



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

TODAY IS DAY 1

****Please note: All new and changed items are in red****



THANK YOU FOR WEARING YOUR MASK EACH DAY!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCKERS **NEW

Requests for lockers have been processed by Admin. Check your student email for information.

Please do not share locker information with others.

If you missed out on requesting a locker in Advisory, please check the school website for a link on the homepage to request one.

Once you've submitted your request, you will be contacted by an Administrator as soon as possible.

CONNECT WITH THE BEST CAREER CENTRE

The Career Centre is located in the hallway between office and counsellors' lounge, sharing the space with the Tech Centre. It's open 9 am to 3.30 pm and is a great point to start if you are exploring your post-secondary options, are wondering about financial aid, or you are looking for a volunteer position.

All Grade 9-12 students are invited to join the Career Centre on TEAMS (code gvrymg1) and to follow [bestcareercentre](#) on Instagram for the latest updates on post-secondary events, scholarship deadlines and volunteering or workshop opportunities.

For parents, updates are also regularly posted on the school's website under "Programs & Services >> Career Centre".

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ACCOUNTS

ALL GRADES

Students, please get your parents to check your school cash on-line account.

This year's "School Policy Form" must be completed asap. Also please pay any outstanding fees from previous years, return lost textbooks to the office, return library books to the library and keep all accounts up to date.

GRADE 12'S

Students, please get have your parents to ensure all fees/accounts are clear **by Nov 30** so you can purchase grad related items when they become available.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are selling fast don't miss out! Purchase it now for delivery in June 2022.

Parents can log in to your School Cash Online account for more details.

CAFETERIA

Good news! The Charles Best Cafeteria is up and running and is looking forward to serving you.

Hours: 8:00-1:30 daily

Block 1-baked goods only

Block 2-1:30 will feature baked goods, salads, and hot foods.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLASS START UP-NEW DATE

If you are registered for Social Responsibility (also known as 'Butterfly Effect') with Ms. Martin this year, please make sure to be at our first class meeting **on Friday September 17**. We will be meeting at 7:30 am in room 218.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Martin at lmartin@sd43.bc.ca. If you are not registered in the course, but are interested in it, feel free to come by and/or contact Ms. Martin.

Looking forward to starting the course with you all!

DISTRICT PRO-D DAY

School is NOT in session on **Friday, September 24**. Students do not attend this day.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

School is NOT in session on **Thursday, September 30**. Students do not attend this day.

Classes resume Friday, October 1.

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED AT CHARLES BEST THIS YEAR

There are many ways to stay up to date with what is happening at Charles Best this year:

Check the school website-it is updated regularly.

Download the Charles Best App and set your phone to receive push notifications.

Check out the main information board in the school lobby.

Newsletters are emailed regularly-parents check your junk folder.

Coming soon-follow Charles Best on Instagram.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

LOWER MAINLAND GREEN TEAM

Help remove Himalayan Blackberry, an invasive species, from Mundy Park to help restore the natural area. No experience necessary, all ages welcome. Instruction, gloves, and tools provided.

Sunday, Sept. 19th, 9.45 am – 1 pm (Spani Pool Parking Lot).

Please sign up: www.meetup.com/The-Lower-Mainland-Green-Team/events/280549696/

POCO PEOPLE'S PANTRY

Ongoing opportunities available for students in grade 10+. Shifts for food hamper assemblers are Mon, or Tue, or Wed 2:30 - 5:30. Food sorters are needed on Sundays 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. For more information about these positions please contact Pam Eberl at tpffrs@gmail.com. Apply here: <https://thepeoplespantry.ca/volunteer/>

MINI MED SCHOOL-OCTOBER 2021

Engage with researchers and clinicians at BC Children's Hospital! The lecture series will be on "Scientific achievements in diabetes research". Participation at the live virtual event is restricted to 200 BC students from grades 10-12. Must be nominated by the school to register, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Centre **by Friday, September 17th, 3 pm** if you are interested in the live sessions (3 students/ school max.).

You can register yourself for "on demand" Mini Med School.

