# Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter Issue #6 – November 7, 2025



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Principal - David Cyr

<u>Vice-Principals – Tara Sutherland, Kelly Fridge, and Michael Viveiros</u>

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 10

Remembrance Day Assembly-Assembly bell schedule

Tuesday, November 11

Remembrance Day Stat. (School not in session)

Friday, November 14

Midterm Learning Reports Published end of day

Festive Plant Fundraiser orders due

Monday, November 17

PAC Meeting (7:00pm-library) All parents welcome

Monday, November 17- Thursday, November 20

French Immersion D.E.L.F exams

**Tuesday, November 18** 

After Grad parent meeting (7:00pm-library)

Thursday, November 20-Thursday, December 4

Grad Photos (on site by Artona)

**Tuesday, November 25** 

Last day to purchase from Purdy's fundraiser

Wednesday, November 26

Post Secondary Day @ Charles Best

Friday, November 28

Winter Market

Saturday, November 29

Clothing drive @ Best 9:30am-2:30pm

# **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE-**

Last week's Parent-Teacher Conferences were a tremendous success. It was heartening to see so many families engaging in meaningful conversations with our educators. These conferences are vital touchpoints that strengthen the partnership between home and school, and they provided valuable opportunities to celebrate student growth, address challenges, and set goals for the months ahead.

On Friday, our halls came alive with Halloween spirit! From creative costumes to our drama department's haunted house, the energy and enthusiasm were contagious. Thank you to our student council for putting on a fantastic spirit assembly that went by without a hitch.

Looking ahead, Charles Best will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 10th. This solemn event honors the sacrifices of those who served and continue to serve our country. It's a powerful opportunity for our students to reflect on the values of peace, courage, and gratitude. Thank you to Mr. McKay and our Social Studies department for organizing the event.

Our Post-Secondary Presentations are in full swing, offering students a chance to explore future pathways and connect with representatives from a wide range of institutions. These sessions are invaluable as our seniors begin to envision life beyond Charles Best. We're especially excited about the large-scale Post-Secondary Fair happening at the end of the month—stay tuned for details!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Assembly Bell Schedule			
<u>Period</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	
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	1:00 pm	2:05 pm	
5	2:10 pm	3:13 pm	

Our school will hold its Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Our leadership students will have poppies available in the front lobby in blocks 1 & 2 for students who would like to donate and receive/wear a poppy on behalf of the Canadian Legion. From the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day, millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to never forget those who served and sacrificed. The red flower also is the symbol of the Legion's Poppy Campaign, raising funds to support Veterans and their families in need.

The Canadian Legion invites everyone across the country to show their recognition by proudly wearing this symbol of Remembrance. We also ask our school community to wear the poppy in recognition of service and sacrifice and in support of the fundraising initiatives of the Legion. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

## **SCARY STORY CONTEST WINNERS**

This year, in the Tri-Cities Scary Story Contest, there were over 100 entries in the senior category from students aged 15-18, and three of the four prizes went to Charles Best Creative Writing students! **Grace C.** earned an honourable mention for her story "Photobomb"; **James Z.** received second place for his flash fiction piece, "Surely a Prank"; and **Nina D.** won first for her creepy tale, "Not Sick, Better."

The final judge was award-winning freelance journalist Richard Dal Monte, former editor of the Tri-City News. For James' story, he said that he "really liked the structure with the use of the voice from the radio. Skillfully done." His comments for Nina's story were that it was "a creepy, frightening alternative to the Spider-Man origin story. Well written and compelling."

You can read those stories on the Coquitlam Library's website.

# **MID TERM LEARNING UPDATES**

Reports will be published into the Family MYED portals at the end of the day on **Friday, November 14**<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent to your inbox including instructions how to view when report publishing is complete.

## **DELF EXAMS NOV. 17-20**

French Immersion DELF exams are being held for Semester 1 students who signed up from **Monday, November 17**<sup>th</sup> **until Thursday, November 20**<sup>th</sup>. Schedules for both oral and written exams will be posted in the front lobby on **Monday, November 10**<sup>th</sup> and students will need to present picture ID at exam time.

Please check SCOL accounts (School Cash Online) to ensure payment has been made.

Exams for Semester 2 students are planned for April 13-16, 2026, with registration opening in February through their FRAL 12 class.

