



THE "BEST" INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT SCHEDULE FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Due to parent teacher interviews, this will be an early dismissal day.

Period 1	8:15am – 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

COVID PROTOCOLS

We are now into the second month of the school year; we are back to regular classes and school sports and clubs are well underway. It is a great feeling! Although it feels like a more "normal" year than last, we need to remind everyone that we **MUST** continue to adhere to the Covid protocols. **Students are reminded to:**

- Wear masks at all times with the exception of eating/drinking (along with some Band and PHE exemptions). This includes walking and sitting in hallways.
- Only one side of the tables in the cafeteria are to be occupied.
- Wash/sanitize handS upon entry into the building and before and after using washrooms and eating.
 - Utilize outdoor spaces as much as possible.
- Stay physically distanced as best as you can and don't gather in large groups.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR CELL PHONE?

Come to the office to claim your phone from this year or last. Must be able to unlock so bring a charger.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The deadline for International Students who are up for renewal for second semester is November 1st.

Students need to pay the program fee by this date to guarantee their place at Best.

Please see Mrs. Joba if help is needed.

OCTOBER 25TH IS D.E.A.R. (DROP EVERYTHING AND READ) DAY

The library staff would like to invite all classes/staff/students to start this day (Let's say 8:15-8:30.) engaging in some type of reading: silent, read aloud, buddy reads, etc..

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS AT CHARLES BEST

Looking for a gift for Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary, clubs, coaches, guest speakers, look no further! We have the fundraiser at Charles Best: Fundscrip 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 **November 25th** will be here at the school to pick up the first week of the December.

Gift cards do not expire, and they are COVID friendly.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/69841/108/False/True>

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a car at Charles Best are required to display a parking pass.

Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

GRADE 12'S that means you too 😊

GRADE 12'S

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – CAP & GOWN

Grade 12's participating in the Commencement Ceremony on June 22, 2022 must pay this fee by Dec. 31, 2021.
Cap and Gown orders will be placed early in the new year due to Covid delays.
Don't miss out-parents can log into School Cash Online to pay for this fee starting today.

GRADE 12 GRADUATION PHOTOS OCT 21-29

Information about Grade 12 graduation photos from Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits was emailed to Grade 12 students and their parents on Wednesday, October 7.
Please refer to the email attachment for procedures on booking as well as dates available.
Contact Lifetouch/Prestige with all inquiries.

SPORTS

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER GAME

Wish our Junior Boys team luck as they play an away game vs. Port Moody Secondary at Trasolini field today.

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAME

Our Junior Girls play an away game today vs. Arch Bishop Carney. Good luck girls!

GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts are taking place on **Tuesday October 26th** at 5-6:30pm and **Wednesday October 27th** at 6:30-8am.
Looking forward to meeting you all.

JR. GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

There will be try-outs happening for Junior Girls basketball on **October 19th** from 8-9:45pm and on **October 20th** from 6:30-8am. These try-outs are open to anyone in grades nine and ten.

Looking forward to seeing you.

If there are any questions, please ask Ms. Weeks.

JR. BOYS BASKETBALL (GR. 9-10)-NEW TIME OCT 15

Tryouts: October 20 5-6:30 pm, October 22 2-4pm

Contact Daniel Depelteau if any questions: danield@excelbasketball.com

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL (GR. 11-12)

Tryouts: October 22 12-2 pm

Contact Daniel Depelteau if any questions: danield@excelbasketball.com

CLUBS

MIRACLE MOVEMENT

Miracle Movement is a club affiliated with the BC Children's Hospital to fundraise for the movement of children's health. MM is a great opportunity to spread awareness about young patients fighting illnesses.
Follow the Instagram page [@cbssmiraclemovement](https://www.instagram.com/cbssmiraclemovement) or find our posters to sign up.

CLUB SIGN UP

Sign up information sheets for CLUBS complete with QR codes are now posted on the exterior windows of the cafeteria and front entrance undercover windows.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

HAUNTED HOUSE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

If you need volunteer hours and want to help set-up or run a Haunted House in Coquitlam talk to Mrs. Kaufmann at the Career Centre to get details. **Thu, Oct 28 – Sun, Oct 31** (Work one or all days.).
Proceeds from the Haunted House go to the Canucks Autism Network, so you are supporting a great cause with your volunteer commitment.

GO ENG GIRL

Students will learn about the engineering design process and its use in the global effort to keep our planet Earth green. **Grade 8-12 participants** will use TinkerCAD to design satellites and ocean probes to fight forest fires and oil spills. Open to girls and non-binary students. No experience required.

Sat, October 30, 2021, 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM. FREE! [Register here](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL- *NEW DATE

The [Lower Mainland Green Team](#) will be removing Himalayan Blackberry from **Hoy Creek trail behind Creekside Village** to help restore this natural area. Invasive species have environmental, economic and social consequences and their threat is increasing due to climate change. Learn about how climate change impacts biodiversity locally, develop hands-on habitat restoration skills, acquire volunteer hours!

No experience required. Instruction, gloves, tools and refreshments provided.

This Sunday, Oct 24th, 9.45 am – 1 pm.

