



THE “BEST” INFORMER



TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

JANUARY*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLES BEST TUTORING SERVICES

The Charles Best Tutoring Service Executive Team is excited to introduce a new initiative launching in 2026 to support student success in mathematics.

Beginning Semester 2, Charles Best student tutors will be available during Blocks 2–4 in the Math Tutorial Room, offering extra help for Grade 9 and 10 students who may benefit from additional math support.

This initiative is designed to provide students with a welcoming space to ask questions, strengthen their understanding, and build confidence in their math skills.

We encourage parents, students, and teachers to take advantage of this free academic support and spread the word to students who may find it helpful.

SEMESTER II COURSE CHANGES

Course change requests were completed January 22nd.

HONOURS STANDING INFORMATION

The end of semester 1 marks are the first set of marks to determine Honours Standing for students in grade 10 – 12. Please see the previous newsletters (Dec. 5th and 19th) for the criteria, further details, and information.

WINTER ESSENTIALS DRIVE #2

We will be holding another winter essentials drive on **Saturday January 31st 9:30-2:00** at the front of our school. There are high needs for shelters, sleeping bags and blankets.

Kindly limit clothing donations to coats, boots and warm socks thank you.

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

FRIENDSHIP PHOTO NIGHT

Artona is looking forward to seeing you for your Grad Friendship Group Sessions!

Photo Date: **Thursday, January 29, 2026**

First Appointment: 4:30 PM

Location: In the Cafeteria

artona.com/bookings Students may visit our website to book an appointment or if they would like more information on the event: [Artona Grad Groups Photos](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

LANGARA COLLEGE INFO WEEK

Feb 2- 6 is your chance to learn how Langara College can get you on your way to your academic/ career goals: Health (incl. Kinesiology and Food & Nutrition), Arts (incl. Theatre, Music Production, Design, Journalism), Arts & Humanities, Business, and Science. Attend an info session or a trial class, connect with recruiters/ faculty/ student services, and get your questions answered. [Register and attend](#) to apply for free and to potentially win a \$250 Nike giftcard.

CLUB EVENTS

CBSS TUTORING SERVICES FUNDRAISER

Our tutoring club is hosting the 1st Krispy Kreme donut sale of the new year on **Friday, January 30th**. Come down to the front lobby and help support the club!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

UBC GIRLSMARTS4TECH IN-PERSON EVENT

Join us for an exciting UBC GIRLSmarts4tech x LMI Technologies in-person event for a behind-the-scenes look at how cutting-edge sensor technology is built — and the people who build it!

Kick the day off with a hands-on sensors workshop, where you learn by experimenting yourself.

Then, tour the LMI office to experience the fun day-to-day work life.

Before you go, hear from team members across different departments:

- Join the HR team for helpful tips on how to build a strong resume.
- Get to know how the IT team protects against cybersecurity threats, like phishing.
- Interested in coding? Software Engineers share their career journeys and advice.
- Learn what sensor software does from Research & Development Engineers.
- Project Managers give you a peek into planning and delivering sensor projects.

If you're interested in a career in tech or you just want to explore working in industry, this event is for you!

No prior experience needed — just curiosity!

Register now: <http://cs.ubc.ca/girlsmarts4tech/registration>

Please direct any questions to girlsmarts@cs.ubc.ca

PAID EMPLOYMENT WITH PRO WORKS PAINTING TRI-CITIES

Motivated and friendly door-to-door marketers are wanted for the Spring/ Summer season. Introduce services, provide basic information, and generate leads for the ProWorks sales team. Flexible hours, \$20/hour plus commission. [More info.](#)

Hard working, motivated individuals are wanted to join their spring/summer painting team. Must have a license and a vehicle (changing work sites), must be able to work full-time for **most of Summer Break**.

Average pay is \$28/hour. [More info.](#)

WESTERN IVEY BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

Students in grades 10-12 can get an understanding of the "case" method of learning for which the Ivey Business School is well recognized. Students are given a case describing a real-world situation in which some type of business problem is being faced, and they will work as a team to implement an action plan. [Apply by February 23](#) to participate in this free one-day event at Mulgrave School in Vancouver, **Sat, April 18, all day.**

UBC SAUDER CAP CASE COMPETITION

The UBC Commerce Advocate Program (CAP) is inviting high school students to participate in an immersive, full-day business case competition hosted at UBC's Sauder School of Business. Experience what business education at the university level looks like and network with Sauder student volunteers. Work in a team to analyze a real-world business case, develop strategic solutions and present your idea to judges.

Saturday, January 31st, 9.30 am – 5.30 pm. Cost: \$10 (includes food during the event). [Sign up here.](#)

ROTARY ADVENTURES IN CITIZENSHIP

150 students between 16-18 will be able to learn more about our federal government (May 24-27). There is ONE SPOT available for a Coquitlam student. Participation is fully sponsored by the Coquitlam Rotary Club incl. travel to Ottawa, accommodation at U of O, food, etc. **Apply by Sunday, February 22, [details here.](#)**

Selection criteria include academic standing, demonstrated leadership, community service.

SPRING BREAK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Rainforest Adventure Camps is providing outdoor-based camps for ages 5-12 and other programs in the Tri-Cities. They are looking for kind, patient, and respectful volunteers for their Spring Break programs. [More info.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

BCSTA STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Awarded to graduating BC students for their outstanding contributions to school and community. 3 x \$750 (one is reserved for Indigenous students). [Apply here](#) by **February 15.**

DISCOVER UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA BURSARIES

Up to 30 awards are available, up to \$8,000/year. Open to Canadian students, PR or refugees, based on demonstrated financial challenges and barriers to attending university. [Apply here](#) by **February 15.**

QUEEN'S MAJOR ACCESS AWARDS

Financial aid for the highest-need applicants so that they are empowered to accept their offer of admission to Queen's. \$10,000–\$18,000 per year (depending on program) for a recipient's four years of study to help them complete their degree. [More here.](#) **Deadline: February 15.**

PATHWAY TO TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

The B.C. Ministry of Education is awarding \$5,000 to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching. **Due by February 17, 3 pm.**

[More here.](#)

ATHLETICS



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For secondary sport updates and information...



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

BOYS RUGBY MEETING

Attention all boys interested in playing rugby from grades 9-12, there will be a meeting after school on **Thursday, January 29**, in room 604. Please come and meet our wonderful coaches.

TRACK & FIELD TEAM MEETING

If you are interested in joining Charles Best's Track & Field Team, there will be an information meeting on **Thursday, January 29th** in room 304 after school. No experience necessary!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

| DATE | TEAM | LOCATION/DETAILS |
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| Tues. Jan. 27 @ 7:30pm | SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL | AWAY game @ Pinetree Sec. |
| Wed. Jan. 28 @ 3:30pm | FIELD LACROSSE | HOME game vs. Vancouver College |
| Wed. Jan. 28 @ 4:00pm | GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL | HOME game vs. Pinetree Sec. |
| Wed. Jan. 28 @ 5:30pm | JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL | HOME game vs. Pinetree Sec. |
| Thurs. Jan. 29 @ 6:00pm SENIORS NIGHT! | SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL | HOME game vs. Riverside Sec. |
| Thurs. Jan. 29 @ 7:30pm SENIORS NIGHT! | SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL | HOME game @ Riverside Sec. |
| Fri. Jan. 30 @ 6:00pm | JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL | HOME game vs. Terry Fox Sec. |

