



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST DAY - CHARLES BEST SPRING FOOD DRIVE

April 30 – May 2nd from 8:00am - 10:00am & 2:00pm-3:30pm.

Where: in the front courtyard & outside of the main office.

What to bring: canned/non-perishable food items, gift cards and/or any money!!

Items most appreciated but not limited to are:

cash/gift cards, shampoo ,conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Soaps, Razors, Feminine hygiene products
canned soups, diced tomatoes, canned yellow corn, canned chicken, Canned beans, peanut butter , sugar,
dried lentils, mayonnaise , pancake mix, apple juice , orange juice , all-purpose flour , Granulated sugar ,
International food items.

Leadership students will be giving out delicious carrot cake/cupcakes (by donation of items or cash) to encourage participation!

LET'S SHOW COQUITLAM THE "BEST" COMMUNITY CARES!

TODAY - KRISPY KREME PICK UP

After Grad Krispy Kreme fundraiser pickup day is on **Thursday, May 2, 2024**, from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the main entrance to the school. Thank you to all for your support!

TONIGHT - OPENING NIGHT

Charles Best Players presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

This is a family friendly, timeless comedy.

Play opens **Thursday, May 2nd** and will run **May 3rd and 4th**, as well as **May 9th, 10th, and 11th**.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and seniors.

Box office opens at 6:45PM, doors at 7:00PM, curtain at 7:30 PM.

This wonderful story is a sure springtime cure for the winter doldrums.

We look forward to seeing you and your families in May!

TOMORROW - DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Wear your 'BEST' school clothing this Friday!

This includes, spirit wear, grad wear or school coloured clothing.

BEGINS TOMORROW - SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration opens for summer learning this week and next.

May 3: Secondary School Skill Building. non-credit face-to-face courses. Students may take these courses to review previously covered course content OR to preview a course that they will take in the future.

More information [here](#).

May 8: Secondary School Advanced Credit (High School Credit). Students who complete these courses will receive full credit and their final mark on their transcript. More information [here](#).

RED DRESS DAY MAY 5TH

May 5th is red dress day, a day to raise awareness of the on-going crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous women and girls. Ms. Leslie's Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 class will be creating a display along Como Lake Ave for the week. Families are encouraged to walk along the trails, read the biographies of missing women and reflect on what reconciliation means to them. Thank you for respecting the displays.

PAC AGM

Join your PAC on **Monday, May 6th** for the Annual General Meeting. All parents are welcome to attend this important meeting at 7:00pm in the school library.

The following PAC Executive Committee positions for the 2024-25 school year will be elected:

Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member(s)-at-Large.

Any parent of a Dr. Charles Best student is a member of the PAC and is eligible to be elected to any of these positions. For position descriptions and responsibilities, go to the PAC website:

<https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac/blank-page>

If you have any questions, please contact Graeme Illman
(current PAC Chair) at bestpacchair@gmail.com

SPRING MARKET MAY 8TH

Students at Charles Best are participating in a Spring Market at Gleneagle Secondary on **May 8th**.

Community members are invited to attend from 10-2 to check out the secondary school tables and some additional vendors. Students from Best will be selling crocheted plushies, bookmarks, mugs, and handmade bracelets. *Some vendors only accept cash.

BLACK AFFINITY GROUP

SD43 has officially begun a Black Affinity Student group. Our goal is to have our monthly meetings at a different school, so that we can hopefully reach more students in the district. Black educators in the district will be present to support the group. Even if student can't make this meeting, we'd love if they could join our Teams.

The link to join is [SD43 Black Affinity Student Group | General | Microsoft Teams](#), or they can just send an email to Ms. Nembhard at nnembhard@sd43.bc.ca.

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 13** at Terry Fox in room 213.

TRI-CITIES MENTORSHIP PROJECT – ALUMNI PANEL SERIES

Are you curious about what different degrees/programs have to offer? Want to learn more about how to get into a particular field? Join us for a VIRTUAL panel series where SD43 alumni will discuss their high school & post-secondary journeys and answer your questions!

Medical School: **Thu, May 16** (7-8 PM)

Bachelor of Arts: **Thu, May 23** (7-8 PM)

Business: **Thu, May 30** (7-8 PM)

RSVP here: bit.ly/tricitiesalumnipanel

STUDENT PARKING

We are experiencing a high demand for parking in the upper parking lot and the demand will only increase as more students pass the 'N' road test before the end of June. Students, you **MUST** register your car with the office and identify your car with your parking pass so we can differentiate between school demand vs. park demand. Registration forms are available in the front office.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

XD HACKS MINI VANCOUVER: SAFE HACKS HACKATHON

***DATE CORRECTION:** Are you interested in pursuing STEAM and making a difference in the world? High school students from the Lower Mainland are invited to this in-person hackathon (held at Vancouver Independent School for Science and Technology), June 8-9. XdHacks Mini Vancouver will provide resources like workshops, keynote presentations, interactive activities, and mentors to help better equip you with skills to create innovative designs! [Sign up](#) by May 5th (\$5 fee). [More info.](#)

WHAT THE L? DRIVER PROGRAM

This is a free opportunity for Indigenous students age 16+ to obtain their Driver's License. Only 10 spots are available, first-come, first-serve. Must be available for two sessions (**Tue, May 7 & 14, 9.30 am – 1.30 pm**). You will get to study with the support from an ICBC instructors and do practice tests. After completing your ICBC learner license (May 12, 2-4 pm) you will gain access to free driving lessons and will complete your N.

