

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx>

Principal – Heather Murphy

Vice-Principals – Gordon Easton, David Jones, and Joel Nelson

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, February 5

Report cards available in MYED Parent Student Portals

Wednesday, February 10

Regular Wednesday Class Schedule

Monday, February 15

BC Family Day (School Not in Session)

Friday, February 19

'Dress Your Best'

Wednesday, February 24

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)

Friday, February 26

District Pro-D (School Not in Session)

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Quarter 3



February 8 – February 12, 2021

Q3 Second Week Schedule

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0 (linear)	7:00 - 8:00 60 min	LINEAR: Band/Choir - Gr. 11/12; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - Mr. Hughes to advise students when to attend i.e., choir, band, and various levels, etc. LINEAR: Basketball/Fitness, Butterfly Effect				
1 (quarter)	8:05 - 10:35 warning bell @ 10:05 120 + 30** (Wed. Flex is 15 min not 30)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)
	10:35 - 11:05 30 min	L U N C H				
2 (quarter)	11:05 - 1:35 warning bell @ 1:05 120 + 30** min	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	On-Line 11:30 - 1:30	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)
3 (semester)	1:40 - 3:00 * 65 + 15** min	In class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	On-Line 2:00 - 3:00 pm + 15 min Flex	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)
X (linear)	3:05 - 4:20 60 + 15** min	LINEAR: Band/Choir - Gr. 11/12; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - Mr. Hughes to advise when to attend i.e., choir, band, and various levels, etc., Drama – Tues, Thurs LINEAR: Fly Fishing, Athletic Leadership, Butterfly Effect - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - TBC by teachers (alternating). Times will be flexible depending on the projects.				

Q3 runs – February 2 – April 22, 2021

* Period 3 Linear Jr. Band/Choir - Gr. 9/10; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - alpha splits

Semester All other Blk 3 - will alternate and Wednesdays will be on-line

** Flex Optional Flex (Wednesday Flex between periods 4 and 5 is 15 minutes, students who need time to get home do not stay for flex)

ENHANCED SAFETY MEASURES FOR K-12 SCHOOLS | BC GOV NEWS

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021EDUC0011-000201>

Dear Best Families,

Yesterday there was a government announcement of 'enhanced safety measures.' The Dr. Charles Best safety measures are very much already in line with these measures. In fact, I would say we are already meeting or exceeding the necessary precautions at Best. We will continue to wear masks, hand sanitize, consistently clean touch point surfaces, social distance and maintain the hybrid/ quarter timetable. Our staff and students have been working together to limit and prevent COVID exposures. We appreciate that at home our families continue to work against the spread of this virus. We cannot let up. Thank you for being safe and being diligent. Thank you for understanding and cooperation. Thank you – Heather Murphy, Principal Dr. Charles Best

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The counselors will start programming our current Grade 9 -11s for the 2021-2022 school year in February. Here are some important upcoming dates:

- February 10th at 3:15pm - Current Grade 11 Student Programming Presentation online via Teams. Course selection sheets will be distributed in class and will be available in the Counselling Centre.
- February 11/12th - Current Grade 9 Programming Presentation (in class).
- February 15th – 25th - Current Grade 11 students need to meet with their counsellor to discuss their course selection and how it relates to graduation and future plans.
- February 17th at 5:00pm** - Current Grade 10 Student Programming Presentations online via Teams. Course selection sheets will be distributed in class and will be available in the Counselling Centre.
- February 18th at 7:00pm**
posted on our web site) - **Current Grade 9 – 11 Parent Programming Presentation via Zoom (the invite will be posted on our web site)**
- February 24/25th - On line Programming with current Grade 9 students (in class)
- **Please ensure that your Grade 9 son/daughter has access to a computer at school this day and knows how to sign into their MyEd Portal.**
- March 1st - Final Deadline for current Grade 11 and 12 course selection sheets. These are due in the Counselling Center.

Parents, please review the course selection sheet with your child and remember to sign the bottom of the form. All Grade 11's needs to meet with their counselor February 15th and 25th. Please have your child sign up for an appointment in the counselling office. Post-secondary requirements are very specific so please do your research ahead of time.

The course calendar will be available online on our Charles Best website. Please feel free to contact any of the counselors if you have questions.

