

# 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, January 21st**

“Dress your BEST Day”

Last Day of Classes for Semester 1

**Jan 24 – 28 – “I” Week – Cafeteria closed**

Jan 24 – Grade 11 course programming presentation virtual

**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 8 tour – Virtual

**Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

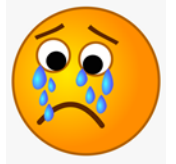
Pro-D Day (Students do not attend)



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Dear Dr Charles Best Community,

I am very sorry to tell you that Mr. Dave Jones – yes our Mr. Jones has been moved to be a Vice Principal at Riverside Secondary starting February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Jones has been a staff member at Dr. Charles Best for the past 19 years. He was a Woodworking Teacher and Athletic Director for the first 15 years and then became the outstanding Vice Principal we have come to know him as for the last four years. The Best community will miss him very much. I know I will for sure! We thank Mr. Jones for his hard work, dedication and passion for education, athletics and leadership. We wish him all the Best and we know this is not goodbye because Mr. Jones will stay connected.



Ms. Michelle Ciofitto will be joining our Admin team. Ms. Ciofitto comes to us from the District Learning Services Team. She is an outstanding leader in curriculum development, and we are looking forward to working with her at Best!

### **VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Late yesterday afternoon the Ministry announced that due to the pandemic the January session of all Provincial Assessments are now cancelled. (This includes the FRAL 12 Oral Assessments scheduled for next week) We had no warning or explanations as to when or if they will be rescheduled etc. We understand this raises many questions and concerns. They have assured us that it will not impact students who are graduating in the 2021/22 graduation class. I am sorry that we do not any more information at this time. **Please read the attached letter from our Superintendent outlining this announcement. - ATTACHMENT**

Next week we will maintain our schedule as planned. Classes ended today and most of our students have completed all of the required course work for this semester however, next week is available for those students who have incomplete work. (“I” week) The cancellation of the exams means our teachers are not invigilating and are available everyday to help students who need to make up work or tests because of missed classes etc. Students who are not meeting expectations or have incomplete work need to be in their classes working to get caught up. Students who are in these situations will go to their classes at their regularly scheduled times. In many cases teachers have already invited students to come in next week to make up work and work on passing. Students do not need to be invited by their teachers. If a student has missing or incomplete work, they should be in working on that classwork.

On Monday at 10 am our counsellors have an Online presentation to all of our current **grade 11’s** regarding Course Programming for next year. All grade 11’s are encouraged to be part of that presentation. See further into the newsletter for the link to that or on our website.

**Grade 12 students** you should be working on your CLC projects next week. Also, your grad yearbook quotes are due soon Feb 18<sup>th</sup>) so work on those. In March you will have to write a Graduation quote for when you cross the stage so you could work on that as well. Please use this week to get caught up and ready for the speedy end to the year. As I said, classes are finished for most students and for those students this is a reminder to hand in your textbooks to your teachers. If you have forgotten to do that, please bring in those books to your teachers next week as well. If you signed out a locker and you no longer need one, please come into the main office and we will help you give back your locker. If you did not sign out a locker for first semester and you require one now, please get that done next week.

Absolutely you will have as many questions about the Provincial Assessments as all of us and as soon as we have answers we will communicate that to you, update our newsletter and send out that information.

Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and cooperation during these extraordinary times.

Heather Murphy, Principal

## "I" Week Schedule January 24-28

Date	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
AM	10am Gr 11 Course Programming Presentation on Teams	8:30–11:30 am Ace-it Electrical exam			Gr 8 Virtual Tour (Time TBD)
PM					
<b>All DAY</b>	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests	***All Grades Make up Assignments/Tests

### STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE



#### Important information for Graduating Students

Reminder for all Grade 12 students who have applied to a post-secondary institution! Almost all Canadian schools require applicants to send them their transcript using the [Student Transcript Service \(STS\)](#). This may be in addition to the school requiring you to upload/ send in a current transcript/ self-report. By using this free service, it is guaranteed that post-secondary institutions will automatically receive your final transcript after graduation. Please double-check your school's requirement and the to-do list in your student portal carefully so that you understand the process. How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the school. More info [here](#). When using STS please ask yourself if you have included your PEN when applying to post-secondary and if you spelled your name exactly as the Ministry records show. If that's not the case your post-secondary choices may have difficulties connecting your application with your transcript. If you need help, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre.

### IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION – ATTACHMENT

#### Grade 9 & 10 Immunizations

Please find attached a letter to parents regarding Immunizations

Immunizations for grades 9's and 10's will take place on the following days:

Tues. Feb 22 – Grade 9's

Wed. Feb 23 – Grade 10's

Mon. March 7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 9/10 catch up

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, your child will receive their immunization parent consent form in their block 2 class. Forms must be handed back to their block 2 teacher or dropped office no later than Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Immunizations will run 9am-3pm on each day in the small gym.

#### CLC 12

CLC 12 will be reported on for the first time with this upcoming report card. The mark is based on these 4 assignments: Capstone Proposal, Vision Board, Community Connections, & Resume/Cover Letter. If you have any questions, please check your Teams advisory or touch base with a CLC teacher.

