



THE "BEST" INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

Friday, February 27th is a Pro D Day which means no school for students!
Classes resume on **Monday, March 2nd**.

2026-2027 COURSE SELECTIONS

Grade 9-11 students, the **deadline of March 1st** is fast approaching to select your next year courses and enter them in your MYED portals. Don't delay, especially if you need assistance with portal access!

Once entered in MYED, please drop off your course selection form to the bin in the Counselling office.

GRADE 11'S, reminder you must book an appointment to discuss your Grade 12 course selections.

Book an appointment here:

<https://outlook.office.com/book/CourseChangeBookings@sd43bccca.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenable>

LAST CHANCE - AP PSYCHOLOGY 12 EXAM REGISTRATION

Any students interested in writing this exam please see Mrs. JOHN in the counselling office **before THURSDAY**.

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. 26th**.

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 alphabetical lists in the foyer to see what room you are in. For more information about the surveys, please read our newsletter from Feb. 13, 2026.

ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Please note the change in bell schedule on **Thursday, February 26th** 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

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.

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) if you are interested in participating.

CLUB EVENTS

YOUTH IN ACTION

Youth in Action Club is fundraising in the lobby on **Thursday, February 26th**. Be sure to check it out!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

BUILDING TOMORROW YOUTH TRADES FAIR

Get ready to explore exciting career paths and hands-on experiences. Representatives from leading trades schools, companies, and institutions will be present to provide information about education pathways, job opportunities, industry trends, and more. Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver, **Tue, March 10**, 4-7.30 pm. **FREE** for students or their parents/ guardians to attend, and free pizza and pop/water will be provided. [Register here](#). There are also [scholarship opportunities](#) for attendees.

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>

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 or 778 868 4498 (call or text).

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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**.

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Grade 12s, applications are now accepted for our school-administered scholarships. 61 awards ranging from \$250 to \$2,500 are waiting for you. Criteria vary: Leadership, citizenship, school or community involvement, financial need, pursuing specific programs in post-secondary, achievement in a variety of areas, incl. athletics, applied skills, trades, languages, etc. You can find everything you need to know [here](#). **Deadline is Sun, March 29**. Questions? See Ms. Kaufmann before Spring Break.

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**.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

LANGARA-FEST: INFO FAIR & OPEN HOUSE

Explore Langara College on **Wed, March 4**, 4-7 pm. Dive into programs through hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations, connect with students and instructors, and uncover opportunities you never imagined. Whether you have a clear plan or you're still figuring it out, come explore, ask questions, and find what feels right. Plus, enjoy a complimentary meal from Vera's Burgers and take home a swag bag!
[Register to attend.](#)

TONIGHT - 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.

ATHLETICS



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics
 Home of the Blue Devils
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For secondary sport updates and information...



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GOLF PLAYERS

Attention Charles Best Golf Team Members: All fees must be paid by **March 13th** (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 13th deadline to attend this tournament.

DISTRICT MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

The Charles Best Mountain Bike Team is gearing up for a new season! If you're already into mountain biking and ready to ride and push your limits, we want you on the team. This team is designed for riders who are confident on trails and looking to push themselves. To sign up, scan the QR code found in the Informer, outside Room 101 or email Mme. Deacon for the registration link.



UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE	TEAM	LOCATION/DETAILS
Mon. Feb. 23 – Thurs. Feb. 26	FIELD LACROSSE	End of Season Tournament @ Best
Wed. Feb. 25-Sat. Feb 28	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	PROVINCIALS @ Langley Events Center. Game times TBD
Wed. Feb. 25 @ 1:15pm	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	Game 1 of Provincials vs. Seaquam @ Langley Events Centre (South Court)
Wed. Feb. 25 @ 3:15pm	UNIFIED BASKETBALL	HOME OPENER! Best hosting in large gym
Wed. Feb. 25 @ 4:00pm	GIRLS RUGBY	AWAY game @ Lord Tweedsmuir Sec.
Thurs. Feb. 26 @ 3:00pm	SENIOR BOYS RUGBY	AWAY game vs. PMSS @ Banting Middle
Thurs. Feb. 26 @ 4:00pm	FIELD LACROSSE	Tournament game vs. Riverside on upper field
Thurs. Feb. 26 @ 9:00pm	FIELD LACROSSE	Tournament game vs. Vancouver College on upper field
Fri. Feb. 27 @ 4:00pm	JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY	AWAY game vs. Pinetree Sec. @ Maple Creek Middle