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YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are selling fast! Only 162 remaining for the whole school...do not miss out! These can be purchased online only on the school website, Quick Links, Student Fees.

FLY FISHING CLASS AND ARCHERY CLASS

Top archers in the Fly-Fishing class this week were Mel, Eiko and Jeffery. They each won a free lunch at the school cafeteria. Next week the class will be learning how to tie a new fly pattern, the egg sucking leach, in expectation of getting back out on the water.



WOOD SHOP CLASS QUARTER 1

The two photos of the kids playing with the dice are some 'yard dice' we made for a class at Baker Elementary so they could play math games. The dice were made by Gavin L.



The 2 photos of the kids playing at the mud kitchen was a project a few of my students made for a day care/preschool at Port Moody Secondary. The mud kitchen was made by Spencer H, Chris W, and Harry C.



The final project was a beautiful epoxy river charcuterie board made by Remo S.



ATTENTION GRADE 12 GRADS!

We need your gown size! Please have your parents go to school website, **Quick links**, Student Fees, Graduation – Commencement. Here you can pay the fee and enter your height in feet and inches. **Please order by February 12, 2021.**

If your child is not planning to attend the Charles Best Graduation Ceremony on June 9, please let us know by emailing charlesbestaccounting@sd43.bc.ca by Feb 12 so the grad fee can be deleted. If you choose not to participate, your grade 12 student will not receive the Cap/Gown, diploma folder, grad video, and grad swag including grad street photo. The cap and gown need to be ordered in the next month and due to COVID restrictions no changes can be made. Plans and orders go in before Spring Break so if you opt out, we cannot add you later, sorry. Thank you for your immediate attention. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration!

Grade 12 students mark your calendars for scholarship meeting #2 on Wednesday, February 24 at 5pm on Teams. A meeting invite will be sent out soon in the "Grade 12 information" Microsoft Team!

Please note that entrance scholarship deadlines are coming up quickly! Please see the school's website, financial aid websites of post-secondary schools for scholarship, awards, and bursary opportunities!

2020-2021 BCIT ENTRANCE AWARDS

Grade 12 students please remember to check the school's website and the financial aid websites of the post-secondary schools you are applying to for scholarship, award, and bursary opportunities. For example, BCIT, Douglas College and Capilano University are currently accepting entrance award applications! School's website:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx?login=851437746#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx?login=851437746#/)

Please email Ms. Tsang if you have questions: ktsang@sd43.bc.ca

BCIT Entrance Awards are for students who are planning to attend BCIT commencing April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022: Up to 25 BCIT President's Entrance Awards are available to current high school students, valued up to \$4000 each (Deadline Aug 5, 2021) and over 100 additional BCIT Entrance Awards valued up to \$6000 each (Deadlines: August 5, 2021 and/or January 6, 2022). Selection is based on academic standing in secondary school and/or post-secondary studies. Other criteria may include school activities, community involvement and demonstrated leadership. Please see website for details: <https://www.bcit.ca/financial-aid/awards-scholarships-bursaries/entrance-awards/>

DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Douglas College Entrance scholarship & Awards are for students starting Douglas in the Fall semester. These awards recognize students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities including the promotion of social justice and/or truth and reconciliation. The program offers a variety of one-time scholarships or awards of up to \$3,500, and renewable scholarships or awards of up to \$20,000, payable over four years. Application deadline: March 1, 2021. Please see website for details: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/fees-financing/financial-aid-information/financial-aid/scholarships/entrance-scholarships>

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AWARDS

Capilano University Entrance Awards are for new students to recognize achievement in academics, sports, and the arts. Other criteria may include financial need, community involvement and leadership. Application deadline: March 1, 2021. Please see website for details: <https://www.capilanou.ca/admissions/fees--finances/financial-aid--awards/scholarships-bursaries--awards/future-students/>

February 2021 Post Secondary School Virtual Events

Due to COVID-19, post-secondary events have been moved online. In the events below you can find out more about the institutions' programs, their admission requirements, and how to apply. Post-secondary school applications have opened on October 1, 2020. If you have any questions regarding post-secondary and/or scholarships, please email Karen Tsang: ktsang@sd43.bc.ca

Study and Go Abroad Virtual Education Fair

Meet virtually with universities from Canada and around the world from the comfort of your home.

