

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

Vice-Principals – Kelly Fridge, 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, October 15

Sign up opens for Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday, October 18

General PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, October 20

Sign up closes for Parent Teacher Interviews – 4 pm

Thursday, October 21

Early dismissal 12:45 for PT Interviews

Thursday, October 21

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, October 22

District Pro D Day (school not in session)

Thursday October 21-Saturday October 30

Grade 12 Graduation photos

Monday, October 25

Individual photo retake day

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS OCTOBER 21

Parent Teacher interviews will once again be held virtually (TEAMS) or over the phone this semester.

Interviews will be held on the afternoon of October 21st from 2:00-4:00, and 5:00-7:00pm.

This will be an early dismissal day. Students will be dismissed at 12:45.

October 21 schedule:

Period 1	8:15am – 9:05am
Period 2	9:10am – 10:00am
Period 3	10:05am – 10:55am
Period 4	11:00am – 11:50pm
Period 5	11:55pm – 12:45pm

*Please do not sign up for an interview this semester if your child is enrolled in a full year (FY) course such as CLC, digital learning, band, athletic leadership etc. There has not been enough course content covered to be discussed at this time.

*If you choose the TEAMS platform, you will need access to your child's TEAMS account.

FIRST TIME USERS, use the link provided below. Register with parent name, parent email address and password. After registering you should receive an activation email. Once you click on the activation link, you will be able to login using your previously registered email and password. **If you don't receive this confirmation email, please check your junk mail folder.** Otherwise, please call the school so we can manually activate your registration.

Once logged in, create a profile for your student(s) and follow instructions for selecting interview times with their teachers. Once P/T times are booked, you should receive a confirmation email. **Should you need to change or cancel interviews**, you may do so by logging back into the site with your email and password, then click on the edit/cancel interview link on the right navigation bar.

RETURNING USERS, log in with your username and password to book. Once P/T times are booked, you should receive a confirmation email. **Should you need to change or cancel interviews**, you may do so by logging back into the site with your email and password, then click on the edit/cancel interview link on the right navigation bar.

If you have any problems with the parent/teacher interview registration process, please call the office.

[Parent/Teacher Interviews Signup System](#)

MYED PARENT PORTAL ACCESS FOR GRADE 9'S

Please check your email this weekend for Log in information.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR GRADES 9 & 10

Grade 9 and 10 immunizations will take place this year at Charles Best. Our confirmed dates are:

Grade 9: Feb 22/2022 (Tue) & Feb 23/2022 (Wed)

Grade 10: Feb 4/2022 (Fri) & Feb 7/2022 (Mon)

Two to three weeks before the date(s) above, the school will receive immunization consent forms that will be distributed to the students during their block 2 class. If your child does not have a block 2 class they are to come to the office to pick up their form. Student will be expected to return their form prior to the immunization day, date TBD. The Tri-city Public Health staff will follow COVID-19 safety processes when delivering immunizations and interacting with school staff and students. International students staying for 6 months or greater will be offered immunizations at the school.

****Please note, the COVID-19 vaccine will not be provided as part of the Grade 9 and 10 immunization program.**

NUMERACY 10, LITERACY 10, & LITERACY 12 ASSESSMENTS

As part of the graduation requirements, students in the [B.C. Graduation Program](#) will complete three provincial assessments. These assessments focus on the demonstration and application of **numeracy** and **literacy**.

Any students in grade 11 or 12 who have not written the Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessment will have the opportunity to write the Numeracy assessment on Nov 1st in the library. Students who have not written the Literacy 10 assessment will be able to write the assessment Nov 2nd in the library. Lastly, any student in grade 12 who plans on graduating early will need to write the Literacy 12 assessment Nov 2nd in the library. Assessments will start at 8 am and students have 3 hours to complete the assessment. An email will be sent to these students through their school email account from their counsellor, however, if they do not receive an email, they will need to register for the assessment with Ms. Thibault in the main office. Students who completed a Math 10 course last year as a grade 9 or during summer school can also register at this time.

For helpful information to prepare for the:

Numeracy 10 assessment visit

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

For Literacy 10

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

For Literacy 12

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

- For students completing Math 10, English 10, English 12 or Francais Langue 12 classes in semester one they will be scheduled to write the week of January 24th – January 28th.