## **MET FEST NOVEMBER 18-21**

**The Best Players** are working tirelessly to present **Calamity Calling**, a collection of one act plays. Our fall one act festival **begins November 18**<sup>th</sup>, **and runs November 19**<sup>th</sup>, **20**<sup>th</sup>, **and 21**<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and seniors, and \$10.00 for adults and the box office opens at 7:00 PM, curtain at 7:30 PM. Tickets are also available on SCOL accounts for your convenience. https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/

Our featured plays will be *The Real Inspector Hound*, by Tom Stoppard, *Come Live in My House*, by *Mae Howley Barry and Picnic on the Battlefield* by Fernando Arrabal. The drama and stagecraft students are all so courageous and I am extremely proud of the work we will be presenting. Don't forget to mark your calendars so that you can enjoy these performances. Bring the kids and support the wonderful work we do here at Dr. Charles Best. See you at the festival.

## **GRAD 2026 PARENT AFTERGRAD MEETING**

AfterGrad2026 Second Planning Meeting will be held in the school library on **Tuesday November 18th at 7pm** in the library. Please join us to make this AfterGrad party a blast for our grads!! Stay informed on all the latest AfterGrad news; follow us at BestGrad2026 on Facebook & Instagram or email us at <a href="mailto:bestgrad2026@gmail.com">bestgrad2026@gmail.com</a>

## **CLOTHING DRIVE REMINDER**

We are still collecting the following items below at school until our next drop off on **Saturday November 29 (930-230)** at the front of the school.

#### WE ARE COLLECTING:

# \*NEW\* dog and cat (dry, wet) food, treats, beds

Blankets, coats, tarps, tents, air mattresses/pump, winter socks, boots, clothing but we are also collecting good clothes and shoes (men and women) for individuals who need to go to interviews.

Any questions please call Heather B (Youth worker) 778-840-6091

# **NOVEMBER IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

November is focus on men's health month.

Here are some great resources.

Movember - Sign up

Donate to Movember here: <a href="https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/">https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/</a>

We are aiming to raise \$1000 for Movember. Any donation is appreciated, thank you!

**Home - International Men's Day** 

## **NOVEMBER IS TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH**

- celebrate, honour and raise the visibility of the trans community
- Here's a list of Trans trailblazers <u>Drawn to History: 10 Trans Trailblazers Who Changed the World TransLash Media</u>

## November 20th is Trans Day of Remembrance

- To remember trans people who have died by violence
- Calendar Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) | GLAAD

Here's a 6 min TED talk on the history of Trans people's fight for equality A short history of trans people's long fight for equality | Samy Nour Younes

# **ATHLETICS**



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics Home of the Blue Devils @charlesbestscho & charlesbestathletics.weebly.com



For secondary sport updates and information...



oquitlam Secondary School Athletic Association



@cssaasd43

## **Follow Charles Best Athletics on Instagram here**

### **UNIFIED SOCCER**

Unified Sports are back! The season kicked off on October 22<sup>nd</sup> when we hosted soccer matches against Heritage Woods, Port Moody, and Terry Fox. So many smiles, laughs and memories were made.













# **SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

After a win against Centennial at Senior's night on Tuesday, the girls secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the district. They are now off to Fraser North's starting Monday in Burnaby. They also have a tournament starting today in Langley.

## JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Jr Boys Volleyball team faced Pinetree Secondary in the District Championship. Long story short — they won in straight sets (3-0) and claimed **first place in the Districts!** Please join me in congratulating the team on this outstanding achievement. -Mr. Chae

Looking ahead, the team will be participating in the **Fraser North Zone Championship** on **Tuesday, November 4th**. Results coming soon...

### **SWIMMING**

There were almost 400 athletes at the Fraser North Zone meet, and the top 5 in each event move on to Provincials. This is no small task. Achieving top 5 (especially in individual races) is very difficult, and yet we have many qualifiers! These swimmers will represent us well at Provincials, which are being held November 14-15 (Friday/Saturday) in Richmond at Watermania.