February 11, 2021, 3-9pm EST

- Register here: <https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/virtual-education-fair/>

Douglas College:

- Information sessions
February 16, 18 at 5pm
 - Register here: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information-sessions>
- Next Steps Visit for SD43
February 4, 2021 at 4pm
 - Register here: <https://douglascollege-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5YoduuqjovEtEicl7sl3cMRvla3Nv-cNy1>

University of British Columbia:

- Various dates in February
 - Campus tours: <https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events>

Simon Fraser University

- [Applicant Information Sessions](#)
 - [Various dates in February](#)
 - <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/campus-tours/applicant-info-session/sessions.html>

University of Victoria

- Discover UVic
 - February 8 at 4pm
Register here: <https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/index.php>

BCIT

- Information Sessions
 - <https://www.bcit.ca/infosessions/>
- [Big Info- At home edition](#)

[Join us from the comfort of your home to explore multiple areas of study, learn more about what it is like to study at BCIT, and find a program that is right for you. Each night will cover specific industry sectors as well as key student service areas.](#)

- [February 22 to 25](#)
- Register here: <https://www.bcit.ca/events/category/infosession/online/list/>

University of Waterloo

- Waterloo Wednesday Webinars
 - <https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/tours-events/waterloo-wednesdays>

University of Alberta

- Events & tours – various dates
 - <http://uab.ca/recruitmentevents>
 - <http://uab.ca/tours>

University of Toronto

- [Get to know U of Toronto, Live info sessions & webcasts:](#)
<https://discover.utoronto.ca/live>

McGill University

- Live with a Tour Guide
https://future.mcgill.ca/portal/live_with_a_tour_guide

Western University

- Info session recordings
<https://welcome.uwo.ca/presentations/index.html>

Queen's University

Undergraduate admission- Webinar Recordings
<https://www.queensu.ca/admission/webinar-recordings>

University of Northern British Columbia

- Info session for SD43 students
February 17 at 4:30pm, please register here: https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-bl-XwDhSBaquvGItdY2Yw

GRADE 12'S: STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICES

If you are applying to a Post-Secondary Institution, please remember to fill out the Student Transcript Services form. This will either automatically send your transcript to the institution or allow the institution to access your transcript from the Ministry of Education. This is a required step for admissions to most post-secondary institutions. Instructions on how to fill out the form are located on our website or you can view a recording of our presentation in Teams under Grade 12 Survival Guide. Please see your counsellor if you have any additional questions. [NEW 2020-2021-Sending transcripts to post-secondary schools 2020-2021.pdf](#)

ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DISMISSALS

Students who are absent: Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call.

Students who are late: Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call. To maintain social distancing, students are to check in with their teacher, not the office.

Students who are leaving early: Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call. Students are to check out at the office.

Remember, if your child is not feeling well, they should stay home-thank you.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM/EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

We are halfway through the school year and are still missing many forms that were handed out at the beginning of the school year as well as at the end of Quarter 1. Please have your child check their binders, backpacks and bedrooms for these, review, and sign, and ask your child to hand in to the office ASAP. This information is used to have the most up to date contact information in case of emergency as well as correct information to receive communication from the school.

STUDENT SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Now that Report Cards are posted online in the MYED Parent Portal, we have not been printing off the "Student Fee Statements" and attaching them to the report cards. Please log into your school cash online account (Student's legal first and last name must be used) on the School Website, Quick Links, Student Fees to see what item(s) are attached to your student. You may find the following: School Policy Forms, outstanding textbooks, library books, student fees, etc. Please clear up any outstanding items asap or at the latest by February 12, 2021. Grade 12 Parent/students make sure your account is all clear so you will be ready to purchase grad related items when they become available. If you are having problems logging into your account, please call 1-866-961-1803 for assistance.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS at Charles Best

Looking for a gift for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, Anniversaries, [team party](#), [clubs](#), coaches, guest speakers, look no further! We have the fundraiser at Charles Best: Fund scrip Gift Cards. Buy cards for where you normally shop or dine (grocery stores, clothing, gas, restaurants, etc.) and our school will profit! You can buy cards online on our school's webpage under Quick Links, all purchases made by **the 25th of Feb** will be here at the school to pick up the first week of the following month. Gift cards do not expire, and they are COVID friendly. Plus gift cards do not expire!

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/58627/108/False/True>