



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

### TODAY IS DAY 1

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



### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **TODAY - LEADERSHIP BAKE SALE**

Leadership students are hosting a bake sale on **Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** in the front lobby. Funds raised will help support future projects. Thanks for your support!

#### **PE LOCKER USE**

A reminder to all S2 PE students that the use of the small blue lockers in the PE hallway are at the student's risk and locks **MUST** be used to help protect personal belongings. Please bring your own lock.

**Locks CANNOT be removed from your assigned locker and used on the small blue PE lockers.**

#### **PAC MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

All parents are welcome to attend the next Parent Advisory Committee meeting at 7pm on **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the library.

#### **YDI AND SLS SURVEYS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

The Youth Development Index Survey and the annual Provincial Student Learning Survey in partnership with SFU is being conducted at Dr. Charles Best on **Thursday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**.

All students are participating in the survey.

Students stay in their block 2 class.

If a student doesn't have a block 2 class, please see the lists in the foyer, arranged alphabetically, to see what room they are in. For more information about the surveys, please read our newsletter from Feb. 13, 2026.

#### **ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Please note the change in bell schedule on **Wed., February 26<sup>th</sup>** to accommodate the YDI and SLS surveys:

Period	Start	Finish
1	8:21	9:25
2	9:30	10:34
Assembly	10:39	11:39
3	11:44	12:48
4	12:53	1:58
5	2:03	3:07

#### **IMMUNIZATION CLINIC #3**

Health Nurses will be on site in the cafeteria on **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the morning to immunize any remaining grade 9-12 students who have yet to be immunized.

Please bring your immunization forms to the nurses.

#### **PINK SHIRT DAY**

Wear a **pink shirt** on **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**! This year's theme reminds us to 'Sprinkle Kindness'.

A playful reminder that kindness grows when it's shared.

#### **AP PSYCHOLOGY 12 EXAM**

Any students interested in writing this exam please see Mrs. JOHN in the counselling office **before Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **CAP PHYSICS PRIZE EXAM. 3**

Grade 11/12 students interested in taking the CAP Physics Prize Exam on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**, please click on the link below for more information.

Where: At the school (room tbd)

More information can be found here:

<https://cap.ca/programs/recognitions/high-school-students/cegep-prize-exam/cap-hs-prize-exam/>

Please contact Mr. Chae ([jchae@sd43.bc](mailto:jchae@sd43.bc)) if you are interested in participating.

## CLUB EVENTS

\*\*\*WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENTS HAPPENING SOON\*\*\*

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### SFU SCIENCE ALIVE CODING WORKSHOPS

Science ALIVE is launching a new round of online workshops for high school students to learn how to code and implement popular digital tools. These workshops are free, with many beginner and intermediate level workshops available. Students are welcome to sign up for as many workshops as they'd like!

The program runs **Feb 14 - April 25**, various dates. <https://sciencealive.ca/hour-of-code>

### ROCKY POINT ICE-CREAM HIRING FAIR

Looking for a summer job? Download the [application form](#), fill it out and bring it to the Hiring Fair along with your resume! The Canteen & Creamery, 2920 Murray St, Port Moody | **Sun, February 22**, 10 am - 2 pm.

They are hiring at all locations, Port Moody, New West, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam.

Looking for friendly, hardworking people who love teamwork, good vibes and ice-cream.

Applicants must be Canadian or Permanent Residents.

### YOUTH 4 ACTION SPRING BREAK WORKSHOP

Think Global, Lead and Act Local. Ready to make a difference and take action for sustainability? Join high school students from across Metro Vancouver for three action-packed days of leadership, learning, and fun!

Meet inspiring professionals and explore unique sustainability career paths, learn about climate change impacts and share strategies for adaptation and mitigation, get to know Metro Vancouver's role and services and provide input on upcoming initiatives, and more. Free. [Apply](#) by **March 4, 2026**.

### STEM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Kids Computer Program at CLCI is looking for classroom volunteers (grade 9 and up) to support a coding program (Scratch and Micro:bit) for Elementary School students. **Saturdays, March 7 - June 6** (no class on March 21 + 28, April 4), 2.15 - 4 pm, at Como Lake Middle.

If you enjoy working with kids, are interested in STEM, and are available ideally for the full program, contact Lucie at [sd43computers@gmail.com](mailto:sd43computers@gmail.com) or 778 868 4498 (call or text).

