

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Principal – Heather Murphy

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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 31

School Assembly & Costume Contest (Assembly Bell Schedule)

Wednesday, November 1

University of Waterloo Post Sec. visit (Library after school)

Wednesday, November 1

Take Your Kids to Work (Grade 9 only)

Wednesday, November 1

Holocaust Symposium (Grade 10-12)

Wednesday, November 1

Grade 11 Parent Dance Meeting 7pm (Library)

Wednesday, November 1-3

Provincial Assessments

Thursday, November 2

Post-Secondary BC Fair 9-11am

Monday, November 6

General PAC Meeting 7pm (Library)

Wednesday, November 8

University of Guelph Post Secondary visit (Library after school)

Thursday, November 9

Remembrance Day Assembly (Assembly Bell Schedule)

Thursday, November 9

Mid-Term Reports published

Friday, November 10

School Closure Day (Students do not attend)

Monday, November 13

Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday



HALLOWEEN PEP RALLY

We are excited that our Student Council and Leadership students have organized a fun and safe Halloween costume contest as well as assembly. We encourage our students to participate but we remind everyone that school rules and expectations are in place. Behaviors which intimidate, harass, or humiliate members of the community and do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment will not be tolerated. Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate, as are costumes which are hyper-sexualized, or costumes which depict elements of sexual exploitation. It is also important to note that costumes which portray negative stereotypes or that demean or make fun of any group of people are inappropriate. Costumes should not make light of anyone's religious, cultural, ethnic, or racial group. Please be smart, considerate, and aware. We are looking forward to Tuesday and with your cooperation and positive participation it will be a great day! Thank you in advance for your support.

(see attached letter from our District office)

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM – *LAST DAY TO VIEW

A copy of your child(ren)'s BC Student Verification Form is now available to view on the MYED Parent Portal. Please login to your MYED Parent Portal to review **TODAY**.

This information is based on current demographic information within MY Ed BC. Should there be any changes, please print and make the changes on the form and return to the school office as soon as possible. If you are unable to print the form, please send your child to the office and the form will be printed for them to take home.

This form will be available for viewing until Oct. 27.

It is important that schools have the most up to date information on file to best serve our students.

| | <u>Assembly Bell Schedule</u> | |
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| <u>Period</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Finish</u> |
| 1 | 8:16 am | 9:20 am |
| 2 | 9:25 am | 10:30 am |
| Assembly | 10:35 am | 11:45 am |
| 3 | 11:50 am | 12:55 pm |
| 4 | 1:00 pm | 2:05 pm |
| 5 | 2:10 pm | 3:13 pm |

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK (TOKTW) DAY – GRADE 9'S

Wednesday, November 1 is "Take Our Kids to Work Day" for grade 9 students. **TOKTWD day** is a national program to promote career awareness and community connections ([LINK](#)).

Grade 9 students and their parents/guardians are responsible for finding a meaningful work location on November 1st. All Grade 9 classes are cancelled at Dr. Charles Best on this day as students are encouraged to attend work with a parent or neighbour, uncle, cousin, or friend. This year the theme is *work environment*.

Students are asked to be mindful of the smell, sites, colours, noise, space, temperature, weather, etc. in the work environments that they visit on Nov. 1st and the type of work environment that they'd like to find for their future.

Students will complete an assignment in DL10 for TOKTW Day.

Further follow-up will happen in Career Life Education 10 and 12.

CALLING ALL GRADE 11 PARENTS

The next meeting of the planning committee for the Grade 11 Parent Dinner Dance will be held on **Wednesday Nov 1st @ 7pm** in the school library. Please join us and see how you can help with this fun, social parent event which is planned for **Saturday March 9th, 2024**.

NOVEMBER NUMERACY/LITERACY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION - *DATE CHANGES

Literacy 12 Provincial Assessment – Friday, November 3RD

All grade 12 students enrolled in English 12 this semester have been registered to write the Literacy 12 Provincial assessment on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd at 8:15am**. Students will be excused from their period 1 and 2 classes and are required to be at school 15 minutes prior to the exam start time; please plan accordingly to ensure that your child arrives at 8am. Next week an email will be sent to all registered students outlining exam details, date, time, room allocations. In addition, room location lists will be posted in the front foyer a few days before the exam, please ask your child to check the list for their name. If they cannot locate their name, please have them come to the office so we can assist.

