



THE "BEST" INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

ORANGE SHIRT DAY



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAFETERIA HOURS *NEW*

Monday – Friday 8:00-10:00, 11:05 – 1:30

STUDENT USE LAPTOPS

Students who requested a school laptop but have yet to receive one, please come to the office ASAP.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Dr. Charles Best will be formally honouring **Orange Shirt Day on Friday, Oct. 8th**. This will be an **assembly scheduled** day. We will be having a schoolwide presentation **via zoom at 10:35**.

OCTOBER 11-SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

School is not in session on Monday, October 11 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Individual photo retakes will be on **Monday, October 25**. This is also for any student/staff member who has not had their picture taken yet. Students require a photo whether ordering pictures or not for their student ID card as well as the yearbook.

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a car at Charles Best are required to display a parking pass. Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

PLACE DES ARTS IS LOOKING FOR YOUTH ARTS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Application Form can be found on the Career Centre TEAM (Join with code gvrymg1).

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS

Have you acquired a language outside of school? All students are entitled to request an opportunity to challenge courses for credit. Must be able to give strong and compelling evidence of language proficiency. **Deadline to apply: Nov 5, 2021**. Exams are Jan 29th & 30th, Delta School District. Available languages: French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi and Spanish 11/12. Talk to your counsellor if you are unsure if the Challenge Exam is right for you. [Application Package and more info here](#).

TECHNOLOGY TODAY WORKSHOP FOR GRADE 9 GIRLS**

Explore the exciting worlds of Modern Technology and Quantum Computing and learn how they are helping to solve the world's biggest problems. Run by UBC's Geering Up. **November 6, 10 am – 3 pm**.

Free, register now. Trans*, genderqueer and non-binary folks are welcome.

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

DISCOVER DAYS IN HEALTH SCIENCE

This year's modified virtual half day program comprises exhibits, a keynote lecture, an interactive workshop, and a career panel discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to select their own workshop but space is limited. **Tuesday, November 16, 8.30 am -12.15 pm** [Schedule of events](#)

Please contact Mrs. Kaufmann at the Career Centre [by Mon, Oct 25th](#) if you want to attend as schools are asked to identify Grade 10 - 12 students interested in science to attend the event.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

WATERLOO-FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES WEBINAR

Prospective students can learn more about Waterloo's Health programs on **October 6, 2pm**. Register here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/tours-events/wednesday-webinars-2021>

DISCOVER QUEENS

Join members of the Undergraduate Admission and Recruitment team, along with current student tour guides to discover why Queen's University is the definitive student experience. A short presentation will be followed with an opportunity for Q&A. **October 7 at 5 pm** Pacific. Register to attend.

More events scheduled throughout the fall. <https://www.queensu.ca/admission/webinars>

BCIT BIG INFO: AT-HOME EDITION

Big Info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. It's your chance to find out about all our programs – from business, computing, and health to engineering, trades, and applied sciences. Join online **Oct 4-7 from 4-8pm**. Each night will feature a different lineup that will cover specific areas of study and key student services. You'll still be able to hear from faculty and staff and get all your questions answered without leaving your couch. Learn more about what it's like to study at BCIT and find a program that's right for you. [See schedule of events and register here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

- All About UBC: **Oct 15 at 2 pm**
- UBC Application Workshops: **Oct 7 at 6 pm & Oct 21 at 4 pm**
 - UBC Financial Aid Session: **Oct 28 at 1 pm**
 - SFU Info Session: **Oct 12 at 5 pm**

More info and registration links on Career Centre Team > Indigenous Information (Join with code gvrymg1).

WATERLOO PRESENTATION FOR SD43 STUDENTS

Learn more about Waterloo's programs and admission process. **Thu., Oct. 7th** at 6 pm. [Join here](#)

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS – SD43 PRESENTATION

Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 12 at 6 pm**.

Link will be posted on Career Centre TEAM and on the website, please check back.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHTS

Douglas College info sessions provide important details such as admissions requirements, co-op opportunities, career pathways, university transfer options, curriculum guidelines, and more. Plus, each program-specific information session is lead by a faculty member from that program, so you get to interact and converse with your future instructor(s). Please see our information session page to find out which programs will be present on each date. **Tue, October 12 & Thu, October 14, 5-6 pm**. Please register early.

