



THE “BEST” INFORMER



TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM SPELLING BEE

Staff and students be sure to check out our school’s play running **March 5, 6, 7 and 10, 11 and 13!** This year’s play, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” is a hilarious and heartfelt musical following 6 quirky spellers as they compete for glory at the local spelling bee. Opening night is this Thursday, tickets are only \$12 for students and \$15 for adults. Come laugh, cringe and maybe even learn a new word or two!

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

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENTS HAPPENING SOON

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

RELAY FOR LIFE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The SFU Canadian Cancer Society is looking for volunteers (age 16+) for their annual fundraising event happening **Sat, March 21st**, 3-9PM, at the SFU Burnaby Campus. Relay for Life is the annual walk-a-thon event to show support for those affected by cancer, and to fundraise for the Canadian Cancer Society. Various positions, [sign up](#) by **March 6**.

PLACE DES ARTS SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY

Place des Arts is seeking reliable and enthusiastic youth volunteers (age 14+) to assist with their children’s Spring Break Camps. Volunteers help escort students, take attendance, assist in classrooms, supervise breaks, and support sign-in/sign-out procedures. You can volunteer for half days or full days but must be available for at least one of the weeks, March 16–20 or March 23–27. **Mandatory orientation on March 13**, 4.30-6 pm.

Apply by Friday, March 6, [more info](#).

FESTIVAL DU BOIS VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Be part of this great event by joining as a volunteer. Event dates are **March 6-8**, but volunteers might be needed as well for pre-festival work and take down. [Sign up here](#).

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.

DREAM IT, BE IT – CAREER CONFERENCE

The TriCities Soroptimist Club is inviting female students in grades 9 – 12 to explore career pathways on **Sat, March 14**, 2-5.30 pm (PoCo Community Centre). The free event includes a panel discussion, a speed-dating style career fair with 30+ women showcasing their professions and career pathways, snacks & beverages, and door prizes. [Sign up](#).

CAMP IGNITE

Female students, currently in grades 11-12, will have the chance to explore the many aspects and specialties associated with firefighting. Camp Ignite is a three-night, three-day camp (August 7-9, Lower Mainland location TBA) that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. [Apply here](#) by **May 1**.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

TOMORROW - 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.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY VISIT

Stop by the lobby on **Monday, March 9**, after school, to say hi to the U. of Calgary recruiter. Get your questions answered or simply stop by to find out why Calgary could be a great choice for post-secondary.

STUDY IN THE UK FAIR

Connect with some of the UK's top institutions on **Wed, March 11**, 3-7 pm (Vancouver Convention Centre). Join seminars hosted by leading universities and take advantage of the opportunity to receive on-the-spot offers. You'll also have the chance to speak with UK university specialists and get personalized guidance on your study plans. [Register.](#)

DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO NIGHTS

Students are invited to learn more about the program options available at Douglas College. In-person, **Wed, March 11**, 5 pm, Coquitlam campus | **Thu, March 12**, 5 pm, New Westminster campus. [Register.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

Attention Grade 12s: If you have spare time on your hands during Spring Break, check out some scholarships. One starting point could be [the Career Centre website](#) with currently 30+ different opportunities listed.

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.

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Around 100 scholarships and bursaries starting at \$1,000. Submit one application to be considered for any award you are eligible for. Financial need will be considered, but various awards are merit-based.

[Apply](#) by **March 31, 2026.**

BCIT PATHWAY TO SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIPS

3 x \$3,000 are available for SD43 students entering a full-time first year technology, technical studies or trade program (excluding apprenticeship) directly from high school. These awards are recognizing well-rounded citizens, who have displayed leadership qualities, and have demonstrated that they are willing to work hard to achieve their goals. Commitment and drive are as important as formal academic standing.

[Apply](#) by **Thu, April 2**, 3 pm. [More info.](#)

SD43 SCHOLARSHIPS – NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Various financial awards are available for SD43 graduates, incl. the **Roughead Student Athlete Scholarship** which is only open to CBSS graduates who will be playing a varsity sport at a Canadian post-secondary institution. You'll need a personal letter, a resume, and must complete an online application to be considered for as many awards as you are eligible for. [More info.](#) **Deadline is April 15.**

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



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STARTS TODAY - ULTIMATE FRISBEE TRYOUTS

Ultimate Frisbee Tryouts will be on **Tuesday, March 3rd** and **Wednesday, March 4th**.

Today's tryouts have been moved to Hillcrest Middle School.

at 3:30pm. All students are welcome to come try out!

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
Tues. Mar. 3/Wed. Mar. 4 @ 3:30pm	ULTIMATE FRISBEE	Tryouts on upper field
Thurs. Mar. 5	GIRLS RUGBY	Game TBD
Thurs. Mar. 5 @ 4:00pm	SENIOR BOYS RUGBY	HOME game vs. Riverside
Fri. Mar. 6 @ 4:00pm	JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY	Game vs. Heritage Woods Sec. @ TBD