Scholarship opportunities available. More info on Career Centre team or website:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/Opportunities.aspx?login=-1026846276#/=>

CODING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE WORKSHOP BY SFU APPLIED SCIENCE

In this beginner-friendly FREE workshop series, Grade 7-10 students will build an app using Thinkable, which is a drag-and-drop app builder. They will also plan their app design through creating paper prototypes, discuss issues related to ethical design of mobile apps, apply basic coding concepts, and communicate their project in a way that is accessible and meaningful to a general audience. **Apply before Sept. 19th**. More info on Career Centre team or website:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/Opportunities.aspx?login=-1026846276#/=>

ELECTIONS CANADA OPPORTUNITY

Elections Canada is looking for 60 Grade 11 and 12 students to work the national election on **Monday, September 20**. This is a paid opportunity from 6 am – 7 pm with the earning potential up to \$350. There will also be a paid 2 hour training session valued at approximately \$48. If interested, please contact Deb Pudek @ 778-228-3435 or email 59023_das-aro@elections.ca

BC RCMP YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Mounties hope to "gain deep insight" into the challenges facing young people. YAC members are participating in discussions and engage in occasional community activities. Must be 14-18 years old, and able to commit Oct. 2021 – June 2022. **Apply by September 21, 2021**. Application form and more info on Career Centre team or website:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/EmploymentVolunteering.aspx?login=974646427#/=>

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: BIOINFORMATICS

Check out this ongoing speaker series if you are a Grade 9-12 student wondering about career options in the STEM field, what to study in university, and what university is like. Meet and interact with university students, faculty members, and/or working professionals in STEM fields. The upcoming talk will focus on the topic of bioinformatics and how artificial intelligence is used to personalize treatment for cancer. **Sept 25, 2021, 1-2pm**.

Free. Register here: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/407740562>

COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Coquitlam library is starting their Book Buddies and Homework Help programs once again. Programs will start in October and will be both virtual and in person. Homework Help is running out of the City Centre branch only, while Book Buddies runs at City Centre and the Poirier branch.

Student volunteers must be in Grade 9 or up and must get a criminal record check done by Coquitlam

RCMP. <https://www.coqlibrary.ca/programs/overview>

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

PORT MOODY PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Opportunities incl. Book Buddies, Code Buddies, Homework Help, and Teen Advisory Council. All programs start in October. Must be 13 and up. You can get experience, leadership skills, and volunteer hours working with kids. All volunteers receive a reference letter with hours volunteered at the end of the program. Details (dates/shifts) can be found on the application form.

<https://www.portmoodylibrary.ca/en/programs-and-events/teen-volunteer-programs.aspx#Book-Buddies>

IBPOC/LGBT2SQ+ YOUTH EXHIBIT MENTORSHIP & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Create and implement a mini exhibit under mentorship of Coquitlam Heritage staff. The theme of this program is 'Your Heritage' with the students creating exhibits that expresses their cultural identity, heritage, and stories from their perspective. 3 positions available. This is a paid internship starting in October. (\$15.20/hour for 15 weeks at 4 hours per week. The 4 hours per week can be negotiated depending on the student's schedule and availability. **Apply by Sept 27th, 5 pm.** <https://www.coquitlamheritage.ca/opportunities>

VOLUNTEER FAIR AT THE COQUITLAM LIBRARY

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity in the Tri-Cities? Join the Community Volunteer Connections, in partnership with The Coquitlam Public Library for a Volunteer Job Fair. Meet with volunteer coordinators and the non-profit organizations they represent. **Sat, October 2, 11 am – 4 pm.** No registration required, hosted at City Centre branch in Rooms 136 & 137.

SUSTAINABILITY FOR OUR FUTURE (GR. 12 GIRLS*) BY GEERING UP

Learn how modern day engineers are incorporating sustainability principles into the world of engineering to work towards creating a sustainable future. Through discussions, research, and the use of the engineering design cycle this event will bring us together so we can ideate new solutions that have the potential to directly impact future generations. **October 16, 10 am – 3 pm**, UBC campus. Free. An online version of this workshop will be running Oct. 21, 4:30-6:30PM (Gr. 11 & 12 girls*). Register to attend.

<https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/programming/general-information/events/all-girls/>

(*Trans*, genderqueer and non-binary folks are welcome.)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

DISCOVER UVIC

Thinking about applying at the University of Victoria? Learn more at one of the upcoming info sessions. Please register to attend. **September 15, 5:00PM, September 20, 4:00PM, or September 29, 4:00PM.**

<https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/index.php>

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENT (CUE) SERIES

Mark your calendar for this year's virtual fair times feat. university representatives from across the country. Ask your questions, gather information, and get connected. September 27, 28, 29 (Mon-Wed) 4 pm - 7 pm, October 2 (Sat) 10 am - 1 pm, October 4, 5, 6 (Mon-Wed) 4 pm - 7 pm. **Registration will open on September 16th.** <https://cuebc.org/events/>

LANGARA COLLEGE PRESENTATION FOR SD43 STUDENTS

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, September 21st** at 6 pm to learn more about Langara's programs and admission requirements. Langara students will be available as well to answer questions about their experience at Langara. Zoom link will be posted closer to the date, stay tuned.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA-APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Learn how to submit an application for admission. Join a short presentation followed by a Q&A session with one of the UAlberta Advisors. **Mon, Sept 27 or Wed, Sept 29, 4-5 pm.** Register to attend:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/index.html?>

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO SESSION

Find out important details such as admissions requirements, co-op opportunities, career pathways, university transfer options, curriculum guidelines and more. Info sessions are program specific, please see website for details: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information-sessions>.

