



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 1

Please note: All new and changed items are in red

DECEMBER

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENTS VISITING MADISON AND LAKE SHORE CARE HOMES TODAY

Students, if you haven't yet considered joining in on the fun at the care home visits today please do! It's a very rewarding experience that will uplift the spirits of many senior citizens. There's still room on the bus and there's only a little bit of singing! Meet out front of the school at **3:15 sharp**.
Look for Heather B. our Youth Worker.

TODAY - ME 'N ED'S FUNDRAISER

Order pizza from Me 'n Eds location on Austin Ave. **TODAY** and 20% of all sales will go towards the 2026 Charles Best After Grad!

Applies to all dine in and take out orders.

Be sure to mention '**CHARLES BEST AFTER GRAD**' at time of order.

Thank you for your support!

604-931-2468






Or online: <https://meneds.ca/>

DRESS YOUR BEST TOMORROW

There's only 2 more Friday's left before Winter Break!
Wear school, team or grad swag on **Friday, December 12th**.

SPIRIT WEEK DEC 15-19

Charles Best is celebrating the last week of school before the winter break!
Join us with some winter spirit and earn a candy cane!

Monday, December 15th	Tuesday, December 16th	Wednesday, December 17th	Thursday, December 18th	Friday, December 19th
Christmas Decor	Christmas characters	Ugly Sweater	Pajamas	Dress Your Best
Wear your Christmas colours (red, green, white) and decor (lights, snowflakes, garland, etc).	Dress as an iconic Christmas character (Santa, Mrs. Claus, elf, reindeer).	Wear your ugly and silly sweaters!	Dress in your Christmas cozies!	Last day to wear your school, team, or grad swag.
				

SUGAR SHACK IS BACK

It's the best time of the year-sugar shack is back in room 108!

Please come and support the students on **Tuesday, December 16th** from blocks 2-5.

We will have cookies, brownies, carrot cake, rice Krispy squares, and cheese scones varying in price from \$2.50-\$3.75. We are also opening our cafe for **block 3** - an Americano is \$3 and a latte is \$4 😊

We will accept cash and card. Thanks for your support!

CLUB/TEAM PHOTOS

Artona will be on site the afternoon of **Wednesday, December 17th** to capture all Clubs and Fall/Winter team photos. Mr. Viveiros will be sharing a spread sheet of the schedule to Club Sponsor Teachers, Club Leaders, and Fall/Winter Athletic Coaches to sign up for a timeslot.
Spring teams will be photographed on March 11, 2026.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

LASALLE COLLEGE: CREATIVE SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

Previously known as SWEAT, RISE (Real-world Industry Skills and Experience) creative workshops for high school students are back for 2026 — and this time, on LaSalle's brand-new Vancouver campus! Open to grade 11 & 12 students, cost is \$150. **March 23-26**. Gain new skills and receive 30 hours of collaborative, hands-on work experience in Animation and 3D Modeling, Culinary & Baking and Pastry Arts, Digital Media Content Creation, Fashion- | Interior- | Jewellery- | Game Design, or Recording Arts. [More info.](#)

UBC BLACK FUTURES

This free, unique program will introduce black students in grades 11 & 12 to post-secondary options and discussions about higher education. You will meet with UBC students as well as a variety of faculty and other professionals. Transportation to and from UBC Vancouver (four sessions) will be provided and students will be chaperoned by SD43 teachers. Students DO NOT need to be planning on attending UBC. If you are interested, please see Ms. Kaufmann (Career Centre) **by December 18th**. There are only 10 spots available, so don't wait!

NEW WESTMINSTER STUDENT POLICE ACADEMY

Are you aged 16-18 and are considering a career in policing? This week-long program will provide you with unforgettable educational experiences in law enforcement. Participate in hands-on activities, learn from experienced professionals and get a behind the scenes look at all aspects of policing: Physical conditioning, self-defense, scenario-based simulations, etc. March 16-20, full-time. Open to domestic students only.

[Apply](#) before Wed, January 7.

HALL CONSTRUCTORS: PAID SPRING BREAK WORK EXPERIENCE

Are you a grade 12 student interested in exploring a future in construction? Earn \$25/hr while trying out real work in civil construction, mechanical (plumbing) trades, heavy duty mechanics and more. Must be available full-time (40 hrs/ week) March 16-27, 2026. Other requirements are physical ability to work outdoors, access to reliable transportation to and from construction sites across the Lower Mainland, CSA-certified steel-toed boots and work-appropriate clothing. <https://bdhall.bamboohr.com/careers/329> **Apply by January 17, 2026.**

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

SFU APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Are you in the process of applying to SFU but need a bit of help? Join on **Thu, December 18**, 6 pm, to learn about admission requirements, understand how SFU evaluates your high school courses, and get help navigating the admissions process with confidence. Applicants to the Beedie School of Business and the School of Contemporary Arts in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology will receive guidance on completing the supplemental applications. [Sign up.](#)

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: VIDEO INTERVIEW

Learn how to prepare for the UBC Sauder BCom Video Interview with guidance from the Recruitment & Admissions team. Hear from current Bachelor of Commerce students as they share their firsthand experiences and practical advice for navigating the video interview with confidence. **Fri, January 09**, 5-6 pm. [Register.](#)

VIRTUAL NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

Last chance before admission deadlines come up! Meet individually with professional representatives of accredited colleges and universities and get feedback and guidance on your portfolio before submitting your applications to arts, design, and architecture programs. Free. **Sat, January 11**, 9 am – 1 pm. [Sign up.](#)

BCIT ACE: ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND ENGINEERING

This unique certificate program provides entry-level skills, knowledge, and experience to students interested in exploring careers in the design-build sector. Offered as a series of part-time courses, commencing with three in-person courses delivered on-campus in July and August, followed by 12 months of online learning concurrent with work-integrated learning and internship placements. It is designed to be completed by a cohort of up to 24 students over a 14-month period. Fully funded. [More info/ application form.](#)

Deadline is February 28.

