



THE "BEST" INFORMER



MARCH 18 & 19, 2021

Please note: All new and changed items are in red



GENERAL

SPRING BREAK



Last day of classes is Friday, March 19.

Classes resume on Tuesday, April 6.

There are NO online classes on Wednesday, April 7.



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Quarter 3



April 5 – April 9, 2021						
Easter Monday April 5, 2021						
(PLEASE NOTE: WEDNESDAY FOLLOWS A "MONDAY" 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**	EASTER MONDAY (NO SCHOOL)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)
	10:35 - 11:05 30 min	L U N C H				
2 (quarter)	11:05 - 1:35 warning bell @1:05 120 + 30** min	EASTER MONDAY (NO SCHOOL)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)
3 (semester)	1:40 - 3:00 * 65 + 15** min	EASTER MONDAY (NO SCHOOL)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	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. LINEAR: Fly Fishing, Athletic Leadership, Butterfly Effect - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - TBD by teachers (alternating). Times will be flexible depending on the projects.				

Q3 runs – February 2 – April 23, 2021 GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2, 2021 EASTER MONDAY APRIL 5, 2021 RETURN TO SCHOOL APRIL 6, 2021

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

Semester All other Blk 3 -

SPIRIT WEEK MARCH 15-20

Spirit Week!!

MARCH 15-20

Mon Y2K-EARLY 2000S
OR 90S

Tue SURFER VS BIKER

Wed ST. PATRICK

Thu COLOR DAY!
Grade 9 - Black Grade 10 - Red
Grade 11 - Blue Grade 12 - White

Fri PJ DAY

FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK



LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found bin can be found in the hallway across from the Career Resource centre on the main floor. Please take a quick look before Spring Break for any items you may have lost.

SIGN OUT LIBRARY BOOKS FOR SPRING BREAK

Load up on books for the break! Come up to the library and sign out new books. And if you have a book overdue, please drop by to renew.

MISSING COURSE SELECTION FORMS

The counsellors are still missing several course selection sheets for the 2021-2022 school year. These forms are now overdue and need to be handed in to your respective counsellor as soon as possible.

YEARBOOKS

Only 52 yearbooks available for the whole school! Don't miss out-order yours online today. If you don't know if you purchased one yet just check "payment history" when you are in school cash online and it will show you what has been processed.

SCHOOL FEES

All fees are due and payable now. All school accounts must be clear by April 30, 2021.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE COQUITLAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Homework Help Club is looking for **Grade 9-12 students** who will help kids in Grades 1-6 with homework assignments. Sessions will run April 15 - May 27, Thursdays, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm.

Parlez-Nous en Français: Fluent French-speaking teens in **Grades 8-12** are wanted to help younger French Immersion students (Grades 1-6) with homework and French conversation. Upcoming sessions: April 30 to June 11, Fridays, 4:00 pm to 4:35 pm.

Sessions are currently hosted on Zoom. Each participant will need a computer with speakers (or headphones), a microphone and a web cam. **May count volunteer hours toward community service hours.

For details and for the application form check out our Career Centre website or go to:

<https://www.coqlibrary.ca/programs/overview>.

DISCOVER UVIC

The University of Victoria will be hosting multiple "Discover UVic" presentations throughout the spring, **geared toward grade 11 students** researching their options for next year. The presentations will be chock full of information about the opportunities that students have access to there and what makes UVic the unique place that it is. You'll hear about our co-op program and why hands-on learning is so important, how you can engage with your surroundings, and how our community can inspire you to succeed. If you're thinking about applying for undergraduate studies at UVic, join one of the upcoming online information sessions. Dates are Monday, March 22, 2021 at 4 pm, Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5 pm, Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 4 pm. Pre-Registrations is required <https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/#ipn-discover-uvic>.

GO CODE GIRL

Interested in computer science? Join us to learn how to code and how code can create change! Participants will learn coding through virtual simulation activities and games. Participants will also connect with current undergraduate computer science students and hear about their SFU journey. No coding experience necessary!

