

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

Monday, November 1st

Graduation Assessments Numeracy 10

Tuesday, November 2nd

Graduation Assessments Literacy 10 & 12

Friday, November 5

“Dress your Best” Friday

Wednesday, Nov 10

Remembrance Day Assembly

Thursday, November 11

Remembrance Day – School not in session

Wednesday, November 17

Report Cards Published



Dear Dr. Charles Best Secondary Families,

Happy Halloween!

We hope that our students will have fun dressing up for school on Friday Oct 29th. Please be reminded to make sure your costume is respectful and safe for everyone. Halloween falls on Sunday night this year. Please if you are out and about travel safe, be careful, be aware and don't stay out too late – see you Monday morning!

Hope you and your family have an enjoyable weekend full of goblins, pumpkins and maybe a little candy!

Sincerely The Best Admin Team

Please see attached letter from our Superintendent.



GRADE 9 - TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK

Students in District 43 will NOT be participating in Take your kids to Work day. In our continued attempts to limit exposures due to COVID the district has decided its best we do not participate.

2022 YEAR BOOKS FOR SALE

ONLY 200 LEFT – \$55.00 Purchase at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

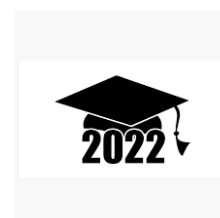
DR. CHARLES BEST GRAD GIRLS 2022 STORE

The DCB Grad Girls have created their own Grad t-shirt. If you would like to order through the online store, go to the link order and pay online and we will advertise when the shirts arrive for grads to pick them up.

Regular Best Grad wear will have a different link and should be available on Monday or Tuesday next week. We will send that link out then.

Your Grad Girls 2022 Store link is below:

<https://bestgradgirls2022store.itemorder.com/sale>



GRAD 2022

Commencement June 22/2022. All grads must purchase the Cap & Gown Fee of \$60 by going to the school website, Quick Links, Student Fees or click here <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/> All outstanding required 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. Congrats Class of 2022!

GRADE 12 YEARBOOK SURVEY

"Attention all grade 12 students! Follow the link below to complete our yearbook's Superlatives Survey. Answer the survey to vote for your fellow students in various categories! Deadline is Nov. 10th, 2021." There is also a link posted on the school website homepage.



Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING

Please take note of our new Parking sign.

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

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.



STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a car at Charles Best are required to display a parking pass. Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

COVID PROTOCOLS

We are now into the second month of the school year; we are back to regular classes and school sports and clubs are well underway. It is a great feeling! Although it feels like a more "normal" year than last, we are still living in a Pandemic. We need to remind everyone that we **MUST** continue to adhere to the Covid protocols. Students are reminded to:

- Wear masks at all times with the exception when eating/drinking (along with some Band and PHE exemptions). This includes hallways and classrooms.
- Only one side of the tables in the cafeteria are to be occupied.
- Wash/sanitize hand upon entry into the building and before and after using washrooms and eating.
- Not share personal belonging
- Utilize outdoor spaces as much as possible
- Stay physically distanced as best as you can and not gather in large groups.

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 programs.

MYED PARENT PORTAL ACCESS FOR GRADE 9'S

Please check your email this weekend for Log in information.

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

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.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

We are still missing student verification forms. These forms were sent home the first week of school and we use them to verify address, phone numbers and updated information. Parents sign the back verifying the information. If you have not yet sent it back, please do so as soon as possible.



PAC CORNER

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 15 @ 7:30pm - General PAC meeting. All welcome

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 863 8401 6854

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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. **ORDERS MUST BE IN BY OCTOBER 29th**

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

More information can be found in the 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: [Career Link](#)

- Shad STEAM Summer Program
- UBC/SFU/McGILL/QUEENS/YORK/KPU- Presentations for SD43 Students & Parents
- Langara Creative Arts & Industries Open House
- Discover UBC-Okanagan virtual event
- UBC Engineering Open House
- UVIC Faculty open Houses

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)

- Queen's Major Admission Awards
- Schulich Leader Scholarship
- Cmolik Bursaries
- TD Community Leadership Scholarship