
Wed Apr 27 at 8:15	Abe, K.-Brian, J	Brodt, L. – Chisholm, C	Chong, K.- Di Paola, J.
Wed. Apr 27 at 12:15	Dixon, E. – Gibb, S.	Gibney, Z.- Hayman, C.	Head, R. – Ju, O.
Thu Apr 28 at 8:15	Kachchakaduge, R. - Lee, C	Lee, E. – Marban, T.	Marinkovic, T. – Ngo, L.
Thu Apr 28 at 12:15	Nguyen, D. – Peterson, K.	Pham, E. – Schmid, B.	Schoutens, A. – Thompson, B.
Fri. Apr 29 at 8:15	Tindle, A. – Wilson, M.	Wingrove, E. – Zhu, A.	

While it is possible that minor adjustments will need to be made to this initial schedule (due to technical or Ministry requirements), your child should be prepared to write the exam according to this schedule. Individual preferences can not be accommodated.

Note that there will also be a June exam session for those who wish to re-write this assessment or for those unable to attend this session due to illness. We do not recommend postponing for non-essential reasons as students risk delaying their graduation status by waiting until June to complete this requirement.

Please note, this Provincial Assessment **is in addition** to the Capstone presentations - another graduation requirement - being scheduled on these same three dates. Your child’s CLC teacher will have more information.

COMMENCEMENT 2022

We are very excited to celebrate our amazing grads this year with a formal Commencement ceremony at SFU on **Wednesday, June 22nd at 6 pm!**

Caps and Gowns have been ordered and will be distributed in the small gym after the Commencement rehearsal on **Wednesday, June 8th**. Commencement tickets (4 per Grad) will also be distributed on June 8th after the rehearsal. If Graduates require additional tickets, they can be purchased on a first come first served basis for \$5.00 each. Additional tickets will be on sale May 2nd -18th via the school website under “Student Fees.”

GRADS WILL RECEIVE THEIR CAP/GOWN/COMMENCEMENT TICKETS ONLY IF THEY ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BLOCK 5 REHEARSAL ON JUNE 8TH – ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!

In preparation for the ceremony each graduate is asked to complete a commencement message. This is the message that will be read as the graduate crosses the stage. The underlined Commencement Message link below has been emailed to every Grad and also is on the school website. Deadline for grads to complete this is **Friday, May 6th**.

**To open the link below “Commencement Message 2022” place your cursor over the link and press Ctrl + Click

[Commencement Message 2022](#)

AFTER GRAD 2022

Your After Grad parent committee have been working on planning and fundraising for the past two years. Thank you to the many extremely dedicated parents who have been diligently working on your After Grad. The After Grad committee is fundraising to create a wonderful event for you in June. Please support the Best After Grad 2022 Committee. There will be games, activities, a dance, lot of food and many prizes \$\$\$\$. We do not know the cost of After Grad tickets yet. Thank you

After Grad 2022 Meeting

Time: Apr 27, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6747787358?pwd=eU1KY1JCYnVEd3JRcnQ3RTQ0NTZJUT09>

Meeting ID: 674 778 7358

Passcode: grad2022

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FAMILY PHOTO GRAD FUNDRAISER

Unfortunately, due to a heavy rain weather forecast this Sunday, April 3rd we will be **postponing** the Family Photo Grad Fundraiser that was to take place at Rocky Point Park. Once we can solidify a new date with Lifetouch we will advertise so that families wishing to participate can book a new appointment.

GRAD FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS – April 12th – ATTACHMENT

Grad Friendship Photos for Tuesday, April 12th 3:30-8pm! Booking open.

Only 1 booking per group is necessary so one person in the group will be responsible for booking the appointment and distributing one 4X6 photo to each student in the party. Photos will be delivered back to the school in 2-3 weeks after the sitting. Cost for each student in the photo is \$2 students are to bring CASH at the time of the photo. If a student is in multiple groups they will be required to pay \$2 for each grouping. All the money collected will be donated back to the grad class and put towards Dr. Charles Best Grad 2022 Celebrations!

[STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2021/2022](#)

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.

During the months of February to April, School District 43, Coquitlam is participating in the 2022 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, 2022**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2022: 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.

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: Coquitlam (#43)
 - School: Dr Charles Best
 - 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.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project. If you need more information or would like to see the results for the District or your school, please contact us.

[PAC CORNER](#)

Topic: Dr. Charles Best PAC General Meeting

Time: Apr 11, 2022 07:30 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83893564150>

Meeting ID: 838 9356 4150

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BEST GRAD 2022 Return-It Depot - There is ONE EASY WAY (at all local Return-It Depots), to donate your refundable bottles & cans to benefit the Best Grad 2022 class: -- Visit any of the local Return-It Express locations: Barnet Hwy & Falcon Dr. / Blue Mountain & Ridgeway / Caribou Shopping Plaza, N. Road / Lougheed Hwy across from IKEA -- Ensure your returnables are in CLEAR PLASTIC BAG(s). -- At the kiosk, enter account/phone # “604-313-2056” (for Bg2022) and print the required number of labels. -- Stick labels on bags, leave them to be sorted & counted. THANK YOU for your support!