***Completion of the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12 Provincial Assessments are required for graduation.**

Numeracy 10/Literacy 10 Provincial Assessments – Thursday, November 2nd

Any grade 11 or 12 students who have **not yet** written the Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessments have been registered to write on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND at 8:15am**. Students will be excused from their periods 1 and 2 classes, and it is their responsibility to catch up on classroom work they miss that day. Next week an email will be sent to all registered students outlining exam details, date, time, room allocations. In addition, room location lists will be posted in the front foyer a few days before the exam, please ask your child to check the list for their name. If they cannot locate their name, please have them come to the office so we can assist.

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POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION DAY

This year our annual **Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI) Day** will be on **Thursday, November 2nd** during Blocks 1 & 2. There will be 15 PSI's presenting at Best and all Grade 11, and 12 students are required to attend. Please have your son/daughter attend their Period 1 class, attendance will be taken then they will be escorted to the gym for a presentation. **If they do not have a Period 1 class, please have them report to the small gym at 8:40am.** After a brief explanation of the scope of the day, students will need to attend presentations by any 2 PSIs. This will be followed by a mini-fair including all institutions in our Large Gym – the PSI's will have information booths set up around the gym. At the conclusion of the event students will proceed to their Period 3 classes.

Students are encouraged to research post-secondary institutions they may be potentially interested in

PRIOR TO THE PSBC (Post Secondary BC) FAIR. This will allow them to ask meaningful questions while the recruiters are on site and help them with their applications.

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| BC Institute of Technology (BCIT) | Simon Fraser University (SFU) |
| Canadian Armed Forces/ Royal Military College (CAF/ RMC) | Thompson River University (TRU) |
| Capilano University | Trinity Western University (TWU) |
| Corpus Christi College/ St Mark's College | University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) |
| Douglas College | University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) |
| Farleigh Dickinson University (FDU) | University of Victoria (UVic) |
| Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) | Vancouver Island University (VIU) |
| Langara College | |

WORK EXPERIENCE 12

PARENTS: Do you work for a community-minded company willing to take on a Work Experience Student?

Work Experience 12 students are looking for unpaid, career-related experience in the following fields:

accounting, business, finance, real estate, engineering, construction trades, medicine, dentistry.

The goal is to arrange a consistent weekly schedule that is mutually agreeable between now and Jan. 15, 2024.

Work experience sponsorship is easy and facilitated by the teacher. Please contact Kumi Abercrombie by email for more information: kabercrombie@sd43.bc.ca. Thank you for your involvement and dedication to our students!

REMEMBRANCE DAY The Poppy is a powerful symbol of Remembrance.

Our school will hold its Remembrance Day Assembly on **Thursday Nov 9th**.

Our leadership students will have poppies available for students who would like to donate to the Canadian Legion. From the last Friday in October to Remembrance Day, millions of Canadians wear a Poppy as a visual pledge to never forget those who served and sacrificed. The red flower also is the symbol of the Legion's Poppy Campaign, raising funds to support Veterans and their families in need. The Canadian Legion invites everyone across the country to show their recognition by proudly wearing this symbol of Remembrance. We also ask our school community to wear the poppy in recognition of service and sacrifice and in support of the fundraising initiatives of the Legion. Please consider wearing a poppy and donating to the Legion. If everyone at Best donated a loonie, we would be able to provide our local Legion with a considerable donation. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

MID TERM REPORT CARDS

Reports will be published into the Family portals at the end of the day on November 9th.

An email will be sent to your inbox when report publishing is complete.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS:

BCIT CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP BIOTECHNOLOGY

Calling all Gr. 11-12 students interested in science (especially Biotechnology), who are enthusiastic about scientific research and lab work. This workshop will run **December 11 -15**, on campus. You would miss school for this. Fee is \$233.