Lunch and transportation provided. [More info here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY – INTERACTIVE DESIGN DIPLOMA

New simplified program application: submit a 1-minute video to describe why you want to apply to the Interaction Design program OR one example of your creative work. The two-year diploma at CapU connects design and technology to prepare you for an exciting career in tech. You'll learn in project-based, hands-on experiential environment. **Applications are accepted until June 2nd** or capacity is reached. [More info.](#)

GRADE 12'S

COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE LINK NOW LIVE

Grade 12's, check your **SCHOOL EMAILS** to find the link necessary to compose your commencement message.

Please write a timeless, thoughtful message your family, friends, and you would be proud to hear.

Check your school email, use the following link, or find it on our school website homepage:

[Commencement Message 2024](#)

This link will be live until May 10th.

GRAD DINNER/DANCE TICKETS

Tickets are now available for purchase on School CashOnline Accounts.

If you do not see the option to purchase, please come to the office.

Deadline to purchase dinner/dance tickets is May 20th

@ 11:59 pm. Please ensure you buy ASAP.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

PROSPERA EDUCATION AWARDS

2024 grads who will be attending a post-secondary institution in Greater Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, or the Okanagan or eligible to apply. 2 x \$5,000 are available for students who have demonstrated significant involvement in their communities, and 10 x \$1,000 will be awarded to students with both clear career goals and plans to positively impact their communities. **Apply by Monday, May 6.** [More info.](#)

CTA SCHOLARSHIPS (EXCLUSIVELY FOR SD43 GRADUATES)

- **Equity Scholarships:** 4 x \$1,500 will be awarded to graduating SD43 students who identify as Indigenous, Black, a person of colour, LGBTQ2S+, or a person with a disability. [Application form.](#)
- **Trades or Arts Scholarships:** 2 x \$1,500 for graduating students who are planning to pursue a career in Trades or a career in Visual Arts or Fine & Performing Arts.
Must have completed secondary school coursework in either area. [Application form.](#)
- **Barbara Vengshoel Scholarships:** 2 x \$500 are available for one student pursuing a career in Trades and for one student pursuing a career in Fine & Performing Arts. Selection will be based on achievement in the areas of Trades or Fine & Performing Arts – based on courses taken in a graduation program. [Application form.](#)
Deadline for all is June 1, at 4.30 pm.

CLASS OF 2024 – HAVE YOU WON ANY SCHOLARSHIPS OR BURSARIES?

Please share the good news with us.

We would like to acknowledge you in the commencement program.

Undergraduate entrance scholarships, smaller automatic entrance awards, community scholarships and bursaries, etc. - even if you decide not to attend the post-secondary institution that awarded you the scholarship, those are achievements that deserve to be celebrated.

[Please submit one form for each award](#)

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED ON CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE

Grade 12 students, if you are still looking for financial aid, you can find a variety of scholarships and bursaries with upcoming deadlines listed here.

[Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid - École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](#)

ATHLETICS



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics
Home of the Blue Devils
@charlesbestscho
charlesbestathletics.weebly.com



For secondary sport updates and information...



@cssaasd43

[Follow Charles Best Athletics on Instagram here](#)

BLUE DEVILS ATHLETICS AWARDS & BANQUET NIGHT

This year we will be having an Athletics Awards Night on **June 4th** beginning at 5:30pm.

All students who participated in Athletics this year representing Dr. Charles Best Secondary are invited.

Tickets for the event can be purchased on School Cash Online beginning on **May 1st**.

This will be a semi-formal event that will include dinner followed by team awards.

Parents are invited to the Awards portion of the night which will begin at approximately **6:45pm**.

If parents would like to attend the awards portion, we ask that they situate themselves at the back of the gym.

This will be a great night to celebrate all the successes of all our athletes together.

Tickets will be on a first come, first serve basis, and can be purchased until **MAY 21st**

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

BADMINTON APRIL 29 – MAY 4

SR. TEAM

Saturday, May 4th – Fraser Norths at Pinetree Secondary for mixed, singles and doubles (all day).

JUNIOR BADMINTON UPDATE:

The Junior badminton team played well at this year's District Tournament. Will and Tristan won Gold in the Boy's Doubles and Conrad won Bronze in the Boy's singles. Other notable placements include Tristan placing 4th in the Boys Singles, Po Yiu placing 4th in Girls Singles, and Conrad and Po Yiu placing 4th in the Mixed Doubles, Anthony and Lee placing 6th in the Boys Doubles and Tina and Golsa placing 7th in the Girls Doubles. The top 6 will move on to Fraser Norths next week.

HOCKEY APRIL 29 – MAY 3

No events this week.

RUGBY APRIL 29 – MAY 3

SR. GIRLS

Friday, May 3rd Game vs. Abbotsford at North Surrey Athletic Centre at 4:00pm.

CANCELLED

SR. BOYS

Friday, May 3rd vs. Grandview Heights. Game is being played at Centennial Oval. **3pm kickoff.**

SOCCER APRIL 29 – MAY 3

SR. GIRLS

Thursday, May 2nd AWAY game at Heritage Woods turf field. Kickoff is at 3:30pm.

TRACK AND FIELD APRIL 29 – MAY 3

Thursday, May 2nd the team participates in the Coquitlam Classic Track Meet at Percy Perry Stadium from 3:30pm-8:00pm.