DUTCH UNIVERSITY COLLEGES WEBINAR

Are you hoping to take your post-secondary education abroad? Discover eight Dutch University Colleges that were established by top-ranked research universities in response to a growing demand for a more holistic type of education. The offered Liberal Arts & Science degrees foster critical thinking and academic excellence through unique curriculums and small class-sizes. Study and live together with students from all across the world. Register to [learn more](#) on **December 15**, 11:00 & 19:00 CET (2 am & 10 am PT)

CLUB EVENTS

TODAY - PAWS FOR A CAUSE BAKE SALE

Join Paws for a Cause in the front foyer **TODAY** for our Bakesale!
All proceeds will go towards the wish lists of the cats at the RAPS Cat Sanctuary.
These cats rely on community support for comfort items, enrichment toys, specialized food, and medical supplies. Your purchase helps bring a little extra love and care into their lives this holiday season.

TOMORROW - BEST MARINE CLUB BAKE SALE

Be sure to check out the bake sale hosted by the Best Marine Club on **Friday, December 12th**.

WEEKLY WAGGERS BAKE SALE

On **Monday, December 15th**, the Weekly Waggers Club will be hosting a bake sale in the front lobby.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

SCHULICH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Canada's largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships offer 50 x \$120,000 for engineering students and 50 x \$100,000 for STEM students to pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible program, plus enrichment opportunities throughout the year. We can nominate 1 student. We are looking for an entrepreneurial minded, charismatic future leader with grit and determination. [Submit your Schulich Brag Sheet](#) by **Sun, January 4**.

UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten "full-ride" scholarships are awarded each year to Canadian students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education. The intent of the Ugglia Family Scholarship is to promote equity and remove historical and existing discrimination, including barriers to full participation in social, cultural, economic and political life. **Apply by January 19, 2026.** [More here.](#)

TRICITIES SOROPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FEMALE GRADS

- Application deadline for both awards is January 15.** [More info.](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page)
- **BEA KELLY TEEN VOLUNTEER AWARD:** 5 x \$1,500 for young women in Grade 12 who make a difference in their community and/or school. Preference goes to young women in the TriCities.
 - **SPREAD YOUR WINGS AWARD:** 1 x \$1,500 for any female immigrant or refugee who has arrived in Canada in the past 10 years. Must be planning to attend a vocational/ skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.

WESTERN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Various awards of up to \$70,000 are available, recognizing all-round excellence. Must have a +90% average on all relevant Grade 12 courses, demonstrated creative and innovative thought, exceptional achievement in extracurriculars (i.e. athletics, arts), a commitment to community service, and a passion for learning. We can nominate 4 students (plus 1 international student). Submit your completed [Western brag sheet](#) to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca by the end of Sunday, December 14.

SFU UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS ENTRANCE AWARDS

Reminder: If you have applied to SFU and your grade 11 & 12 marks (in approved academics) average +90% you may be eligible for their entrance scholarships, up to \$60,000 for domestic students, and \$140,000 for international students. Strong extracurricular activities and references are required. [Apply](#) by **December 15**.

FRENCH NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

If you are in grades 10, 11, or 12, you could win one of 100 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$28,000 to study (completely or partially) in French at one of the 16 partnering post-secondary institutions all over the country. Invest in your future, en français! **Deadline: December 19.** [More info.](#)

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

GRAD WEAR UPDATE (2ND ORDER)

Total Spirit Cheerleading: "Our embroidery team says they should be able to get it done at a 3-week timeline and then we will pack it by student. Hopefully this will be done before your Christmas break if there are no delays. However, this is peak season right now & things do change on a day-by-day basis."

STUDENT PARKING UPDATE

We are now at capacity for student parking in the upper parking lot.

The upper lot is restricted for student pass holders and staff parking ONLY.

Student parking for non-pass holders is available at the Coquitlam Alliance Church, which is a short walk away at the corner of Mariner Way and Spuraway Avenue. Students are to park towards the back of the church lot.

GRAD PHOTOS

All remaining Grad photos will be taken at Artona's office or agreed upon location.

Please contact Artona directly ASAP to book. 604-872-7272 or <https://artona.com/bookings>

ATHLETICS



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For secondary sport updates and information...



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STARTS TOMORROW - JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL 'BEST BUCKETS' TOURNAMENT

Our school is hosting top junior girls basketball teams **December 12th & 13th**.

Best girls kick off the tournament with the first game on Dec. 12 @3:30pm!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Wed. Dec. 10-Sat. Dec. 13	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	TBI Elite Tournament @ Langley Events Centre
Thurs. Dec. 11 @ 6:00pm	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	Exhib. Game @ Point Grey Secondary
Thurs. Dec. 11-Sat. Dec. 13	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	GW Graham Tournament
Fri. Dec. 12 @ 3:30pm	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	BEST Buckets Tournament. Game 1 vs. Seycove
Fri. Dec. 12 all day	WRESTLING	Pinetree Secondary Novice Meet
Sat. Dec. 13 @ 8:30m or 11:30am	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Best Buckets Tournament vs. TBD
Fri. Dec. 12 @ 3:30pm	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	Exhib. Game @ Langley Christian