Apply by October 30. [More info.](#)

JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY 2024

The program is open to SD43 high school students currently in grades 11 and 12. Interested students are invited to an info. meeting at our library, **Tuesday, November 7**, after school. Any questions, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office.

STEM LAUNCHPAD MENTORSHIP EVENT

Students identifying as female are invited to attend on **Thursday, November 9** (all day in Vancouver). Incl. a keynote speaker, a panel discussion with distinguished industry leaders, and the chance to connect with mentors for a face-to-face group session. Parents are welcome too. [Register for free here.](#)

UBC GEERING UP PRESENTS ENGINEERING X ARTS: CHARTING CREATIVITY FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GR. 9 TO 12

At the Engineering x Arts event, there will be various "Arts Hubs" that will study how a particular artistic endeavour is strengthened by engineering principles. With mentors coming from an arts, engineering or mixed background, you will get to tinker, create or make a micro-art project based on the Arts Hub you choose! From photography to fashion and beyond, you will learn how both these extremes of arts and engineering combine to create a spectrum of possibilities. UBC campus, **Sat, November 18**, 10 am – 2 pm. [Register for free.](#)

MILLENIUM STEM CONFERENCE

By participating in Vancouver's 5th annual STEMCon, students are given the opportunity to network and collaborate with like-minded individuals, learning the importance of technology and its practical applications across a diversity of careers. **Saturday, November 18**, 9 am – 4 pm, BCIT Downtown Campus. [More info here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

QUEEN'S MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS-LAST CHANCE

We can nominate **TWO** students this year. Different awards are available, most popular is the Chancellor's Scholarship (50 x up to \$48,000). Open to outstanding students (grades 90%+) who are creative thinkers, have demonstrated school/community service and have proven their leadership skills.

Learn how to get nominated [here](#). **Deadline: Wed, November 1, 9 am.**

TD SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Have you shown exceptional leadership in helping to make a meaningful and lasting difference in your community? Open to graduating student leaders with an average of 75% and up. Up to 20 awards, valued at up to \$70,000 over 4 years. **Apply by November 15.** [More info.](#)

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Graduating high school seniors who have been significantly involved in voluntary humanitarian activities may be eligible to apply. Up to \$28,000 over 4 years. **Apply by December 1.** [More info.](#)

SFU UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Available for graduating seniors applying to SFU. Must have an academic average of 90%+ and significant involvement in extracurricular activities. Most awards are valued \$40,000 over 4 years. You apply to SFU first to get your student ID, then you start the scholarship application. **Deadline is December 15.** [More here.](#)

POST-SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

Explore all that UBC Engineering has to offer through in-person booths and demonstrations. Learn about UBC's 14 engineering programs by chatting with professors, students and advisors, student life, co-op and other work experience. UBC Vancouver Campus, **Sat, November 4th**, 10 am – 2 pm. [Register here.](#)

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Fall preview/ Open House on **Sat, Nov 4**, 9:00am - 12:30pm | UBC Vancouver campus. Grade 11 & 12 students planning to apply to UBC's B.Com program are invited to connect with current Sauder students, faculty and the admissions team. Tour the Sauder facilities and learn more about the application process and what life of a Sauder student looks like. [Sign up here.](#)

HOUSE OF COMMONS – PAGE PROGRAM

Graduating students who are planning to start their post-secondary education at one of the capital's universities (i.e. U of Ottawa, Carleton), are you interested in becoming a page and being part of an unforgettable year-long experience? 40 (paid) positions are available for Fall 2024. Must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident; and can communicate fluently in both official languages. **Apply by November 8.** [More here.](#)

SFU FACULTY SHOWCASE

On **November 18**, 10.30 am – 1.30 pm, high school students are invited to SFU's Surrey campus. Attend presentations from the Beedie School of Business, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology. Check out student projects and tour the campus. [Register now](#) for a chance to win a door prize.

