



THE "BEST" INFORMER



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to all new students starting at Charles Best this semester.

GRAD WEAR TO BE PICKED UP

Please come to the office to pick up your Grad Wear:
Aaliyah F., Josh F., Matt N.

REMINDER - BOOK RETURNS

All library books that were signed out in Semester 1 are now overdue. Please return to the library ASAP.

REMINDER - TEXTBOOK RETURNS

Please return all textbooks/novels to your Semester 1 teacher ASAP to avoid paying a fine.

STUDENT PARKING

A quick survey of the parking lot shows many students parking without a parking pass.
Any student parking a car on school property during the school year is required to display a parking pass.
Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY

Junior Girls @ St. Thomas Moore 5:30pm
Junior Boys @ St. Thomas Moore 7:00pm
Reminder, spectators are not permitted at this time.

CLUBS

GRADE 12'S

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. Charles 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?



CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

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.

Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 5 pm. [Register here](#).

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 break out 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

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SFU PYTHON WORKSHOP FOR GRADES 9-12

Python for Data Science. Running every Saturday, virtually: **Feb 26 - March 19, 2022**. 1 - 2:30 pm. [Register here](#)

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS COMPETITION

The KPU Melville School of Business invites grade 11 – 12 students to represent their school in a virtual business competition. Students will be faced with real business challenges that encourage them to think out-of-the-box and design the best method to meet their client's goals. KPU will be assigning students to teams.

Prizes for the top 3 teams. **February 26th**, 10 am to 4 pm. [Register here](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

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](#).

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching. Value: \$5,000. **Deadline: February 15, 2022**. [More info here](#).

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES 2022

The Coquitlam Foundation annually distributes scholarships and bursaries, primarily to graduating high school students who are in need of financial support to continue their education. There are 17 different awards, all with their individual criteria. You can apply for as many as suit your personal situation with one single application. Award values are TBA (depending on the funds available in the Spring), but in the past all awards varied from \$500 to \$2,000. **Deadline is February 15, 2022**. [More info here](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

******WINTER WEATHER******

Winter weather is coming. Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.

*******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.

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

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

*****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.

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.