Date: March 27, 2021 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom.

Grade: 8-10


Sign up link: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/394211538>

ESSAY CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE LAW SOCIETY

Do you have an interest in the legal and justice system? Are you passionate about upholding fundamental freedoms and rights for all persons? Do you value every person's right to equality before the law? Show what you know and submit an essay to the BC Law Society's contest. **BC students who have taken, or are currently enrolled in law 12, political studies 12, social justice 12 or social studies 11, are invited to participate.** Choose one of this year's topics: (1) How does civil disobedience impact the rule of law? (2) What role does the rule of law have in advancing reconciliation with Indigenous people?

The Law Society will select one winning essay (\$1,000 prize) and one runner up (\$500 prize) from the entries it receives overall. For further details and to download the information sheet and submission guidelines go to the BC Law Society's website <https://www.lawsociety.bc.ca/our-initiatives/rule-of-law-and-lawyer-independence/secondary-school-essay-contest/>

SFU STEM WORKSHOPS

If you are a **Grade 9-12 student** and you are wondering "What should I study in university? What are my career options if I am interested in STEM?", then check this out: 

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: FORENSIC SCIENCE

Dr. Gail Anderson, SFU Professor and Co-Director of the Centre for Forensic Research will focus on the field of forensic entomology, which is the use of insects in criminal investigations.

Date: March 27, 2021 (Saturday) Registration is required by March 21th.

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Grade: 9-12

Sign up link: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/393262987>

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Dr. Brian Fraser, senior lecturer in the School of Computing Science at SFU, will focus on the area of software engineering, which involves the application of computer science and engineering principles to the development of software.

Date: April 17, 2021 (Saturday) Registration is required by April 11th.

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Grade: 9-12

Sign up link: <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/393834263>

SWEAT 2021 – STRUCTURED WORK EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

ATTENTION Grade 11 & 12s: Are you considering a "creative career" after High School? LaSalle College Vancouver's SWEAT Program provides students with valuable 30 hours of work experience in a simulated creative work environment. Explore creative career opportunities in one of the following workshops as you learn to create project-based portfolio work with industry-related technology and equipment:

- 3D Modeling, Animation & VFX
- Game Design & Programming
- Professional Recording Arts
- Photography
- Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry
- Fashion Design & Marketing
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design

This program is taking place **March 22 to 25, 2021**. 8.45 am to 5 pm (Spring Break) at the **LaSalle College campus, Vancouver**. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2021. Cost: \$150. Note: Limited class size and Covid protocols in effect.

To register: <https://www.lasallecollegevancouver.com/events/sweat-workshop-mar-2021>

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SUMMER SCHOOL

International students wishing to know about this summer's course options should see Mrs. Joba for more information. Registration begins on April 6th.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CAR YET?

Grade 11's & 12's, if you are an 'N' driver and plan on parking a car at school this year, you must register the vehicle with the office. Please come by the office for a registration form.



GRADE 12'S

LAST CHANCE FOR CAP AND GOWN

Grade 12's this is the last week to purchase your Grad Cap and Gown and be a part of the Commencement Ceremony on June 9. **The school will be placing our order before Spring Break so don't delay!**
To order visit our school website, Quick Links, Student Fees and Cap and Gown.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP, BURSARY OR AWARD?

Please let us know asap! We want to acknowledge you in the commencement program. We've created an online form, it only takes 30 seconds to submit. If you've received multiple scholarships/ awards, please submit the form for each one individually: [Share Scholarship News Form](#)

****Make sure to also check out the variety of scholarships included in our internal application package.**

The Best Scholarship Information Package is posted on the Career Centre website > Financial Aid tab and also on teams. **Deadline for all internal applications is Friday, April 9th at 3 pm.**

BCIT VIRTUAL INFO SESSION FOR TRADES

March 18th, 5-6 pm: **Women in Woodworking**. Register here: <https://www.bcit.ca/event/women-in-woodworking-building-our-own-seat-at-the-table-online-info-session/#rsvp-now>

EAGLE RIDGE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BURSARY 2021

2 bursaries (\$2,500 each) are available for Tri-Cities students who are intending to pursue a post-secondary education in the healthcare field and must demonstrate financial need. For more information and to download the application form, go to: <http://erha.ca/home/bursary/> Deadline: March 31, 2021.

