

# Dr. Charles Best Secondary 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 EVENTS

### Thursday, September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school not in session)

### Friday, October 1

Classes resume

Dress Your Best

### Monday, October 4

Individual photo orders due

### Wednesday, October 6

Grade 12 Scholarship Meeting #1

### Friday, October 8

Orange Shirt Day

### Monday, October 11

Thanksgiving (school not in session)



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Dear Dr. Charles Best Secondary Families,

## Truth and Reconciliation Day and Orange Shirt Day – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

On Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> we will honor the brave survivors and their families and recognize the impact residential schools have had on our Indigenous communities.

This is the eighth year we have recognized Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is a national recognition of the survivors of residential schools in Canada. The origin of the Orange Shirt began in 1973 when six year old Phyllis Webstad entered a residential school in Williams Lake B.C. wearing a brand-new bright orange shirt from her grandmother which was quickly taken away and replaced with the school's institutional uniform. Between 1831 and 1997 the Canadian Government forcibly removed Indigenous children from their families and sent them to residential Schools. September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, is the First National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honors the hundreds of thousands of lost Indigenous children and reflects on the tragic impact of residential schools. We can no longer ignore the painful legacy that has resulted.

On **Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>** we will have a school wide Zoom presentation at 10:35 am. We ask the staff and students wear Orange Shirts this day. We are honored to have Madeleine McCallum with us to share her story as a girl who grew up on reserve with a family painfully impacted by residential schools.

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## TERRY FOX RUN AND FUNDRAISER

Many of our students valiantly braved the rain and participated in the Terry Fox Run. Thank you for your perseverance! We are still collecting donations for our fundraising efforts – please donate this week or next – PLEASE help us do all we can to support Cancer Research!

Family was so important to Terry. They supported him through all his challenges and triumphs; they stepped up to carry his dream when Terry no longer could. As we know well, the Fox family are proud Canadians. Like many of us, they wanted to learn more about their heritage and their research led them to discover their Métis lineage on the Gladue side of the family (Betty Fox's (Terry's mom) mom was Mary Ann Gladue). Mary's mom was Marguerite Utiniwasis an Native Canadian. Marguerite's great grandmother (Mary) was also a Native Canadian.

To honour their history, the family liaised with Métis Nation BC to create the design 2021 Terry Fox Run shirt, which celebrates Terry's heritage, with illustrations of traditional Métis floral beading created by Métis artist Mal Blondeau (the Métis are known as the Flower Beadwork People.) The flowers chosen to honour the land where Terry's ancestors lived: the prairie crocus of Manitoba and the wild prairie rose of North Dakota. The Foundation's mission is written in English, French and the Métis traditional language of Michif, as is the phrase "Try like Terry", in honour of his remarkable effort. The back of the shirt includes a mouse track beadwork border with the Métis infinity symbol.

## DR. CHARLES BEST ATHLETICS

GO Blue Devils! We are super excited that our field hockey, soccer, and volleyball seasons have started! We are pleased to say we are on the winning side of the schedules! GO Blue Devils.

We are hoping that we will be able to continue to offer school sports within the COVID guidelines but please understand that things are different. For outdoor sports the expectations have not changed much but we do remind participants (players, managers, coaches, parent drivers, bus drivers and spectators) to wear masks when you are not playing. To maintain hand washing and hand sanitizing.

For our indoor sports things have changed more significantly. Coaches will be asked players to always wear masks they are not playing. Coaches will be providing students with hand sanitizer to all students before all games and practices. Our District expectations: No Spectators. Understandably we are all excited to get back to something that feels a little "normal" and going to a game to cheer on our Blue Devils would be an anticipated event however, we are still trying to minimize exposure. Parent drivers who drive players to the game are allowed to come in to watch the game, but they will have to let the coach know that they are a parent driver. They must wear a mask. Sit apart from other parent drivers on the bleachers, hand sanitize upon entry to the gym and fill out the contact tracing sheets at the door to the gym. All schools in District 43 are to follow these rules so please be prepared for these expectations when we have 'away' games at other schools.

**Please remember players:** when you are not playing, wear your masks, do not share water bottles, do not spit on the field or benches, and wash your hands before and after practice and games. If you must carpool, wear your masks in the car. We all know the incredible benefits of extracurricular school athletics, but we need your help to make this work. We need your cooperation and support. We are hopeful that everyone will work together to be safe, thoughtful, kind, and responsible.

Thank you – Go Play – Lose with Dignity and Win with even more Dignity and most of all HAVE FUN!

\*Please read attachment entitled Secondary School Sports Framework\*

## DRESS YOUR BEST

This is a school tradition at Charles Best! On select Fridays throughout the year, students are asked to either wear the school's colours of BLUE AND/OR WHITE or wear their Charles Best Spirit wear. Our first Dress Your Best Friday is tomorrow! Our school store will have new clothing/merchandise to order soon. Stay tuned!

## PHOTO ORDERS DUE

Just a reminder for all students who have already had their individual picture taken, photo orders are Due by Monday, October 4. Orders can be submitted online directly to Life Touch or via the form included with the proof package. Paper forms can be handed in to the office.

## GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Want to learn more about what kind of financial aid is available to help you pay for your post-secondary education? All Grade 12 students are invited to join Mr. Chang and Mrs. Kaufmann on **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** after school in the large gym. The meeting starts at 3.30 pm. Due to Covid safety rules only the first 120 students will be admitted. Students must spread out in the gym as much as possible, and masks will be required to be worn at all times.

## CLUBS

This year at Charles Best we have many teachers who are sponsoring over 20 extracurricular clubs that students can participate in. Although we will not be hosting our traditional "Club Day" we will be posting club information starting the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>. Informational posters will contain QR codes that students can scan to receive details about the sign-up process. The posters will be located on the windows outside the main office. We encourage your child to get involved and participate!

## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the West entrance roundabout. Also, please do not wait for your student in a lane way as you are blocking traffic.

## STUDENT VERIFICATION AND EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

Please help us ensure that we have the most up to date and accurate contact information for your child. If you haven't already done so, please review, edit and sign your child's Verification Form and have your child drop off at the office. If your emergency contacts have changed – update them on the form! If your email address or phone number has changed-please update them as well. Please help us help you!

## MYED PARENT PORTAL ACCESS FOR GRADE 9'S- \*NEW DATE

MyEd Parent portal access for grade 9 students has not yet been activated. Once the process is completed a message will be sent to the parents of grade 9 students to watch for an email with instructions from "SYS ADMIN". Instructions can also be found on our school website under "Tech support: Getting started". We anticipate this being ready to go by **October 15TH**.

## CONNECT WITH THE BEST CAREER CENTRE

Here at Charles Best, we have an AMAZING resource for students and parents to find out about Post Secondary Events, Scholarships, as well as Financial Aid, Volunteer and Job Opportunities.

The Career Centre is also on Instagram using the following handle: [bestcareercentre](#)

Ms. Kaufmann is located on the main floor in the Tech Centre and is available from 9:00am – 3:00pm, M-F.

All grade 9-12 students are also invited to join the Career Centre on TEAMS (code gvymg1).

## **UPCOMING POST SECONDARY EVENTS AT A GLANCE:** (more details can be found on the Career Centre Website)

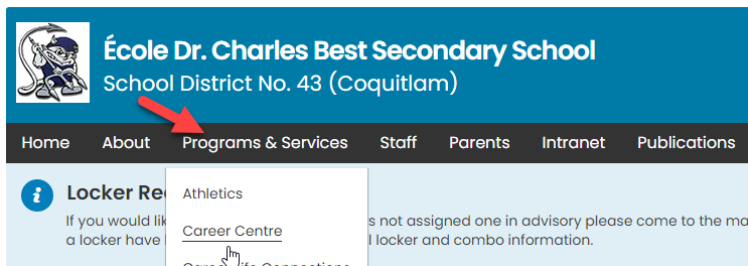
- SFU Beedie High school Seminar
- Climate Action at SFU
- University of Alberta application workshop
- Discover UVIC
- UBC Faculty of Land & Food Systems Workshop series
- KPU Virtual Open House
- Douglas College-Academic Foundations for potential Nursing applicants
- Waterloo University presentation for SD43 students
- BCIT big info-At-home edition night
- Canadian University Event series
- Post Secondary BC Virtual Fair

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT A GLANCE:** (more details can be found on the Career Centre Website)

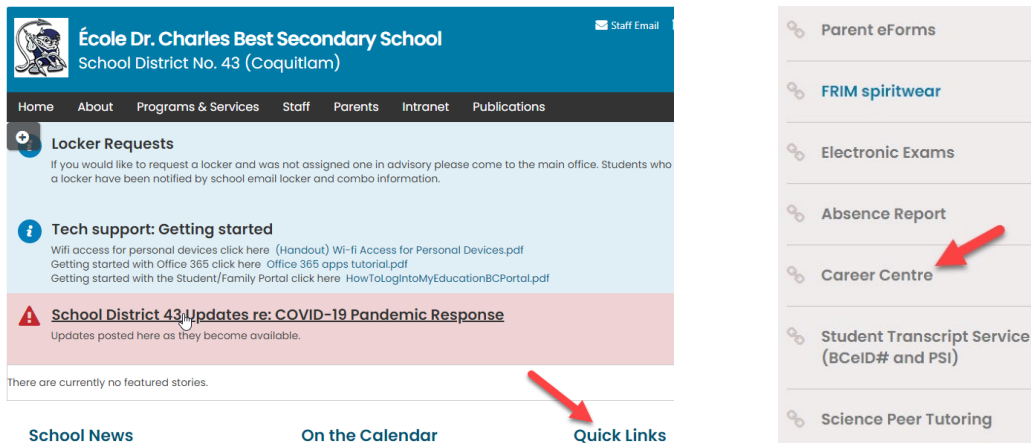
- National Book Award
- Loran Scholarships
- U of T National Scholarship Program
- Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship
- TD Community Leadership Scholarship

There are 2 options on the homepage to access the Career Centre:

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Please visit the **ONLINE Career Centre** (click blue buttons below) and the **Career Centre calendar** below regularly.

