



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



## THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

### TODAY IS DAY 1

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



#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **OPENING NIGHT TONIGHT - THE 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 TONIGHT**, tickets are only \$12 for students and \$15 for adults. Come laugh, cringe and maybe even learn a new word or two!

**OPENING NIGHT SPECIAL-** Charles Best students are 2 for 1 so grab a friend and bring them to the show!

##### **DRESS YOUR BEST TOMORROW**

Friday is 'Dress your Best'! Wear school swag, team wear or dress in school colours on **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**.

##### **THIS WEEKEND - KIDSPORT USED EQUIPMENT SALE**

The annual used sports equipment sale is this **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at Riverside Secondary School from 10am-1pm. Save on all kinds of sporting equipment and is open to everyone!

Admission by donation or non-perishable food item for the Share Food Bank.

Give back! Donate your gently used equipment from Feb. 21-Mar. 6 at the following locations:

Port Moody Rec. Centre, Poirier Rec. Centre and PoCo Rec. Centre.

For more information google [www.kidsporttricity.ca](http://www.kidsporttricity.ca)

##### **SPRING TEAM AND CLUB PHOTOS**

Spring Teams and any clubs who missed the last photo day will be scheduled for photo day on

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** starting at 1:30pm in the cafeteria.

Please check in with your coach and/or sponsor teacher for your time as they will be signing up for a timeslot.

Groups are to arrive 10 minutes prior to scheduled time slots.

##### **ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

Classes are shortened due to parent/teacher interviews on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

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| Period 1 | 8:16am – 9:05am   |
| Period 2 | 9:10am – 10:00am  |
| Period 3 | 10:05am – 10:55am |
| Period 4 | 11:00am – 11:50pm |
| Period 5 | 11:55pm – 12:45pm |

##### **DEVILS DEN RAFFLE TICKET SALES**

During Period 2 at the Devil's Den, you can purchase raffle tickets for a basket of goodies!

Come and check it out!

##### **PET FOOD COLLECTION**

The homeless community our school is supporting is in dire need of food for animals.

Our Youth Worker Heather B will be collecting dog and cat, wet, dry and treats until **Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Please drop off in Heather's Youth Worker room on the lower floor across from foods and get a prize.

#### CLUB EVENTS

##### **3D PRINT CLUB SALE**

The 3D Print Club will be in the front lobby on **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** selling fidgets and toys so be sure to check it out!

##### **PAWS FOR A CAUSE BAKE SALE**

Come check out the bake sale in the lobby on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** hosted by Paws for a Cause.

There'll be lots of great goodies to choose from!

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### LAST CHANCE - 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**.

### LAST CHANCE - 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](#).

### THIS WEEKEND - 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](#).

### 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**.

## 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**.

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## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### 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.](#)

## ATHLETICS



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### SR. BOYS BASKETBALL MEETING

For anyone interested in playing Sr. Boys Basketball next school year, there will be a meeting on **Monday, March 9th** after school at 3:20pm in the cafeteria.

If you have any questions, you can contact Daniel Depelteau [daniel@3Dbasketball.net](mailto:daniel@3Dbasketball.net).

### UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

| DATE                          | TEAM                   | LOCATION/DETAILS                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Thurs. Mar. 5</b>          | GIRLS RUGBY            | Game TBD                                              |
| <b>Thurs. Mar. 5 @ 4:00pm</b> | SENIOR BOYS RUGBY      | HOME game vs. Riverside                               |
| <b>Fri. Mar. 6 @ 4:00pm</b>   | JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY      | Game vs. Heritage Woods Sec. @ TBD                    |
| <b>Mon. Mar. 9 @ 3:20pm</b>   | SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL | Meeting for interested next year players in cafeteria |