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The BC Hydro Power Pioneers are recognizing youth who have excelled in community service. There are twenty \$500 awards available throughout British Columbia. If you've made outstanding contributions in your local community for a considerable amount of time or have initiated, organized or contributed significantly to a one-time project, it's not too late to apply. Deadline is March 31, 2021. For details on how to apply go to <https://www.powerpioneers.com/making-a-difference/bc-hydro-power-pioneers-community-service-award/>

FUTURE ACES SCHOLARSHIPS & CITIZEN AWARD

Open to graduating high school student across Canada. This non-renewable scholarship is valued at \$1000 and tenable at any post-secondary institution. Successful applicants will have demonstrated their contribution to society by having exhibited good citizenship through extensive volunteerism, community service or character-building initiatives and by participating in humanitarian causes (minimum 150 hours). For more details and how to apply go to <http://futureaces.org/initiatives/scholarship-program/>

JONAH CHRISTENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created by the Christensen family in memory and in celebration of Jonah's kindness, curiosity, mischievousness, and energetic drive to live life to the fullest. The donor hopes this annual award will encourage youth to reflect on these qualities as they look toward their future endeavours. Applicants will be required to submit a 750-word essay on the year's topic **"Describe a success or a setback you've had that precipitated a meaningful change of perspective in your life."** Submissions in either English or French are accepted. Open for Grade 12 students planning to attend a post-secondary institution. For details check <https://celebratethechild.me/jonah-christensen-memorial-scholarship/>. Deadline: March 31, 2021.

PORT MOODY YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

For students living in Port Moody. Criteria: Contributions to school and/ or community; demonstrating leadership; excellence in academics, athletics, arts or technical education; and good academic standing (letter grade average of B or better). Go to City of Port Moody's website to apply: <https://www.portmoody.ca/en/city-services/port-moody-youth-scholarship-program.aspx?mid=26547> Deadline: **April 6, 2021.**

SPORTS

CLUBS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*******STUDENT PARKING*******

Please do not park near the fenced off area in the upper parking lot. This is a designated area for our construction crew working on the school addition. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged.

*******SCENT FREE SCHOOL*******

All schools and buildings within SD43 are “scent free” places of work and learning. Numerous students and staff have serious medical complications with various natural and chemical scents/fragrances. As such, please make every effort to avoid using or wearing scented products within this space in order to establish an environment that is as “scent safe” as possible.

*****ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS***NO LOITERING IN BUS SHELTER*****

Students are reminded that the bus shelters are for people who are actually waiting to get on a bus. Please do not use them as social gathering places.

*******STUDENT DROP OFFS*******

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

*****SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION IN THE DRIVEWAY/DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL*****

Students are reminded to slow down and use the designated crosswalk area when crossing through the school driveway area. Be very vigilant as drivers are often distracted as they are moving in and out of waiting spots. Also, our student drivers are reminded that the expectation is “dead slow” in our school driveways and parking lots.

*****VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS*****

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances. There have been recent incidents in our school/district that have resulted in these devices unintentionally exploding which can result in serious injury for the user and those around them. For the safety of all of our students and staff, it is important that these devices are not on school property. Students are not permitted to have these devices in their lockers, backpacks, or on their person at any time while on school property. If a student is found in possession of a vaporizer or e-cigarette, it will be confiscated. Parents will be contacted and required to meet with the administration and their son/daughter. Reoccurring incidents will result in disciplinary action.