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information-sessions>

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SD43 PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 06:00 PM

<https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/1sd43>,

Monday, October 18, 2021 at 06:00 PM

<https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/register/2sd43> Please register to attend.

UVIC GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS – SD43 PRESENTATION

If you are considering pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Victoria, join us on **Thursday, October 14th at 6 pm**. Please register to attend.

<https://uvic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEQuippj0rGNSo9-WA8GgwHfzQ5YtR1Izt>

SFU INFORMATION SESSION FOR SD43 STUDENTS

Join fellow Coquitlam School District students in one of the three info sessions SFU is kindly offering for us. Parents & Guardians are welcome too. **Friday, October 22nd, 3-4 pm** (Pro-D Day). [Join on zoom](#).

Passcode: 208518. Additional sessions scheduled for Nov 10 & 23.

POST SECONDARY BC VIRTUAL FAIR

POST-SECONDARY BC FOR STUDENTS FOR PARENTS FOR COUNSELLORS

www.postsecondarybc.ca STUDENT REGISTRATIONS OPEN SEPT 24th @ 9:00am

Find your post-secondary future at the 2021 PSBC Virtual Fair!

- Watch live presentations from 29 post-secondary schools across BC
- Connect with institutional representatives through text and video chat
- Download program information and watch additional video content
- Sign up easily for more information from any institution
- Door Prizes: Every student who visits the fair will be automatically entered into a draw for one of twenty-five \$100 Amazon gift cards.
- Survey Prizes: Fill out our Guest Survey after the event, and you'll be entered into a separate draw for another \$100 Amazon Gift Card.

7 DAYS TO CHOOSE FROM: October 7 & 19 / November 3, 9 & 18 / December 1 & 7
VIRTUAL FAIR OPEN FROM 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on these dates

GRADE 12'S

***NEW DATE* - SCHOLARSHIP MEETING FOR ALL GRADE 12 STUDENTS**

Mark your calendar! Our first scholarship meeting will take place in the large gym on **Wednesday, October 6**, from 3.30-4.30 pm.
Learn more about financial aid opportunities for your post-secondary journey.

1ST CLC ASSIGNMENT DUE!!

Grade 12's, this is a reminder to check your TEAMS for assignments and information. Your first assignments are **due OCTOBER 13th**. Any questions, please see your CLC teacher or any CLC team leader.

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

U of T NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Students who excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities can apply. 25 scholarships available, amounts vary. **Deadline is October 21st, 9 pm.** <https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/>

LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

International Students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and creativity, leadership and community service – talk to your counsellor about being nominated for this all-expenses-covered scholarship to U of T. Submit your brag sheet for nomination **by November 1**. More info: <https://future.utoronto.ca/pearson/about/>

TD COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

20 TD Scholarships for Community Leadership are available to graduating students who have demonstrated leadership in improving their community. Each scholarship has a value of up to \$70,000. Criteria: Grade average 75%+, demonstrated consistent and outstanding dedication to solving a community problem or making their community a better place. **Apply by Mon., Nov 15th** before 9 pm. [More info](#)

CLUBS

WEIGHT ROOM CLUB

Any students wishing to join the after school weight room club, please get your form from Mr. Adams in the PE Office.

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY PRACTICE

Reminder, field hockey practice at 3:30 pm today

X-COUNTRY MEET TODAY

Good luck to our cross country running team today at their meet!

JR. BOYS SOCCER GAME

The Jr. Boys soccer team take on Riverside Secondary in an away game today. Good luck!

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

October 12th and 13th at 8-10pm each night. Tryouts are open to all grades. Bring gym appropriate shoes, a great attitude and a wonderful effort.

If you are currently playing another sport and are interested in playing on the senior girls basketball team please send an email to Mr. Percevault at cpercevault@sd43.bc.ca explaining why you are unable to make the tryouts and what your experience is in basketball.

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 crosswalks 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.