

Dr. Charles Best Secondary

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Our school goal is to develop a culture of connectedness and belonging within the school, among school staff, students, and our parent community, in order to enhance opportunities for collaborative partnerships.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 19

Pro-D Day (students do not attend school)

October 24

Fall Music Concert 7PM Gym

October 31

Halloween Assembly

November 5

PAC General Meeting 7PM Library

November 7

Holocaust Symposium

November 8

Remembrance Day Assembly

November 9

Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum
(student do not attend school)

November 12

Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday

November 14

Take Your Kids to Work Day (grade 9)

November 16

We for She Day

After Grad Fundraiser Shopping Extravaganza

6-10PM Gym

November 22

We Day Vancouver

November 23

First Formal Report Card distributed to students

November 27 (November 27-December 1)

MetFest 7-9:30PM Small Gym

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a beautifully amazing Autumn it has been. Somehow everything looks like a painting when the sun is shining and the leaves are changing their hue. Hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors the past few weeks. I have been so impressed with the many student initiatives that are up and running at Dr. Charles Best this year. Our teams are all doing very well. Our Clubs Day was very successful. Our Orange Shirt Day was a wonderful recognition of hope. Thank you to the many Charles Best students who participated and supported this event. Our Parent Teacher Interviews were extremely well attended. Our Music Concert is ready to go for next week (Wednesday night). Our grads sailed around the Downtown Vancouver Harbor without a single incident. (Senior Sail) In fact, I would go one step farther and describe them as a classy, responsible and fun group of young people. They were so dressed up – they looked fantastic. There were a few dance floors including one on the roof of the boat and despite the rain many of the grads were up there dancing all night. The chocolate fountain flowed and the music made the dancing contagious! I was not the only adult on the boat who was impressed with them that night. The head of security stopped the grads from exiting the boat so I asked, 'what's wrong?' He replied, "I have never seen a better group of grads on a boat cruise. They were all having fun, they were respectful, appreciative and just a really nice group of kids – I want to shake everyone's hand as they leave the boat." He shook everyone's hand and thanked them for their behavior. Pure Class! I was so, so proud. Thank you to all of the grads for that!

Heather Murphy, Principal
Dr. Charles Best Secondary School

ATTENDANCE SYSTEM

The new attendance system was implemented this week. If you receive a message that your child had an unexcused absence and you have a concern, please contact the teacher by email to clarify the absence.

PARKING AND DROP OFF

Reminder to all parents that students are only to be dropped off or picked up in front of the school or in the parking lot by the upper field. There have been a number of parents parking and dropping students off in the parking lot by the roundabout. This is extremely dangerous as we have a high volume of students usually crossing this parking lot to get to the school or access the portables. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CHARLES BEST SPIRITWEAR

Charles Best school clothing is available now until October 31 on our website under "Quick Links". All clothing is shipped directly to the school in early December. Sample sizes are available to try on in the office. There are no refunds for wrong sizing. This is the only clothing sale this school year so don't miss out!

TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK (GRADE 9) NOVEMBER 14

This is a Canada wide program where parents, relatives, friends or volunteers take students to work. The program was started in 1994 to provide students the opportunity to see and experience real workplaces and professions. There is an assignment that students need to complete which has been given to them today. This assignment is due back to their block 2 teacher on November 15th.

FALL ATHLETICS

SPORTS

Cross Country
Field Hockey – Girls
Soccer – Senior Boys
Soccer – Junior Boys
Swimming
Volleyball – Senior Boys
Volleyball – Junior Boys
Volleyball – Senior Girls
Volleyball – Junior Girls
Volleyball – Grade 9 Girls

COACH(ES)

Dylan Gant, Diane Silzer
Carol Coulson, Christine Jenkins
Dave Jones, Alfonso Napoletano
Vivienne Royle
Chuck Baker, Con Kudaba
Jon Wiskar
Brent Raabe
Warren Chang
Dave Jones
Dina Howell

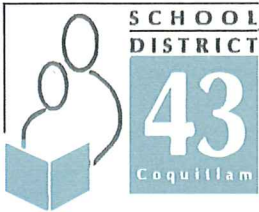
CHARLES BEST WINTER FEST POP UP MARKET NOVEMBER 16

Come out and get your Christmas shopping done at the Charles Best Winter Fest Pop up Market from 6 – 9:30 PM on FRIDAY NOV 16th in the Best Gym. Tickets are available online for \$2 at