Sept 14th & 16th, 2021 at 5 pm. Registration required.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO – START HERE WEBINAR

Gain a better understanding of the undergraduate application process at U of T. Whether you are planning on applying to university this year, or considering applying in the next few years, start here.

Sept 18th, 10 am – 2 pm. Event details and registration: <https://discover.utoronto.ca/start-here>

EDUCATION USA -PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

Thinking about studying Music, Theatre, or Dance in the U.S.? Learn about the admissions and audition process for Ithaca College, The Julliard School, New England Conservatory, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, University of Rochester Eastman School of Music. **Sept. 21, 12-2 pm.**

<https://www.bigmarker.com/educationusa-canada/EducationUSA-Canada-Performing-Arts-Showcase>

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

STUDY & GO ABROAD FAIR

Join EducationUSA, 21 U.S. Universities, and institutions from around the world at this virtual fair.

Sep. 23, 12-6 pm. To see a list of exhibitors and a schedule of webinars

visit <https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/virtual-education-fair/>

GRADE 12'S

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING FOR ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Mark your calendar! Our first scholarship meeting will take place, **Wednesday, Sept. 29th**, 3.30-4.30 pm.

Learn more about financial aid opportunities for your post-secondary journey.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE ACCOUNTS

GRADE 12'S

Students, please have your parents ensure all fees/accounts are clear **by Nov 30** so you can purchase grad related items when they become available.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BASANT MOTORS

15 x \$2,000 available in three different categories: Financial Assistance, Students with Disability, Academic achievement. Students must be graduating in 2022 and must be demonstrating good citizenship and community service. **Apply by Sept. 26.** More details and application form on Career Centre team and website:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx?login=-964918815#/](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx?login=-964918815#/=)

LORAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are open for the 2022 Loran Award! This four-year undergraduate merit award includes study at one of 25 Canadian universities, funding for summer work experiences, mentorship, and more. Up to 34 awards of up to \$100,000 each are available for graduating students who demonstrate character, service, and leadership potential. Criteria: Min. average of 85%, Canadian citizen or PR only. **Deadline is October 13th, 5pm.**

Extended details and tips on how to apply can be found on the Career Centre TEAM (code gvrymg1)

<https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/>

SPORTS

CLUBS

JOIN THE CHARLES BEST FORCE OF NATURE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Want to make a difference? Interested in meeting like-minded students? We participate in numerous environmental initiatives throughout the year including planting and maintaining the school garden, litter pick up, earth day activities, mini lessons to elementary students and much more...

First meeting is **Wed. Sept. 22**, at 3:20 in room 102. Meetings are short and sweet ! Join our club, past and new students welcome, all grades, even vaguely interested, please come so we can tell you more!!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*******SCENT FREE SCHOOL*******

All schools and buildings within SD43 are “**scent free**” places of work and learning. Numerous students and staff have serious medical complications with various natural and chemical scents/fragrances. As such, please make every effort to avoid using or wearing scented products within this space in order to establish an environment that is as “scent safe” as possible.

*****ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS***NO LOITERING IN BUS SHELTER*****

Students are reminded that the bus shelters are for people who are actually waiting to get on a bus. Please do not use them as social gathering places.

*******STUDENT DROP OFFS*******

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

*****SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION IN THE DRIVEWAY/DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL*****

Students are reminded to slow down and use the designated crosswalk area when crossing through the school driveway area. Be very vigilant as drivers are often distracted as they are moving in and out of waiting spots. Also, our student drivers are reminded that the expectation is “dead slow” in our school driveways and parking lots.

*****VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS*****

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances.

For the safety of all of our students and staff, it is important that these devices are not on school property. Students are not permitted to have these devices in their lockers, backpacks, or on their person at any time while on school property. If a student is found in possession of a vaporizer or e-cigarette, it will be confiscated. Parents will be contacted and required to meet with the administration and their son/daughter. Reoccurring incidents will result in disciplinary action.