EXPLORE UVIC

On **Saturday, November 25th** the University of Victoria will welcome prospective students and their families to their beautiful campus. "Explore UVic" will feature campus tours, residence tours, sample lectures, student experience panels and more. [Register here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA GETAWAY

Calling all grade 11 students who are keen to learn more about U of A. This is your chance to explore the Edmonton campus for one weekend, May 24-26, 2024 - free of charge. Your U of A Adventure will include transportation reimbursement, accommodation, meals, and a full schedule of events. 20 students in grade 11 will be selected for this one-of-a-kind experience. [Apply here](#) by **January 31.**

AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISING

PURDY'S AFTER GRAD 2024 FUNDRAISER (CHRISTMAS)

Please help support our After Grad 2024 fundraiser by purchasing your Purdy's Christmas chocolates using the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1049914-109988>

The link to the Purdy's Christmas brochure is [here](#).

Depending on the method used to order, you may be prompted for a customer code: 59854

The order deadline is **November 13, 2023** and pick up will be arranged during the week of **November 26, 2023.**

Thank you in advance for supporting our 2024 after grad event!

RETURN IT RECYCLING PROGRAM

2024 After Grad has partnered with 'Return-It' recycling centres to make fundraising for next year extra easy!

1) Use Recycle Account – Charles Best AfterGrad 2024

2) Use the school's phone # (604-461-5581) when you print labels for your recycling bags

VANCOUVER CANUCKS OFFER

QUESTIONS? Please contact bestaftergrad2024@gmail.com

VANCOUVER CANUCKS DISCOUNTED OFFERS!!

All Charles Best Secondary students, teachers, faculty and their friends and families are eligible to take advantage of discounted offers for Vancouver Canucks games!

Access these offers through this link and QR code:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Charlesbest>

This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy Canucks games, while supporting the school community to fundraise for our grade 12's after grad.

ATHLETICS

JUNIOR/SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

At the Capilano University Volleyball tournament October 13-15, the Jr boys beat Burnaby Central in the Semi Finals and Windermere in the Finals placing 1st in the 12-team tournament.

The Sr. boys had a great weekend as well placing 4th out of 24 teams, losing the bronze metal match 15-13 in the 3rd set to Riverside. Congratulations to both teams!



SWIM TEAM

Dr. Charles Best swimmers had a successful day at the Fraser North Zone meet on Monday, October 23rd! Congratulations to Lee P., who won first place in both the 50 m Free and 50 m Fly events, which is a remarkable achievement. Macey L. also set a new record and won first place in 100 m Breast. In addition, Ean V., Macey L., Shayda T., and Evan V. did an excellent job setting a new record and securing first place in Mixed Medley.

Several swimmers have qualified for the Provincial Championships in Nanaimo. Congratulations to Macey L., Maiyasa M., Lee P., Shayda T., Ean V., Evan V., Josie K., Maiyasa M., Diana Z., Yana K., and Paige K.

Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off! Well done, team!



FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

The Field Hockey team ended their season on Tuesday, Oct. 24th by placing 4th at Fraser Norths. They lost the 3rd place game to Centennial after being tied 1-1 and going into a shootout.

Special shoutout to Maddy P. and Zoe L. for being awarded All-Stars for the game, and to Hartley R. for scoring in the shootout!

The team finished with a 5-5-1 record overall. Good work ladies!



CLUB INFORMATION

We are currently working with our I.T. department to add the full list of 2023-2024 Clubs to our website homepage. Please stay tuned.

TERRY FOX RUN DONATIONS

We will be continuing our support of the Terry Fox Foundation until December. Donations can be sent to school with your child and dropped off at the office. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support.

PAC CORNER

Upcoming PAC meeting: Join us on **Monday, November 6th** at 7:00pm in the school library. All parents are welcome!

Did you know? You can DONATE TO THE PAC ONLINE!

Parent donations to the Charles Best PAC help to support various aspects of your student's educational experience. Each year, the PAC provides much-needed funds to support activities such as extracurricular clubs, After Grad, teacher appreciation, and student scholarships. Login to your student's portal on the [SchoolCash Online system](#) to make your PAC donation today!