



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



## MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

### TODAY IS DAY 1

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



#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### CHARLES BEST ONLINE AUCTION

Students, tell you parents about this exclusive online auction! Over 30 items up for bid so don't miss out.

This auction **closes at 11:59pm on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. So many great things!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/aftergrad2026-online-silent-auction>

##### UPDATED 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
<b>Christmas Colours</b>	<b>Christmas Head Pieces</b>	<b>Christmas Sweater</b>	<b>WHITE OUT!</b>	<b>Pajama Day</b>
Wear your Christmas colours (red & green)	Wear iconic Christmas head pieces (Santa hats, reindeer antlers)	Wear festive sweaters!	Wear all white to support our Senior Girls Basketball @ 10:30!	Wear your cozy pajamas!
				

##### SUGAR SHACK IS BACK TOMORROW!

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

Please come and support the students **TOMORROW** 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 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.

#### CLUB EVENTS

##### TODAY - WEEKLY WAGGERS BAKE SALE

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

##### DISC GOLF CLUB KRISPY KREME SALE

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** is your last chance to get a Krispy Kreme donut before Winter Break!

Proceeds will go towards equipment and tournament entry fees for club participants.

##### STUDIO HEART CHRISTMAS THEMED JEWELRY AND BAKE SALE

Come check out the Christmas themed jewelry and baked goods on **Thursday, December 18th** in the lobby.

A last-minute gift idea perhaps?

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### **UBC GEERING UP STEM LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

This year-long initiative is focused on the professional development and training for the purposes of establishing strong values indicative of a STEM Ambassador. You will be expected to volunteer at least two weeks of full-time Summer Camp during July/ August - together with a Geering Up instructor team (There's a Coquitlam camp!). Learn technical engineering skills, understand the real-world applications of Engineering, gain teaching experience, and much more.

Open to High School students going into grades 10-12 in September 2026. **Apply [here](#) by January 3.**

### **EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY OF ARTS & DESIGN: TEEN ARTS CONTESTS**

ECU is celebrating the creativity, imagination, and innovation of young artists. Teens are invited to submit individual art pieces that reflect their artistic journey. Students 13+ participate in the Junior category, students 16-18 participate in the Senior category. You can win full tuition to the summer program at the ECU Art Institute and have your artwork featured. **Apply by January 16, 2026. [Details here.](#)**

### **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.](#)

### **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.**

## GRADE 12 INFORMATION

### **CAPSTONE CHECK-IN MEETINGS**

Grade 12 students who missed Capstone check-in meeting #2 can visit room 309 from Dec. 15 – 18<sup>th</sup> in their off block to complete a make-up assignment.

### **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>

## 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 Ugula 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.

## ATHLETICS



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### TOURNAMENT FOR EMILY

We are cohosting this memorial tournament with Riverside Secondary this week!  
First game for our Senior girls is here on Wednesday at 4:00pm.

**Thursday's game is at 10:30am vs. Kelowna Sec. and we are planning a WHITE OUT!**

Classes are invited to come and watch and students on an off block are welcome to come cheer the girls on as well! Friday's game is at 3:00pm opponent TBD

### UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
<b>Mon. Dec. 15 @ 4:00pm</b>	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	Exhib. game @ Heritage Woods
<b>Wed. Dec. 17-Fri. Dec. 19</b>	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	King George Sec. Tournament
<b>Wed. Dec. 17-Fri. Dec. 19</b>	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tournament for Emily @ Riverside Sec.
<b>Wed. Dec. 17 @ 4:00pm</b>	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tournament game vs. TBD
<b>Wed. Dec. 17 TBD</b>	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Exhib. game @ Riverside TBD
<b>Wed. Dec. 17 @ 4:00pm</b>	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME exhib. game vs. Riverside
<b>Wed. Dec. 17 @ 5:30pm</b>	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME exhib. game vs. Riverside
<b>Thurs. Dec. 18 @ 10:30am</b> <b>WHITE OUT GAME!</b>	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tournament game vs. Kelowna Sec.
<b>Thurs. Dec. 18-Sat. Dec. 20</b>	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	Queen Elizabeth Sec. Tournament
<b>Fri. Dec. 20 @ 3:00pm</b>	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Tournament game vs. TBD