2025 PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS (*R) Represents a Fraser North (FN) Championship Record			
200 medley relay – girls B	50 breast st girls B	50 back - girls B	
Raya, Jade, Josie, Kaitlyn	Jade	Josie	
200 medley relay – boys B	50 breast st boys B	Raya	
Luke, Steven, Aiden, Lee (R)	Steven	50 Back - Boys B	
200 Medley relay – girls Open	100 breast st girls Open	Luke	
Kaede, Shima, Emme, Vivienne (R)	Shima <mark>(R)</mark>	100 back - Girls Open	
Maiysa, Joanna, Shayda, Tiana	Maiysa	Emma	
Mixed Medley Relay B	Vivienne	Maiysa	
Jaya, Tyler, Valeriya, Sam	Joanna		
50 Free – girls B	100 free girls B	200 IM girls Open	
Josie	Eden	Shima <mark>(R)</mark>	
50 free - Boys B	100 free girls Open	Vivienne	
Aiden	Kaede	Shayda	
Lee	100 free boys Open	Tiana	
50 free – girls Open	Joad		
Kaede	200 free relay – girls B		
50 free – boys Open	Kaitlyn, Raya, Jade, Josie <mark>(R)</mark>		
Joad	200 free relay – boys B		
	Steven, Luke, Aiden, Lee		
	200 free relay – girls Open		
	Vivienne, Shima, Emma, Kaede <mark>(R)</mark>		
	Joanna, Tiana, Maiysa, Shayda		

### **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING**

I just wanted to update you all on how our X-Country team did at Provincials last Saturday. It was a pretty wet and windy day, with a lot of mud on course, but the team handled the adverse conditions well and put together four good races. If you want to check out more detailed results, you can do so here:

https://www.startlinetiming.com/en/races/2025/bchsxc/event/3A-Sr%20Boys/page

This was a great season for our XC program. Thank you for all your support of Best athletics! -Coach Gant

Junior Girls: 12<sup>th</sup> Place Junior Boys: 6<sup>th</sup> Place Senior Girls: 10<sup>th</sup> Place Senior Boys: 4<sup>th</sup> Place









#### **GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**



At Districts, the girls carried the momentum from play on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and defeated Pinetree in three straight sets in the semifinal before falling to Riverside in the finals in three. The start against Riverside was a bit shaky, but they settled in and played a great match to close out the tournament.

We went from 7th out of 8 teams to finishing 2nd in the district, and the coach and I are very proud of how the players pulled together and gave their all this week. Huge congratulations-Ms. Woo!

After placing second in the district, the Grade 9 Girls' Volleyball Team went on to compete at the Fraser North Zones. The girls played hard but unfortunately lost their matches against some strong teams from Burnaby/New West. With that, the season has officially ended. Thanks to everyone who supported the team along the way! And a huge shoutout to Ms. Thomas for her help in all things volleyball.

#### **FIELD HOCKEY**

We won Fraser Norths last week (Oct. 28th) and will now be heading to Provincials Nov. 12-14th at Tamanawis Park in Surrey! We only know our games for Wednesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>

- 9:45 am vs. Little Flower Academy
- 3:45 pm vs Tamanawis Secondary

Games on Thursday and Friday are TBA, they will depend on how we place in our pool.

#### **SENIOR BOYS SOCCER**

Our Senior Boys' Soccer Team continued to display their grit and determination, earning themselves a hard-fought shutout win on Tuesday, against Burnaby South (1-0). Throughout the game, these gentlemen consistently placed an immense amount of pressure and pace against their Fraser North rivals, finally breaking through with a goal in the 50<sup>th</sup> minute of the game. The team did well in shutting down Burnaby South for the rest of the game, preserving this lead by playing with poise and simplicity.

After another heartbreaking loss to Burnaby North Secondary School in Fraser Norths, our Senior Boys Soccer Team's season has come to an end. We just want to congratulate all the team members for their dedication and effort throughout the season. This team always left everything they had on the field, and their work ethic was always second to none. It has truly been a pleasure coaching these young men, especially our seniors, who we know will move on to represent our school well in whatever endeavours they pursue. — Coaches Papillo and Karmali

# <u>BEST CAREER CENTRE NEWS</u> Follow our Career Centre on Instagram <u>@bestcareercentre</u> <u>SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION</u>

#### **EA TEEN ANIMATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Are you 15+ and passionate about Animation? Students can learn the methods, techniques, and technologies used in animation during this free, four-months program. With the support of industry leaders, you will develop your skillset and create a strong portfolio for post-secondary applications. At the end of the program, there's a showcase opportunity. The program will take place at Arts Umbrella's Granville Island location on Tuesdays, January – May 2026.

Apply here by December 1.

#### **SFU UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Students demonstrating excellence in both their academic (90%+ average) and extracurricular activities, who also demonstrate potential to enrich the university community through ongoing academic and community contributions are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available to domestic and international high school students admitted. Up to \$40,000 over 4 years. Apply to SFU early to receive access to the scholarship, deadline is December 15.