<https://charlesbest.fundraiserorders.com/admin/?sid=&un=0> Bring your friends along and sign up for PAINT NITE (\$50), FLORAL ARRANGEMENT SESSION by FRAN'S FLOWERS (\$35) and/or a WOODEN SIGN DECORATING SESSION before or after you are done your shopping. These sessions must be signed up for in advance and can be purchased online with your \$2 entrance ticket. Complete the night with a drink at the Wine Bar and enjoy the Silent Auction, Wine raffle and more. Don't miss this exciting evening in support of the 2019 Graduating Class

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Back by popular demand, we have 6.5" red, white and pink poinsettia plants, 10" Holiday planter and 22" premium wreaths available to complete your Christmas home decor. Order deadline is Nov 21, 2018 and pick up will be at the school on Monday, December 3 after school. Orders can be placed on the school website by the end of next week. Thank you for supporting the 2019 Graduating Class.



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October 17, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Employees,

School District 43 is committed to the well-being of our students and employees. In support of that, we are communicating the following information regarding the legalization of cannabis and its use/consumption in or on school property.

As of October 17, 2018, Cannabis (marijuana) is legal in Canada through the Cannabis Act.

School District 43 has prepared for this and in short, SD43 prohibits, and will continue to prohibit, the possession, consumption, production, supply, sale, purchase or attempt to purchase cannabis by anyone in or on school property.

The [Cannabis Act](#) creates a legal and regulatory framework for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis in Canada.

Implementation of the new law pertaining to cannabis will be a shared responsibility between the federal, provincial and territorial governments. In BC, only adults 19 years of age and older will be able to purchase, process, consume, grow, share or make products with cannabis within strict legal parameters and regulations.

With specific reference to minors and schools, the Federal Act:

- Restricts youth access to cannabis;
- Prohibits promotions that are designed to encourage youth to use cannabis;
- Imposes serious criminal penalties on people who break the law, especially those who import or export cannabis illegally, or provide cannabis to youth.

To further protect youth, the Cannabis Act prohibits anyone from selling or providing cannabis to any person under the age of 18 years, but in BC, Provincial Regulation raises that limit to 19 years of age. The Cannabis Act also creates two new criminal offences, with maximum penalties of 14 years in jail for:

- Giving or selling cannabis to youth; and
- Using a youth to commit a cannabis-related offence.

The BC governments' [Cannabis Control and Licensing Act](#) further dictates that any person must not consume cannabis in or on school property (Section 61).



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Specifically related to minors, the Provincial Act also stipulates the following:

(Section 69)

- A person must not sell or supply cannabis or a cannabis accessory to a minor.
- A person must not allow a minor to consume or possess cannabis in a place under a person's control.

(Section 71) (2)

- A minor must not market, advertise or promote cannabis.

(Section 73)

- A minor must not possess, consume, produce, supply, sell, purchase or attempt to purchase cannabis.
- A minor must not possess, make, supply, sell, purchase or attempt to purchase a cannabis accessory.

Any violations of the Act by youth would be dealt with under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. BC prohibits the possession of any amount of cannabis by youth.

SD43 will continue to prohibit all cannabis related instances as supported by Federal and Provincial Act and Regulations, and violations will be dealt with as permitted by the School Act, District and School Codes of Conduct, and/or involvement with the police.

In addition to the regulations outlined above, the school district will continue to educate students on healthy lifestyle choices, the impacts of substances on the mind and body, and appropriate decision-making.

