



THE “BEST” INFORMER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 2



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

SEPTEMBER

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW - BEST BUDDIES PROGRAM MEETING

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in someone's life—and your own? Best Buddies at Dr. Charles Best is now welcoming new members for the school year! Best Buddies is a student-led program that fosters friendships between students with and without diverse abilities. By joining, you'll help create a more inclusive school community, build lasting friendships, and have fun through events, activities, and shared experiences.

No experience needed—just an open mind and a willingness to connect.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, please reach out to Ms. Weeks (mweeks@sd43.bc.ca) or come to our first meeting on **Thursday, September 11th** at 3:20pm in Room 108.

EMERGENCY FORMS DUE DATE

Yellow emergency forms that were distributed during your Advisory class on Sept. 2 are due to the office no later than **Friday, September 12**. Please ensure BOTH sides are completed!

CLC12 FIELD TRIP (FREE!) TO THE CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT, OCT. 1

The Canadian Universities Event (CUE) is a forum designed to highlight Canada's universities for BC students. Charles Best Secondary is sending a bus to the CUE event on **October 1, 2025** @ Riverside Secondary School, 8:30am – 10:45am. There are 45 “spots” on the bus -- distributed on a first-come-first-served basis. Grade 12's can pick up permission slips in room 309 and return completed permission slips to room 309 to hold a spot (asap). Remaining spots will open to Grade 11 students on September 17th.

STUDENT PARKING

We are close to capacity for Grade 12 parking this year.

Students will be EMAILED to come to the office to pick up their pass.

Students must be able to produce their 'N' license at time of pass pick up.

Application forms are available in the main office.

Students who don't receive a pass this year can park in the overflow lot at Coquitlam Alliance Church.

TERRY FOX BAKE SALE

On **Friday, September 12th** from Blocks 1-4 come and check out some sweets and make a contribution to the Terry Fox Foundation! Sponsored by Leadership.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are registered for IDS Social Responsibility (also previously known as 'Butterfly Effect') with Ms. Martin this year, please make sure to be at our first class meeting on **Friday September 12TH**. We will be meeting at 7:30am in room 219. 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. I'm usually in

Science Office B. Looking forward to starting the course with you all!

PLEASE BRING YOUR LAPTOP AND CHECK TO SEE IF YOU HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TEAMS!

CLUB EVENTS

CLUBS DAY

Do you want to start a Club or bring one back from last year?

Club Day is Quickly approaching! **Wednesday, September 17th** is our official **Club Fair Day**. Blocks 2, 3, & 4 is your chance to advertise your club to attract members and let the student body know what your club is all about. All clubs NEW or EXISTING from last year must be approved by Mr. Viveiros through this QR code.

Before filling out the application you must have spoken to a teacher who has agreed to be your club sponsor. **The deadline to submit your application is Monday, Sept. 15th.** STUDENTS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK ON THE LINK TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION!

<https://forms.office.com/r/cHwSXv8ymR>

2025-26 Dr. Charles Best Clubs
Application Form



CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

BEST CAREER CENTRE

Our school's Career Office offers resources **for all students**.

Check out the [Career Centre website](#) for constantly updated events and opportunities for personal growth. Examples of what you will find: Engineering workshops, coding classes, business case competitions, the annual Jr Fire Academy, Mini Med School, volunteer positions, sometimes even jobs, and many post-secondary events.

In addition, Ms. Kaufmann, our Post-Secondary & Career Advisor, is available to support students with the university/ college planning and application process as well as with scholarships. Drop in or make an appointment by emailing skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca. The Career Centre is also on Instagram [@bestcareercentre](#)

SFU SCIENCE ALIVE: EXPLORING AI

Exploring AI: the Good, the Bad, & Beyond is a series of seven online workshops that run from 10-11:30 am **every Saturday between Sept 20 - November 8, 2025** (except for the Thanksgiving weekend). Grade 8-12 students will explore artificial intelligence (AI), while learning more about generative AI, ethics of AI, and real-world uses of AI in STEM fields, while learning more about coding! Some experience in text-based coding is recommended. [More here.](#)

GAIRDNER HIGH SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Organized by the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics, the Gairdner High School Symposium is an annual half-day event that gives secondary students in grades 10-12 the opportunity to interact with Gairdner award-winning scientists and BC Children's Hospital researchers. **Monday, October 20**, virtual or in-person.

[Register](#) by **September 21**.

EXPLORE MARITIME CAREERS AT PORT DAY VANCOUVER

Discover potential career paths, connect with industry professionals, learn about the diverse opportunities in the maritime sector. **Saturday, September 27**, 12-5 pm, Ballroom A & B, Canada Place. Additionally, there will be live music, performances, community exhibits, displays, and fun activities for all ages! [More info.](#)

JOB SHADOW DAY IN FINANCE

This free, day-long program for young women and gender-diverse high school seniors features interactive workshops, networking and mentoring sessions, presentations profiling women with diverse careers in finance, and an afternoon of job shadowing with a mentor who works in the industry.

Wednesday, Oct 29, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. [Register](#) A.S.A.P.
(only 4 students/ school can participate, first-come, first-serve)

PLACE DES ARTS YOUTH COUNCIL

The council organizes and hosts one youth-oriented event each year and advises Place des Arts on teen engagement. Must be a student (age 13-17) with a strong interest in the arts (i.e. visual arts, music, dance, theatre arts and/or literary arts), interested in developing leadership and event planning/ marketing skills.