Any questions can be directed to Mr. Jones, Vice Principal. djones@sd43.bc.ca

DR. CHARLES BEST ATHLETICS UPDATE

After a seventeen month lay-off sports are back up and running at Charles Best Secondary, we are definitely very grateful of the people who are volunteering their time to coach our sports teams. Currently, we are running an aquatics program, due to Covid they are competing directly at the Fraser North Championships, and we wish them well and look forward to some of our athletes participating in provincials. Our cross-country team had our seniors finish second in the district and they are participating in the Fraser North Championship next week with a chance to go to provincials, we should have a couple of students qualify to run in provincials. Field hockey had a great learning year and look to come back next year stronger. Both of our soccer teams are doing very well in league play and will hopefully qualify for provincials. Volleyball is going very well the seniors have competed in a few tournaments, the girls are near the top of the league and the boys are also close to the top of the league. Our junior teams are doing very well, and our grade nine girls' team is undefeated in league play. Playoffs for all our teams will start in a few weeks, we are hoping for the "Best" possible results. Basketball has started their tryouts please see the informer, Instagram and the My School App for tryout dates. Lacrosse is beginning with a sign up please see Mr. Jovanovic, they will be starting the last week of October and wrestling will be starting soon, please see Mr. Coops and Mr. Jaeggle. Go Best Athletics!

For our indoor sports things have changed more significantly. Coaches will be asking players to always wear masks when they are not playing. Coaches will be providing students with hand sanitizer 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!

DR. CHARLES BEST CLUBS – 2021-2022

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 have posted club information TODAY on the exterior windows of the cafeteria and front entrance. Posters contain QR codes that students can scan to receive details about the sign-up process. We encourage your child to get involved and participate! More information can be found in the email attachment. Thank you!

GRAD 2022

We are planning for positive experiences for our graduating Class of 2022. We will make plans based on the hope that we can have a Dinner Dance and Commencement Ceremonies that comply with the District and Provincial Health guidelines. Let's all work towards this goal. Our plan at this point is to have the Dinner Dance at the Fairmont Hotel in Vancouver on Saturday June 11th. More information to follow.

Charles Best Grad Commencement Ceremony is planned at SFU this year on June 22/2022.

In order to participate in commencement all grads must purchase the Cap & Gown Fee \$60 and give your measurements in height and inches by going to the school website, Quick Links, Student Fees. All fees and any outstanding items such as lost library books, lost textbooks and Student Activity Fees must be clear by Dec. 31/2021. Due to Covid we must submit our order in early February, so we are guaranteed shipment early June. Don't miss out on this wonderful event. If you require more information, please email mlynn@sd43.bc.ca regarding any fees, lost textbooks or payment plans. Congrats Class of 2022! <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Please refer to emails sent to all Grade 12 parents on October 6th and October 13th.
Booking dates have been extended from October 21-30.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS AT CHARLES BEST

Looking for a gift for Christmas, Birthdays, Anniversaries, team party, clubs, coaches, guest speakers, look no further! We have the fundraiser at Charles Best: Fundscrip Gift Cards. Buy cards for where you normally shop or dine (grocery stores, clothing, gas, restaurants, etc.) and our school will profit! You can buy cards online on our school's webpage under Quick Links, all purchases made by the 25th of November will be here at the school to pick up the first week of the December. Gift cards do not expire and they are COVID friendly.

There are also paper copies available in the office if you prefer to use cash or cheque.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/69841/108/False/True>

Dr. Charles Best Merchandise

Due to COVID restrictions worldwide shipping times have increased significantly. As a result, our new merchandise has not yet gone on sale. Our grad wear as well as regular Best merchandise will be advertised soon! We will create an online store where you can select the merchandise and pay for the items you want and then pick them up from the Devil's Den (school store). Thank you for your patience.



MEDICAL ALERT FORMS

MEDICAL ALERT forms can be found on the Dr. Charles Best website;

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx> under **Parents > Forms**. Please fill out, print and return these forms to the school no later than Friday, October 29, 2021.

SCHOOL FORMS

School forms can be found and filled out through the Student Fee Portal (KEV). If you already have an account, please log in and complete the forms for each student. If you do not have an account please set one up by going to the following site <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/> and click "**Get Started Today**" or on the Charles best website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx>, under **Quick Links > Student Fees/eForms**. While you are on the site you can also pay for School Activity fees, Grade 12 fees, PAC donations, and Yearbook. Please fill out the "School Policies" form. If you are planning to volunteer or drive students, please complete the "Volunteer Application" and "Driver Application". An up to date Criminal Record check is also a requirement.

Please contact the office if you are unsure if your CRC is up to date.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING

Students, please use the new crosswalk and sidewalk that was installed at the end of the school year. For your safety, do not walk across the parking lot and across the roundabout.

Parents, 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.

