

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

Monday, January 10th

School reopens

PAC meeting 7:30 pm zoom

Friday, January 21st

Last Day of Classes for Semester 1

Jan 17-28 - FRAL Oral Component

Jan 24 – 28 – Graduation Assessments

Friday, January 28th

Grade 8 tour – Virtual

Monday, January 31st

Pro-D Day (Students do not attend)



Dear Dr. Charles Best Students, Staff and Guardians,

School will re-open for all students on Monday, January 10th. We look forward to welcoming back all our students to Dr. Charles Best. Thank you for your support during the phased restart as it allowed our staff to review and adjust our safety protocols. I know it's difficult for us to address all your concerns at this uncertain time, but we will try our best. We all want this pandemic to end so we can go back to what we remember as being normal. Hopefully, this latest wave is the last.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work to renew and enhance school safety measures in this uncertain and challenging time of Omicron.

I'd like to outline what to expect when your child returns to school on Monday.

These are the current practices that will continue to be in place:

1. It is important to complete the Daily Health Check every morning before coming to school. [K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/diseases/communicable/k-12-health-check). There is no form to fill in. This is a Self-Managed process.
2. If your child is feeling ill or showing signs of cold or flu, then please have them stay home.
3. Please encourage your child to always wear their masks properly i.e., over the nose. Please ensure they bring a spare in their backpacks in case they lose or need to replace it.
4. Regular handwashing/sanitizing will continue. Remind your child to wash their hands as often as they can.
5. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting at school will continue.
6. Directional traffic flow and occupancy room limits within the building. Remind your child to keep right and use the appropriate stairwells.

In addition, here are the new practices that will be in place on January 10th:

1. We will need to limit visitors, including parents, in our building. At this time, please plan on entering the building only after you have made prior arrangements with a staff member. We will try, when possible, to have virtual meetings with parents rather than face to face meetings.
2. Each classroom has been assessed by the teacher with furniture and equipment being arranged to maximize space and increase physical distancing, wherever possible.
3. Whenever practicable, school gatherings and events will be held virtually.
4. Implementing further strategies to reduce crowding during class transitions and break times.
5. Volunteers will be limited within the building.
6. Fraser Health will no longer be notifying schools regarding COVID exposures.
7. People who test positive for COVID will be asked by Fraser Health to self-manage. The onus will be on the person with COVID to notify others if they believe they exposed them. The school will not be notifying others on their behalf. The school will maintain privacy and will not be sharing contact information with other families/ students.

Updated COVID GUIDELINES – Dr Charles Best January 2022

- **Entrance and Exits:**
 - Students are to access the entrance closest to their class and go directly to class.
 - Classroom doors will be opened first thing every day
 - Upon entry into the building students are expected to use hand sanitizer stations
 - Students who start their day after Period 1 are to arrive no earlier than 10 mins before their class starts and go straight to class
 - At end of day students are to leave campus immediately – unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher
- **Masks:**
 - Upon entry into the building students must wear a properly fitted mask (snug to face) which always covers nose and mouth.
 - Masks **MUST** always be worn when inside the building except for when students are seated and eating/drinking
 - Students who forget their mask are to come directly to the office upon arrival to school, entering through the main doors, and will be provided with a mask.
- **Lunch/transition from class to class:**
 - All exterior doors will be open during transition times
 - **All students** are permitted to leave campus during their lunch block
 - Cafeteria access will be through the outside door – exit through the school door
 - Further reduced seating capacity in the cafeteria
 - Tables will be arranged so that students **CANNOT** sit facing each other
 - Students **MUST** be seated when eating – this is the **ONLY** time that students are to remove their mask. Students will **NOT** be permitted to be moving throughout the building while eating/drinking – students who are moving are not eating or drinking.
 - Open classrooms are available for students to eat their lunch during their off block. Available Rooms for students to eat lunch are reduced to a 15-person capacity limit. **See room availability list below.**
 - Students sitting in hallways **MUST** be masked unless they are eating
 - Student sitting in hallways **MUST** not gather in group settings (i.e. facing each other)
 - Students **MUST** follow the correct flow of traffic:
 - Stay to the right when walking
 - Stairwells at the front of building are **UP** only
 - Stairwells at back of building are **DOWN** only
- **Lunch blocks – expectations, spaces and limitations when eating in classrooms**
- Students must clean up after themselves. There will be paper and cleaning solution to clean your space before and after you eat.
- When you are finished eating your lunch put your mask back on. If there are 15 students in the room, please leave the room when you are finished to allow someone else to come in.
- Students must not enter a room once that the room is at its **capacity of 15 students**.
- Students must space themselves out in the room when they are eating.
- Students must be wearing their masks when they enter and leave the rooms, they are eating in.
- If it is determined that a student is unable to follow these guidelines for eating inside the school, then they will be asked to eat their lunches outside. We understand that it is challenging given the current weather conditions, but we need everyone to do their **best** to behave in a safe and responsible manner in the building.

Room Availability List

Period 2

115 Cafe

Period 3

101 302 602 Cafe

102 304

115 306

117 309

Period 4

307 309 603 606 Café

Youth Worker Room

Due to COVID restrictions, as of January 10th, 2022, the Youth Worker room will have limited Capacity. We can only have 4 people in the room at any one time. Everyone in the room must be wearing a mask. Please be aware that the room will need to be more of a drop in/ out room until further notice. Sorry. As always, students who need support from Ms. Bjornson are welcome to access her services on a drop-in basis in the Youth Worker room.

PINK SHIRT DAY / KIDSPORT CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Kidsport Charity supports students in the Tri Cities who require financial assistance to play on a school or community sports team. District 43 and more specifically Terry Fox Secondary Leadership Program create a PINK SHIRT to recognize the **Anti-Bullying Campaign February 23rd**. We have included an order form for the 2021/22 SD43 PINK SHIRT for purchase. All proceeds from the sale of these pink shirts goes to the Kidsport Program. What a perfect way to support two excellent causes. Order here <https://forms.office.com/r/NJNFks5CVm>



Thank you in advance for your support. Orders must be in by Jan 18th noon. Once we have the shirts delivered our Athletic Leadership students will distribute them at Best before Feb 23rd.

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 FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS – Postponed

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

Under 100 left – \$55.00 Purchase at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

Schedule for Last Week of Sem 1 January 24-28

Date	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
AM	9-11am FRAL 12 Oral Assessment 10am Gr 11 Course Programming Presentation on Teams	8:30-11:30 am Ace-it Electrical exam 9:00-12:00pm FRAL 12 Exam	8:15am-11:15am Numeracy 10 Assessment	8:15am-11:15am Literacy 10 Assessment	Gr 8 Virtual Tour (Time TBD)
PM			12:15-3:15pm Literacy 12 Assessment	Make up Assessments	
All DAY	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	

***Jan 24-27th Students that are not meeting course expectations are to make arrangements with their teachers to complete make up assignments and/or tests.

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.



PAC CORNER:

PAC meeting, 7.30pm Jan 10, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82193514402>

Meeting ID: 821 9351 4402

Grad 2022 meeting, 7pm Jan 12, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83652101723?pwd=QkxJUi94TWNxSkZYMHU4UjcvZDFhdz09>

Meeting ID: 836 5210 1723

Passcode: grad2022

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!