[See details and application here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

LORAN SCHOLARSHIPS

More than just a scholarship, the Loran Award offers a four-year leadership-enrichment program, financial support of more than \$100,000 (36x), and diverse opportunities for experiential learning. Offered in partnership with 25 Canadian universities. Applicants must have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership and an 85%+ average. Additionally, up to 54 x \$6,000 Finalist Awards and up to 70 x \$3,000 Provincial Awards are available. **Deadline: October 16.** [Details here.](#)

Students can [sign up for a webinar](#) to learn more: **Tue, Sept 16 at 3 pm, or Thu, Sept 18, at 5 pm.**

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: BOOK AWARD & NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

U of T's flagship scholarship for domestic undergraduate students covers tuition, incidental and residence fees for up to four years of study. Have you demonstrated outstanding academics, creative thinking, broad achievement and a deep commitment to the school and your community? Apply for the book award and **submit your request for nomination by Sun, October 5**. If you are selected, you must apply for admission to U of T **by Oct 17** and submit your scholarship application **by Oct 31**.

[More here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #1

Scholarship Meeting #1 (General information for students looking for financial aid to pay for post-secondary): **Wednesday, October 8th** after school, library.

TD SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Up to 20 awards of up to \$70,000 over 4 years of your undergraduate studies are available for graduating students who have shown a commitment to making a positive difference in your community. **Deadline to apply is October 22.** [More info.](#)

BASANT MOTORS SCHOLARSHIPS

17 x \$2,000 scholarships are available for graduating students in three different categories: Academics, Financial Need, Students with Disability. [Details here.](#) **Deadline: September 28.**

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

TOMORROW - EXPLORE UBC SAUDER

Interested in studying business at UBC? Join this on-campus session to learn more about the BCom and the dual Bachelor + Master of Management degrees. Connect with the admission team, advisors, current students, and tour the Sauder building. **Thu, Sep 11, 5:00 - 7:30pm.** [Sign up.](#)

BCIT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING

BCIT's Aerospace Technology facility is the leading provider of skilled professionals for the aviation industry in BC. If you've ever wondered what it's like to maintain and repair airplanes, [register](#) for a presentation on **Tue, September 16, 5.30 pm.** In-person at the Aerospace Campus or virtually from home. Learn about high-in-demand careers such as Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, Gas Turbine Technician, or Aircraft Mechanic.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO VISIT

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to join us in the library on **Wed, September 17, after school.** A recruiter from the U of T will give a presentation about everything the university has to offer and will be available to answer your questions after. Mark your calendars!

Also, U of T has an early application deadline of November 7 – so start your research now!

UBC APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

This webinar will give students in grade 11 and 12 a more in-depth look at the application process for UBC's undergraduate programs. The session will cover general information, and also take a closer look at how to write your Personal Profile. This workshop is camera off, but will require anonymous participation and virtual discussion. Seats always fill up quickly, register early.

Thursday, September 18, 5.30-7 pm. [Register.](#) | **Wednesday, October 08, 4-5.30 pm.** [Register.](#) | **Tuesday, October 28, 5.30-7 pm.** [Register.](#) | **Thursday, November 13, 4-5.30 pm.** [Register](#)

UBC OKANAGAN

Discover UBC's Okanagan campus by connecting with current students. Discover what it's truly like to be part of UBC-O's close-knit, vibrant community, renowned for its world-class academics and over 300 days of sunshine. UBC Advisors will be available during the event, to answer any questions that you might have.

Princess Margaret Secondary School, Surrey. **Thu, Sept 18, 6.30-8 pm.** [More here.](#)

WESTERN IVEY HONOURS BUSINESS - AEO PATHWAY

Students can get an overview of the Ivey Business program and receive detailed information about the Advanced Entry Opportunity (AEO) admissions process. Understand the key steps and requirements to make an informed decision. **Tue, Sep 23, 4-5 pm.** [Register.](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO SESSION

Learn about important details such as admissions requirements, co-op opportunities, career pathways, university transfer options, curriculum guidelines, and more. Plus, sessions are program-specific, led by a faculty member. Register/ see which faculties are participating [here](#). **Wed, Sept 24, 5-6 pm.** Online.

WATERLOO ENGINEERING

Not sure which of the 15 programs fits your interests? This session will help you explore your options, discover unique program features, and learn how to align your passions with your future in engineering.

Wed, Sept 24, 2-3 pm. [Register.](#)

CUE CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENTS

Grade 11 and 12 students are invited to the CUE! Chat with university representatives from across the country, ask your questions, collect information about programs and institutions. Prepare for the public events by exploring university profiles! [Register to attend!](#)

- **Monday, September 29:** Delta Hotel Burnaby, 6-8 pm
- **Thursday, October 2:** Sheraton Hotel Guildford (Surrey), 6-8 pm

APPLY TO UBC ENGINEERING

Future students are invited to learn more about applying to UBC Engineering. Learn about course planning, admissions requirements, and the application process! Parents, guardians, teachers, and counsellors are also welcome to attend. **Wed, Oct 01, 5-6 pm.** [Register.](#) | **Thu, Oct 2, 5-6.** [Register.](#)

STUDY IN THE UK

Students thinking about pursuing post-secondary education in the UK are invited to connect with representatives from over 50 UK universities and learn about the options available to them. Learn about the UCAS application process and direct-entry programs incl. Law, medicine, pharmacy, and much more.

Fri, October 3, 3-7 pm, SFU Harbour Centre Campus, downtown. [Register here.](#)

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

SENIOR SAIL
Save the date for **Tuesday, September 23rd**.
Details will be in the upcoming GRAD newsletter!
Tickets are available NOW on School CashOnline accounts
<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/>

ATHLETICS



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For secondary sport updates and information...

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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION
Wednesday, Sept. 10 @ 3:30pm	JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper Field
Wednesday, Sept. 10 @ 3:20pm	FIELD HOCKEY TRYOUTS	Upper Field
Thursday, Sept. 11 @ 3:20pm	SENIOR BOYS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper Field