#### CHALLENGE EXAMS

Challenge exams postponed until Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please view the link for more information.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

#### CAFETERIA

The café will be closed during "I" week. January 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>



## GRADE 11 STUDENTS PROGRAMING

The counsellors will have an **IMPORTANT** virtual Programming Presentation on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This session will deal with course selection and Online Programming for Grade 12 as well as university requirements and graduation. Please attend. You will also be required to have personal meetings with you counsellor (virtually or in person) between February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss your future plans and course selection. Programming this year will be online between February 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Here is the link to the Grade 11 Presentation on Monday: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_M2FhNDJjMGYtYTYzMi00NzhkLWJmMDktZDQyODA5NTNINzhk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Td%22%3a%22d9658cef-0292-4252-9925-6442de24a44b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2230b58ada-bedd-4f95-a322-7989fb409c5c%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d&btype=a&role=a](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_M2FhNDJjMGYtYTYzMi00NzhkLWJmMDktZDQyODA5NTNINzhk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Td%22%3a%22d9658cef-0292-4252-9925-6442de24a44b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2230b58ada-bedd-4f95-a322-7989fb409c5c%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d&btype=a&role=a)

DATES:

**Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am:** Grade 11 Programming Presentation on Teams

**Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Individual meetings with your counsellor. Please book online. Link coming

**Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> - Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>** – Online programming at home. Assistance is available after school in the cafeteria if needed

## GRADE 9 AND 10 PROGRAMING DATES

Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 10 In class Programming Presentation

Tues., February 8<sup>th</sup> – Wed., February 9<sup>th</sup> – Grade 9 In Class programming Presentations

Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – Grade 9-11 Parent Programming Presentation on Teams Live (invitations will be sent out closer to this date)

Mon., Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – MyEd Online Portal Open for Grade 9 and 10 course selection from home. Assistance is available in the cafeteria after school if needed.

Mon., Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri., Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - MyEd Online Portal Open for Grade 11 course selection from home. Assistance is available in the cafeteria after school Tues to Thurs if needed.

Students – Please drop off your Course selection sheet in the Counselling Centre or the Office once you have entered your courses.

## GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN ORDER

We have several grads who have not yet paid their graduation cap and gown fee. The deadline for payment is Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are having difficulty paying this fee, please contact your child's vice principal to discuss. If your child is **NOT** planning on attending the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Commencement ceremony, please email Ms. Fridge.



## AFTERGRAD 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 January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. 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!

## YEARBOOK WRITE-UPS

Attention all Grads! It's time to submit your Yearbook Write-up.

Deadline: Feb. 18, 2022

Yearbook is a time capsule. Write something that relates to your time spent at Dr. Charlese Best Secondary. Do you want to address your friends? Maybe you want to say thank you to some of your teachers, family, or friends? Are you brave enough to predict the future? What would you like your friends to read 20 years from now? Below are some requirements:

1. Length: max. 100 words (actual words).
2. School appropriate language.
3. No hashtags, email links, etc. You can write them manually in your friends' yearbooks.
4. If the Yearbook teacher doesn't know what it means, he/she won't be able to include it.



## 2022 YEAR BOOKS FOR SALE

Under 50 left – \$55.00 Purchase at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

## VISITORS

Reminder that we are NOT to have visitors in the school due to COVID protocols.

## PAC CORNER:

PAC meeting, 7.30 pm Feb 7, 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84216982957>

Meeting ID: 842 1698 2957

Grad 2022 meeting, 7 pm Feb 16, 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!

## FIELD HOCKEY 2022 SEASON REGISTRATION – ATTACHMENT

Girls born 2004-2018 and boys born 2006-2018 are invited to get involved in the second ranking sport in the world?

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### **SFU Bright Ideas Entrepreneurship Competition for Grade 10-12 students**

Bright Ideas gives high school students an opportunity to explore the world of business and leads to practical entrepreneurship experience. You will be working with a 4–5-person team to engage in problem identification, solution development, and market assessment. Over the course of 11 weeks, students will learn entrepreneurship, basic accounting, marketing and social media, presentation skills and more through speakers, workshops and consulting with industry professionals and senior students. Registration closes on **Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 11:59pm**. Program fee is \$10 with prizes to be won. [Apply here.](#)

### **Douglas College Info Nights**

Different programs are showcased on each day. Please check the website to confirm the date your program is on. Tue & Thu, January 25 & 27, 5 pm. [Register here.](#)

### **AI4ALL Invent the Future Summer Program**

Canada's first and only summer enrichment program focused on bringing artificial intelligence (AI) expertise, community, and mentorship to female-identified and non-binary youth in Grade 9-12. During this AI Scholars Program, participants from across Canada will (virtually) explore the world of AI through team projects and connect with mentors and industry experts in a supportive yet challenging environment. July 11th - July 29th, 2022. [Info Session](#): Wed, January 26, 2022, 5-6.30 pm. [Application Help Session](#): Thu, January 27, 2022, 5 pm. Register now.

### **SFU Coding for a Social Change Spring Workshop for Grade 9 students**

Running Feb 5-Apr 9, 2022 (every Saturday except Feb 19 long weekend), 10:00-11:30 am. FREE. [Register now.](#)

### **Green Collar Career Conference for youth in Grades 9-12**

Students are invited to experience new career opportunities at this FREE virtual career conference. The day includes breakout sessions, prizes, and a chance to win a \$500 scholarship. Saturday, February 12th, 2022, from 9 am to 3 pm. [Register](#) by February 9th, 2022

### **University of Northern BC Engineering Info Session**

UNBC Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering undergraduate programs are still open for applications. Learn more about their engineering programs on **Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 5:00 pm**. Faculty, current student, and alumni will be there answering questions and sharing their experiences. [Register here](#)

### **U of Toronto: Experience Engineering for Grade 9 & 10 students**

Join U of T Engineering Recruitment staff for this special online presentation designed for Grade 9 & 10 students. The first 30 minutes of the event will be an overview of our Engineering programs, opportunities, academic requirements, and community. After, there will be a Q&A period. Monday, January 24, 2022, at 5 pm (Pacific Time). [Register here.](#) | Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 5 pm (Pacific Time). [Register here.](#)