## **BEEDIE LUMINARIES GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP**

Students with financial need and grades above 75% could receive up to \$44,000/ 4-year undergraduate degree or up to \$22,000/ 2-year college diploma or certificate. Must be attending one of the B.C. post-secondary institutions listed on the website. In addition, this program provides a student success program, peer support, access to mentors and paid summer internships. Apply here by December 15, 1 pm.

#### **BEEDIE BUILD SCHOLARSHIP (for BCIT only)**

This program is supporting students who are wishing to pursue a career in the skilled trades, but who are facing financial and other challenges. Up to \$20,000 over four years towards a Red Seal certification in the following construction trades: Carpenters, Electricians (construction), Plumbers, Welders, Sheet Metal Workers. You are eligible if you have applied and been accepted or waitlisted in a <a href="BCIT Foundation">BCIT Pre-Apprenticeship certificate program</a> .

Deadline is December 15, 1 pm. <a href="More info">More info</a>.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

#### YOUTH LEADERSHIP SOCIETY OF BC: MODEL UN SECRETARIAT POSITIONS

Applications are now open for the <u>Youth Leadership Society of BC (YLSBC)</u> Model United Nations Secretariat Team! This is an exciting opportunity for passionate and motivated students to take on leadership roles in organizing one of the region's top Model UN conferences. Apply by **November 30.** <u>Learn more here.</u>

## JR FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Sessions will run March 13 - 22, 2026 (first week of Spring Break) in Coquitlam, and April 22 - 25, 2026 (plus a few days before/after) in Port Moody. The program is open to SD43 students in grades 11 & 12. If you want to get a true understanding of the components of Fire Rescue's basic training for new recruits, <u>learn how to apply here</u>. This year, there are two steps to complete: An online portion, and some forms that must be handed into Ms Kaufmann (Career Office). Deadline is Friday, December 5, 3 pm.

#### **POST SECONDARY EVENTS**

#### **UPCOMING POST SECONDARY VISITS-after school**

All grade 11 & 12 students are invited.

• Wed, November 12: SFU Beedie School of Business (library)

### PORTFOLIO REVIEW DAY-TOMORROW

Saturday, November 8, 11 am – 3 pm. Hosted by Emily Carr University of Art & Design, National Portfolio Day is a unique opportunity for high school students to share their work with representatives from accredited art and design schools. Bring your portfolio—finished pieces, works-in-progress or sketchbooks—and receive direct, constructive feedback from faculty or admissions professionals. The event is focused on learning and exploration - leave with personalized guidance, a clearer sense of the expectations at different schools, and inspiration to grow as an artist. More info.

### **UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE**

This virtual event will feature all of UBC's 14 undergraduate engineering programs. Have the chance to meet with professors, staff, and current students from each program, ask questions about learning opportunities and career paths, and discover what's the best fit for you. **Friday, November 14,** 6-8 pm. <u>Register to attend.</u>

#### **SFU FACULTY SHOWCASE/ OPEN HOUSE**

On **Saturday, November 15,** 10 am -1 pm, you'll have another chance to get all your SFU-related questions answered by faculty staff and advisors. You can also attend presentations and tour the Surrey campus. Eight faculties will represent all the subjects you can explore. Register and bring your family.

# **POST SECONDARY DAY AT BEST**

This year our annual **Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI)** Day will be on **Wednesday, November 26th** during Blocks 1 & 2. There will be approximately 16 PSI's presenting at Best and all Grade 11, and 12 students are required to attend. Please have your son/daughter attend their Period 1 class. Attendance will be taken, then students will be escorted to the gym for a presentation. **If they do not have a Period 1 class, please have them report to the small gym at 8:40am**. After a brief explanation of the scope of the day, students will need to attend presentations by any 2 PSIs. This will be followed by a mini-fair including all institutions in our Large Gym – the PSI's will have information booths set up around the gym. At the conclusion of the event students will proceed to their Period 3 classes.

Students are encouraged to research post-secondary institutions they may be potentially interested in **PRIOR** to the PSBC (Post Secondary BC) FAIR. This will allow them to ask meaningful questions while the recruiters are on site and help them with their applications.

# **EDUCATION PLANNER BC: PARENTS AS EDUCATION & CAREER COACHES**

Learn how to use the Education Planner BC platform to better support your student's transition to post-secondary education in BC. Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and how to apply to post-secondary in B.C. **Wednesday, November 12,** 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm PT. Register here. The information will be helpful for families with students in grades 10-12.