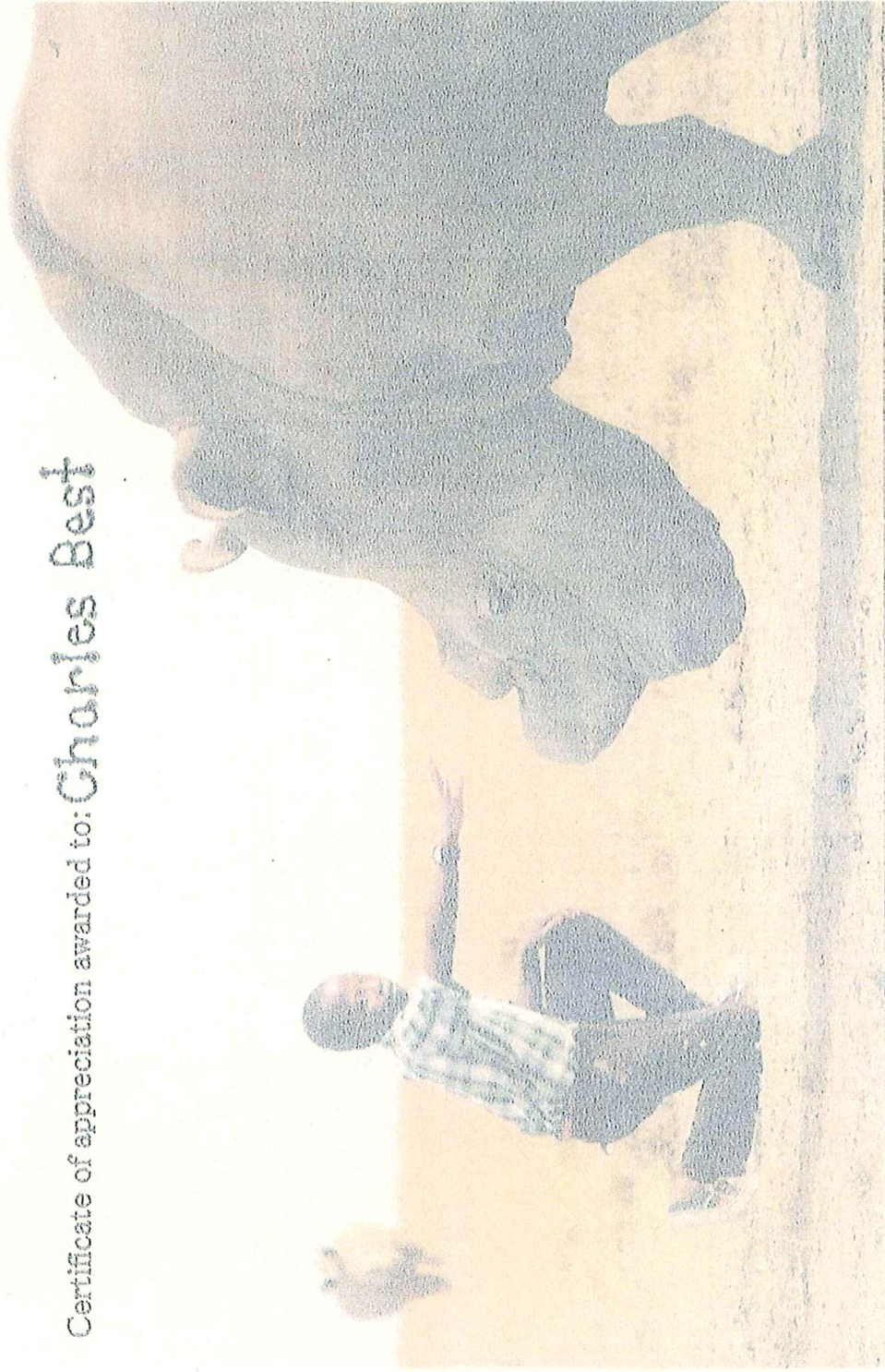
Thank you for your attention to this important update.

Sincerely

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent of Schools

PA-MOJA Scholarship Program

Certificate of appreciation awarded to: **Charles Best**



PA-MOJA would like to congratulate you for raising the funds to put John Akwam through grade 10 this year. Providing the opportunity for education changes the life of a Kenyan student and helps support wildlife in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

Great Job!!



Charles Best

Chill Out

Winter Fest Pop Up Market

FRIDAY, Nov 16th

Time: 6 – 9:30PM

PRE ORDER TICKETS AT:
<https://charlesbest.fundraiserorders.com>

\$2 Tickets at the door

Vendors: Vivio Flowers, YL ess oils, Sweet Legs, Norwex, Rack Fashions, AND more!

Wine Bar for Parents!

Sign up for

***Paint Night!**
\$50 all items included to create a masterpiece

'Decorate Gifts with Greens' *
Learn how to use flowers & greens to wrap your gifts!
\$35 all supplies included.
Courtesy of Fran's Flowers.

***Must Sign Up** Via the Link Above **by Nov 12th**