### WHAT THE L (GET YOUR LEARNER'S LICENCE)

SD43 students 16+ can now apply to participate in a 2-day instructional program with an ICBC instructor to prepare for the Learner's Permit test. On the second day of the program, students will take the test. This opportunity is designed for students who may face barriers, including but not limited to text anxiety, learning challenges, financial need, etc. Selection criteria are student's needs/ barriers, age, attendance, and good standing with the school. May 12 and May 10, all day, Winslow Centre. Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch, and transportation to ICBC. Hand your completed [application form](#) to Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office by **March 11, 3 pm**.

### SD43 INDIGENOUS TRADES SAMPLER

This is a hands-on, in-the-shop event designed for students in Grades 9-12 who identify as Indigenous. This 3-day experience aims to inspire students to explore the skilled trades and gain some basic skills in the shop.

Participants will get to build a take-home project and learn foundational skills in Carpentry and CNC Machining. **Wed, April 29 - Fri, May 1**, all day at Port Moody Secondary. [More info here](#). Hand your completed application to the Indigenous Youth Worker or to Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office by **March 11, 3 pm**.

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### CAREER PATHS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT - INFO SESSION

Join one of JIBC's upcoming info sessions to learn more about the program structure and courses, career opportunities in law enforcement and public safety, and hear from faculty, admissions experts, and current students. **Application deadline for all programs is March 11.**

- Info Session - [Diploma in Law Enforcement Studies](#):  
**February 25**, 6-7 pm, JIBC New Westminster campus. [Register Now](#)
- Virtual Info Session - [Bachelor Law Enforcement Studies](#): **February 26**, 6-7 pm. [Register Now](#)

### UBC OKANAGAN - EXTENDED APPLICATION DEADLINE

The following undergraduate degrees still have space for both domestic students and international students: Applied Science (Engineering), Bachelor of Arts, Commerce, Science, Fine Arts, Health & Exercise Sciences, Media Studies, and Sustainability. If you are graduating and still want to apply, head over to Education Planner BC **before March 31** – but don't delay, applications will close when a program has reached capacity.

## SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

### SFU ENTRANCE BURSARIES & AWARDS

For entering students with grade average +80% and demonstrated financial need. **Deadline is March 31.**  
[Apply here.](#)

### DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Up to \$20,000. Available for students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities, including the promotion of social justice and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation within their schools and/or communities. [Apply here](#) by **March 31.**

## GRADE 12 INFORMATION

### GRAD TRANSITION WORKSHOP #1

A reminder to all grade 12's. Sign-up in room 309 for CLC12's first grad transition workshop.  
 Attend during one off-block **between Feb. 13 – March 6.**

## ATHLETICS



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics  
 Home of the Blue Devils  
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[charlesbestathletics.weebly.com](http://charlesbestathletics.weebly.com)



For secondary sport updates and information...



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### TODAY - ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Come warm up for the Ultimate season! Join us for informal practices **TODAY** at 3:30pm on the turf.  
 Info on official tryouts coming soon. Hope to see you there!

### TODAY - JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

**February 20th** at 3:30 pm on the upper field.  
 Questions? See Ms. Dos Santos or Ms. Megan Meredith.

### GOLF PLAYERS

Attention Charles Best Golf Team Members: All fees must be paid by **March 13<sup>th</sup>** (pay via School CashOnline or at office) and make sure to **return your forms** to Coach Max in the office or on his TEAMS page.  
 The Blue Jacket Tournament- **Tuesday, March 24th**- rain or shine event- includes a green fees and a hot dog and a drink- all paid players on the team are eligible. You will receive an email and invitation once your golf fees and athletic fees are paid. Must pay before March 13<sup>th</sup> deadline to attend this tournament.

### DISTRICT MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

Are you interested in participating on the SD43 Competitive Mountain Bike team?  
 Team members must supply own gear. Please scan the QR code for more information.  
 Questions? Please email Mr. Raabe [braabe@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:braabe@sd43.bc.ca)



### UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
<b>Fri. Feb. 20 after school</b>	JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS	Upper field
<b>Fri. Feb. 20 after school</b>	ULTIMATE FRISBEE	Informal Practice upper field
<b>Fri. Feb. 20 – Sat. Feb. 21 all day</b>	WRESTLING	<b>PROVINCIALS @ PNE Forum</b>
<b>Mon. Feb. 23 – Fri. Feb. 27</b>	FIELD LACROSSE	End of Season Tournament @ Best/Cent
<b>Wed. Feb. 25-Sat. Feb 28</b>	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	<b>PROVINCIALS @ Langley Events Center.</b> Game times TBD
<b>Wed. Feb. 25 @ 1:15pm</b>	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Game 1 of Provincials vs. Seaquam @ Langley Events Centre (South Court)