# **UBC FNH: A Pathway to Medicine**

Thinking about medical school? Hear how UBC's Food, Nutrition and Health (FNH) degree sets students up for success in medicine. Join three current medical students who graduated from the Faculty Land and Food System's Bachelor of Science in Food, Nutrition and Health alongside Professor Gail Hammond and learn about real pathways, how nutrition science strengthens clinical thinking, tips for admissions, and more. **Wed, Nov 12,** 5 pm, online. Register.

# **PAC CORNER**

Please join us for our next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting on **Monday, November 17th at 7pm** in the school library. All parents and caregivers are welcome! Principal Dave Cyr will also be in attendance to provide school updates and answer questions.

Please check out the PAC website for more information on how your PAC works for you and how you can get involved: <a href="https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac">https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac</a>. OR contact us at <a href="bestpacchair@gmail.com">bestpacchair@gmail.com</a> for any questions. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

#### 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!

### **GRADE 12 INFORMATION**

#### DID YOU MISS THE GRAD WEAR ORDER FROM SEPTEMBER?

There were several Grads who inquired today at the merch. pick up table about ordering a Grad hoody. Mr. Cyr has agreed to open the Grad store for round 2 provided a minimum of 15 orders are placed.

The deadline to order is 11:59pm on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE so don't delay! Click on the link here: <u>Here is the Grad Store round 2 for your students!</u> NOTE: We have not been provided a timeline for product delivery. Please contact Total Spirit directly. Their contact information is included in the link above.

## REMINDER TO BOOK GRAD PHOTOS (NOVEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 4)



Please use this QR code to book 2026 Grad photos with Artona photo company. Artona will have their photo trailer on school site in the upper parking lot for convenience from **November 20 – December 4.** At the time of booking there will be a \$60.00 refundable deposit which can be used towards the purchase of any products or refunded if no order is placed. Grads will receive a complimentary 5x7 Commencement photograph and 5x7 Dinner Dance photo. In addition, as part of this years \$65 grad fee, graduates will receive a composite folder containing the Grad Class of 2026 photo.

\*PLEASE NOTE-even if you have no plans to purchase a photo package, all grads are expected to have their picture taken (\$60.00 deposit refunded by Artona) for the yearbook and Class of 2026 composite photo.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Artona. <a href="https://artona.com/">https://artona.com/</a>

## PREPARING FOR YOUR GRAD PHOTOS

What to wear for Grad Photos: <a href="https://www.blog.artona.com/post/whattowear">https://www.blog.artona.com/post/whattowear</a> How to Prepare for Your Grad Session: <a href="https://www.blog.artona.com/post/prepare">https://www.blog.artona.com/post/prepare</a>

Accessibility: If any students or their family members are a wheelchair user, please use this form to let Artona know: Mobile Studio Accessibility.

## **AFTERGRAD MEETING**

AfterGrad2026 Parent Planning Meeting will be held in the school library on **Tuesday November 18th at 7pm** in the library. Please join us to help make this AfterGrad party a blast for our grads!! Stay informed on all the latest AfterGrad news; follow us at BestGrad2026 on Facebook & Instagram or email us at bestgrad2026@gmail.com

## **DONATIONS TO SUPPORT AFTERGRAD**

Are you a Best family who would like to support the AfterGrad? Do you have a Best grad student but you are unable to volunteer your time and are looking for a way to support the AfterGrad fundraising? Please make a donation through the SCOL. Thank you for your support! <a href="https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/">https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/</a>

# LAST CALL: FESTIVE PLANT FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR AFTER GRAD

Last day to order is Friday, Nov. 14th, closes at 12PM!

Here is a Winter and Christmas Plant Fundraiser you do not want to miss!

These plants make great gifts for family and friends for the festive season coming soon!

We would be so grateful for your kind support for our Graduating Class' After Grad!

Plants can be picked up on December 3rd between 3:30PM-5:00PM!

Here is the link to check out and order from: <u>drcharlesbest.growingsmilesfundraising.com</u> With much appreciation,

The Parents of the After Grad Committee

# POCO BOWL AND MATTEO'S GELATO OFFER TO CHARLES BEST FAMILIES

From now through **January 4, 2026**, you can help our PAC every time you book at PoCo Bowl or buy gift cards from PoCo Bowl or Matteo's Gelato. Just enter our code **BEST25** at checkout.

