

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, December 3rd

Dress your “Best” Day

Grad Photo Retakes Booking opens

Holiday Spirit Week Dec 13-17

Monday Dec 13-Colour Day (Gr.9s are red, Gr.10s are green, Gr.11s are blue and gr.12s are White)

Tuesday Dec 14-Festive Sweater Day

Wednesday Dec 15-Silly Sock Day

Thursday Dec 16-Holiday Hat Day

Friday Dec 17-PJ Day



Dear Dr. Charles Best Families,

HUGE thank you to our families for your extreme generosity this past week. Our leadership classes organized an emergency food, clothing, blankets and gift card collection for the community of Abbotsford and their flood relief efforts. Our Best families are truly the BEST! You donated over thousands of dollars’ worth of gift cards, food items, pet food, diapers, and warm clothing type items. We filled the Café. Thank you. We know that we were able to help many families who have been hit hard by the flooding and destruction to their homes in Abbotsford. Thank you so much! Heather Murphy, Principal Dr. Charles Best





ARCHERY CLUB & FLY-FISHING CLASS

The archery club and fly-fishing class have combined to practice their archery skills. This week the top archers won arm guards. The archery club is always taking new members. The Fly-Fishing class is on the list of elective courses that students can choose during course planning for next year.

CANDY GRAM SALE IS ON

The Real Acts of Caring Club is hosting a Candy Cane Gram Event! We will sell the grams in front of the school on Nov 30 – Dec 8th, where you can purchase a candy cane for a friend for only \$1 or a treat cup for \$3. This includes an attached anonymous message that we will personally deliver to them during class on Dec. 13h & 14th. Come prepared with their **block, teacher, and classroom** number.

SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE STORE

- Thank you for your patience. The transportation, delivery and chain of supply issues that have been impacted by COVID and now the flooding has impacted our supplies for school spirit wear. We were able to get the Grad Spirit wear out on-line store out and we were hoping to get those orders back by Christmas for our grads. It seems that they are trying hard to get our orders in on time, but it's been even more challenging than first thought. We have the whole School Spirit store ready to go now but it will not be delivered before Christmas. We are hoping for mid to end of January.
- Here is the link for the School Spirit Wear. We have a few new designs. Thank you to the many students who helped me produce new ideas. I hope everyone finds something they like.
- Again, thank you to everyone for your continued patience and understanding of the current challenges.
- The link to your 2021 Spirit Wear Store is below:
- <https://best2021spiritstore.itemorder.com/sale>



ORDERS DUE THURSDAY DECEMER 16TH 2021

STAY INFORMED AT CHARLES BEST THIS YEAR

There are many ways to stay up to date with happenings at Charles Best:

- **Check the school website and its calendar**-it is updated regularly. Click here [Dr. Charles Best Secondary](#)
- **The "Best" Informer**-is a daily announcements bulletin which is published to the school website homepage under 'School News' and is pushed out on the Charles Best App.
- **Download the Charles Best App** and set your phone to receive push notifications. **See Attachments**
- **Students, check out the main bulletin board in the school lobby.**
- **Newsletters are emailed regularly**-parents check your junk folder.
- **Follow Charles Best on Instagram**-our school handle is [charlesbestscho](#)
- **Follow Charles Best Career Centre on Instagram for news about post-secondary, scholarship/bursary and volunteer opportunities**-the handle is bestcareercentre

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The City By-Law officers have received a number of complaints from residents on Baker Drive that parents are stopping/parking in front of their driveways, or too close to the intersection while waiting to pick up their children from our school. There are no stopping signs there as well you cannot park in front of a driveway. The city by law officers will be ticketing cars from now on. Please understand that it is very dangerous to clog up that area so close to that intersection. Please be aware.

Further to that please do not pickup or drop off in the round about area on the west side of our parking lot. It causes a very dangerous congestion. Pedestrians could get hit by cars, cars stopping in that area prevents staff from getting into the staff parking lot and it really slows down the flow in our pickup and drop off areas. Please work with us. Please whenever you can drop off 5 minutes earlier or more and whenever you can pick up 5 or more minutes later – do it. It would help stagger our heavy times. If you can that would help!

PLEASE

This is from the By Law officer:

Baker Drive has U-turn restrictions north of Como Lake Avenue and the following restrictions are posted immediately north of Como Lake Avenue:

- Northbound: Signed no stopping due to proximity to intersection; and
- Southbound: Signed no stopping due to proximity to intersection plus section with time restricted stopping (8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm).

For driveways, vehicles cannot stop <2m from a driveway as it creates visibility issues for pedestrians and other road users for residents entering/leaving their driveway.



Snow and Ice Slip and Fall Prevention Tips

- Wear proper footwear for the condition (no heels)
- Walk slowly and carefully
- Walk as flat-footed as possible in icy areas
- Take small steps
- Avoid uneven surfaces
- Try not to carry item or walk with hands in pocket
- Watch for slippery floors when entering buildings
- Hold railing in stairwell if available
- Remember: Ice and snow mean "TAKE IT SLOW"

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.schoolcashionline.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!

GRAD PHOTOS – LAST CHANCE

Starting Dec 3rd those Grads who have yet to have their GRAD photo taken or wish to have Grad Photo retakes can click on the link below to book an appointment January 7,8,9th. <https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

GRAD FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS – See Attachment

Each person will pay \$2 and receive a 4x6 print. **Exact change only please.

Each photo group requires a separate appointment. Photos will be available in 2 weeks and will be delivered to the school. Please direct any questions regarding booking to 604-294-1005 or email qvarea@lifetouch.com

2022 YEAR BOOKS FOR SALE

ONLY 114 LEFT – \$55.00 Purchase at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

PAC CORNER:

- Next PAC meeting - Jan 10, 2022 @ 7:30pm
- Next AfterGrad 2022 meeting - Jan 12, 2022 @ 7:00pm
- **The winner of our 50/50 online raffle is Candice Di Francesco of Vancouver, she won \$4,075!!!** Thank you to all that bought tickets and supported our fundraiser!

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!

POST SECONDARY EVENTS – See Attachments

WOMEN IN TRADES EVENT -

The BC Centre for Women in Trade (BCCWITT), in partnership with SD43, will be hosting a virtual event for all female high school students who are interested in trades or taking a trades class. Connect with other female tradespeople, grow your network, learn about scholarships and employment opportunities, and get your questions answered by experts.

Monday, December 6, 6.30-8 pm. [Register here.](#)

Important post-secondary deadlines

UBC:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you want to be considered for entrance scholarships, apply for admission by December 1.• Regular application deadline for all students (incl. Internationals) is January 15.• Students taking distributed learning courses to meet application degree requirements are advised to arrange for interim grades (50%-complete) to be submitted to UBC by March 15, 2022. These courses must be complete by June 30.
SFU:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for entrance scholarship applications is December 15 (for all students with marks in the 90's, incl. International Students.) You will need your SFU student number to log into the scholarship portal. Make sure to submit your application for admission early to allow time to complete the scholarship application.• Regular application deadline for admission to SFU is January 31.
U of Calgary:	Deadline for their Prestige Awards is December 1. It can take 48+ hours to get access to the scholarship portal after submitting your application for admission; apply early!

Remaining Post-Secondary presentations for SD43:

- Capilano University – Legal Studies Program: Tue, November 30, 5 pm. [Zoom link](#)
- University of Alberta: Thu, December 2, 6 pm [Register here.](#)
- Langara College: Thu, December 9, 6 pm [Register here.](#)