More info and to sign up: www.meetup.com/The-Lower-Mainland-Green-Team/events/280973341/

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FRENCH NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Take part in the National Essay Contest for the chance to win a scholarship ranging between \$1,000 and \$20,000 in one of the participating post-secondary institutions. Scholarships will be awarded based on the participants' first choice of postsecondary institution, and then based on score.

Open to all legal residents of Canada who at the time of entry are enrolled in a Canadian high school in **Grade 10-12**. To participate, you must submit an essay on the following theme: "**In a future where everything is possible, how will the food we eat and the way it is produced have changed?**"

More info on Career Centre team or website.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC SD43 PRESENTATION

Mark your calendar for **October 27**, 7 pm

POST SECONDARY SERIES OF INFO SESSIONS FOR SD43

Attention Grade 11 & 12 students, parents & guardians! The SD43 Post-Secondary & Career Advisors have collaborated to schedule a series of post-secondary info presentations just for our District. Advantage: Smaller audience, more specific information, and a great opportunity to get your questions answered. Check out the listed events and mark your calendar. You can find links to register or to directly join a session closer to the date on the Career Centre team, school website under Career Centre > Post-Secondary, and also posted in the Informer.

[SD43 Post-Secondary Schedule of Events Fall 2021](#)

PARENTS AS EDUCATION & CAREER COACHES SESSION

The Parent as Education and Career Coaches presentation is an interactive session designed to support parents in guiding their student in making informed decisions about their education and career choices after high school. This session is run by EducationPlanner BC, the application platform used by all (but 2) BC post-secondary institutions. Learn about the options available, financial aid and more to guide your child on their path to post-secondary. **Monday, October 25**, 7-8.30 pm. [Registration required](#).

BCIT IN-PERSON TOURS & INFO SESSIONS

- Mechantronics & Robotics **Mon October 25, 2021** from 5:00pm to 7:00pm [Register here](#)
- Mechanical Engineering (incl. Mechanical Engineering degree program, and the Mechanical Engineering Technology diploma program with three options: Design, Manufacturing and Systems.

Thu October 21, 2021 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm [Register here](#)

GAIRDNER HIGH SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Grade 10-12 students interested in a medical career, and/ or biomedical sciences are invited to register. This virtual half-day event is scheduled for **Monday, October 25** from 8:30-10:30am and will give you the opportunity to interact with Gairdner award-winning scientists and BC Children's Hospital researchers. Hosted in conjunction with the Center for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics (CMMT) and the Canada Gairdner Foundation, the Gairdner Symposium recognizes the world's most creative and accomplished biomedical scientists who are advancing humanity and the world. Free.

<https://trk.cp20.com/click/cehc-2gfbyy-k384c3-gt9ni6s6/>

RYERSON SD43 PRESENTATION

Learn more and get your questions answered during this upcoming info session specifically set up for Coquitlam School District students. **Oct 27, 2021** 04:00 PM, Zoom:

<https://ryerson.zoom.us/j/93445266039?pwd=ZWpFRk9vQ2hVLTJF5ZzBkWWpsS2c0QT09>

UVIC PARENT NIGHTS

Parent nights are for parents and guardians of high school students, but your students are welcome to join you! In these online events, UVic reps answer your questions about admission requirements, scholarships and upcoming application deadlines, and offer advice on helping your children successfully transition to life in university. *Registration closes two hours before an event.*

October 28, 6 PM | [Register](#) or **November 24**, 6 PM | [Register](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

UBC'S BEYOND TOMORROW SCHOLARS AWARD

This new entrance scholarship supports Black Canadian students applying to both UBC campuses. In addition to financial assistance, there is also wrap-around programming dedicated to student success. [Register](#) for this info session to learn more about the award and the wider Beyond Tomorrow Program. **Wed, October 20, 5 pm**.

QUEEN'S MAJOR ADMISSION AWARDS

If you are applying to Queen's, you may be eligible to apply for these awards. Criteria are superior academic ability, creative and original thinking, involvement in school or community activities, and proven leadership. Must be Canadian citizen, or PR. We can nominate TWO students. **Deadline** to submit your Queen's MAA brag sheet to Mrs. Kaufmann is **November 1**. For details, please visit the Career Centre team or [website](#).

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

This is one of the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada, with a value of up to \$100,000 each. Criteria are: Academic Excellence AND demonstrated leadership, creativity, and charisma, entrepreneurial mindset. You must be planning to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas: Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Business Enterprise, Applied Scientific Research. We can nominate ONE student. Please submit your Schulich brag sheet to Mrs. Kaufmann **by December 6**. For details, please visit the Career Centre team or [website](#).

CMOLIK SCHOLARSHIP

We can nominate ONE student. Value is up to \$40,000 over 4-5 years. Criteria are demonstrated financial need, lived in Canada for 7+ years, faced hardship or adversity. Must have positive work ethic, clear educational goals, contributions to the community/ school or to their family. Please visit Career Centre team or [website](#) for application details. Submit your special CMOLIK BRAG SHEET to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca **by Mon, December 13, 9 am.**

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.

*****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 crosswalks 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.

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.