### Book or buy here:

- Party Packages (Standard or All-Inclusive): https://pocobowl.com/party-packages/
- Ugly Sweater Party (19+): <a href="https://pocobowl.com/ugly-sweater-christmas-party/">https://pocobowl.com/ugly-sweater-christmas-party/</a>
- After-School Special: <a href="https://pocobowl.com/specials/">https://pocobowl.com/specials/</a>
- PoCo Bowl Digital Gift Cards (10% back to our PAC; e.g., \$5 on \$50, \$2.50 on \$25):

https://app.squareup.com/gift/MLGFJG5KHRNRG/order

• Matteo's Gelato Gift Cards (10% back to our PAC; e.g., \$5 on \$50, \$2.50 on \$25):

https://app.squareup.com/gift/ML8EBSHTM8DAW/order

• Full Venue Buyout: <a href="https://pocobowl.com/facility-rentals/">https://pocobowl.com/facility-rentals/</a>

## What our AFTERGRAD earns:

- \$10 per lane Standard 2-hour Parties (Sun-Fri; Saturdays excluded) <a href="https://pocobowl.com/party-packages/">https://pocobowl.com/party-packages/</a>
- \$25 per lane All-Inclusive 2-hour Parties (any day) <a href="https://pocobowl.com/party-packages/">https://pocobowl.com/party-packages/</a>
- \$20 per ticket Ugly Sweater 19+ Christmas Party <a href="https://pocobowl.com/ugly-sweater-christmas-party/">https://pocobowl.com/ugly-sweater-christmas-party/</a>
- \$2 per ticket After-School Special https://pocobowl.com/specials/
- 10% of every PoCo Bowl Digital Gift Card (e.g., \$5 on \$50; \$2.50 on \$25) —

https://app.squareup.com/gift/MLGFJG5KHRNRG/order

• 10% of every Matteo's Gelato Gift Card (e.g., \$5 on \$50; \$2.50 on \$25) —

https://app.squareup.com/gift/ML8EBSHTM8DAW/order

• \$250 per Full-Venue Buyout (2-hour minimum) — <a href="https://pocobowl.com/facility-rentals/">https://pocobowl.com/facility-rentals/</a>

#### **Quick answers**

- Promo codes: Can't be combined with anything else.
- **Previously booked events:** If you already booked but haven't attended yet, it still counts—reply with your booking details and we'll add **BEST25**.
- Who can use the code? Anyone—please share it with friends and family.
- Do Saturdays count? Standard parties earn Sun-Fri; All-Inclusive parties earn any day.
- When are funds counted? After your visit is completed; gift cards count at purchase.
- Forgot to enter the code? Reply to this email the same day; we'll try to help.

Thank you for supporting Charles Best Secondary AfterGrad 2026!

Your Aftergrad Committee, <a href="mailto:bestgrad2026@gmail.com">bestgrad2026@gmail.com</a>

# **GOT EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AT HOME?**



Help support our **Class of 2026** After Grad!

You can easily donate your refundable containers using the Return-It App — it's one quick stop that makes a big difference in creating a fun, safe, and unforgettable After Grad 2026 celebration.

Every bottle, can, and carton counts! Your support helps us make this special night one to remember for the Class of 2026.

#### How to help:

- 1. Download the **Return-It App**.
- 2. Use our After Grad 2026 account when you drop off your containers.
- That's it your refunds go directly toward our event!
   Thank you for supporting our grads!



# A SWEET WAY TO SUPPORT OUR 2026 GRADS!



Our Grade 12 Grads of 2026 are kicking off a sweet Holiday fundraising campaign, and we'd love your support!

When you order through our custom link, up to 25% of every purchase goes directly to support Dr. Charles Best Secondary's Graduating Class of 2026! Everything is made in Canada and packed with care at the Purdy's Vancouver chocolate factory.

- Place your order by Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pick Up: Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> between 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the Cafeteria (along with your Christmas plants orders)
- Start Shopping here: <a href="https://fundraising.purdys.com/2164835-130334">https://fundraising.purdys.com/2164835-130334</a>

Let's make this Holiday season extra sweet for your family and friends!

With much appreciation,
The Parents of the After Grad Committee

## **HYDE CREEK FALL TOUR DAY**

# Saturday, November 22, 2025

- Book a guided tour of the Hyde Creek Education Centre & Hatchery (up to 10 people per group)
- Tour Times: Between 9:30 am 2 pm. Tour approx. 20 minutes.
- Come view & learn about returning salmon which were eggs in Hyde Creek Watershed 4 years ago.
- Booking: Send an email to <a href="https://hcws.info@gmail.com">hcws.info@gmail.com</a> with your name, phone number, preferred time & number of people in your group. Space is limited.
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