PAC CORNER

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 18 @ 7:30pm - General PAC meeting. All welcome

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86384016854>

Meeting ID: 863 8401 6854

- November 15 @ 7:30pm - General PAC meeting. All welcome, Zoom link to follow.

PAC INFO - The Best PAC now has our own website! Check it out and follow us on IG for regular updates:

- On the web: <https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac>

- On Instagram: @charlesbestpac

PAC DONATIONS - This is an optional item available in your School Cash Online account. PAC donations are an important and easy way that parents can support their children and the school, by direct donation (donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt). These donations fund items such as: scholarships, aftergrad, special events & speakers, sports equipment, club equipment and more. Your donations are very much appreciated! **Q?**

bestpacsecretary@gmail.com

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!

BEST GRAD 2022 NEUFELD FUNDRAISING -Please support the Dr. Charles Best Secondary Grad Class of 2022 with our Neufeld Farms Fundraiser.

All funds raised will go towards the student's After Grad event

More information can be found in the email attachment. Thank you!

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)

- University of Toronto SD43 Presentation
- Post Secondary Events for Indigenous Students: All about UBC, UBC Application Workshops, UBC Financial Aid
- Bishops University Information
- University of Alberta Virtual Open House
- BCIT Electrical Engineering Information Session
- BCIT in person tours and Information Session
- Gairdner High School Symposium
- SFU Faculty of Applied Science Information Session
- SFU information session for SD43 students
- SFU S.T.E.M. Speaker Series: Software Engineering
- SFU Applied Sciences: Python for Data Science Program
- UBC SD43 Presentation
- UVIC SD43 Presentation
- UVIC Parent Nights
- Ryerson SD43 Presentation
- Parents as Education and Career Coaches Session (popular event, sign up early)
- The ArtPod application and scholarship workshop
- Discover Trinity Western University
- Studying Art in the U.S.
- Women in S.T.E.M virtual event
- RCMP Career Presentation

POST SECONDARY SERIES OF INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR SD43

Attention Grade 11 & 12 students, parents & guardians! The SD43 Post-Secondary & Career Advisors have collaborated to schedule a series of post-secondary info presentations just for our District. Advantage: Smaller audience, more specific information, and a great opportunity to get your questions answered. Check out the listed events and mark your calendar. You can find links to register or to directly join a session closer to the date on the Career Centre team, school website under Career Centre > Post-Secondary, and also posted in the Informer.

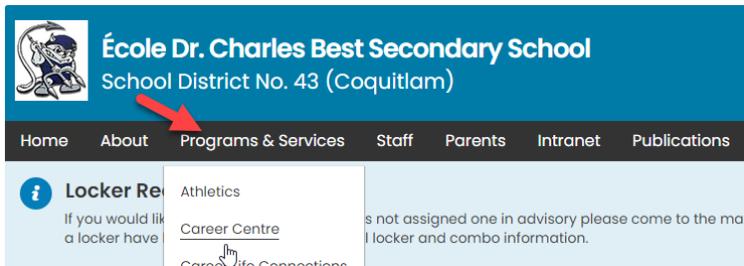
[SD43 Post-Secondary Schedule of Events Fall 2021](#)

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

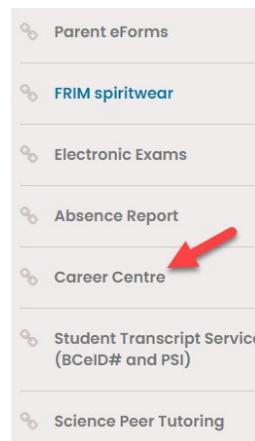
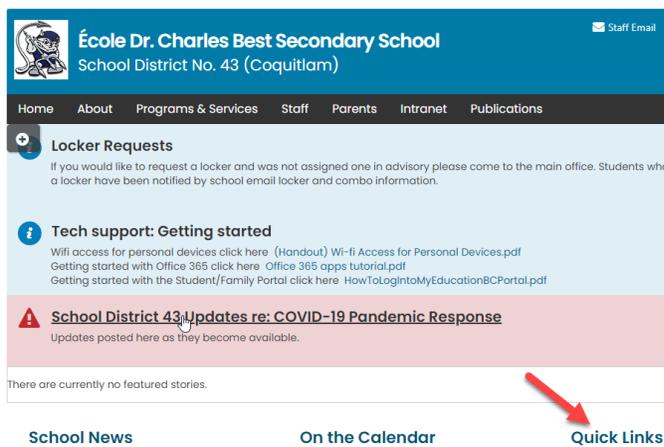
- U of T National Scholarship Program
- Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship
- TD Community Leadership Scholarship

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

1.



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

