



# THE “BEST” INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STUDENT PARKING

Reminder, once you have passed your ‘N’ test and will be parking a car on school property, you are required to display a Charles Best parking pass.  
Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

## GRADE 12’S

### GRAD ASSEMBLY TODAY BLOCK 5

All graduating grade 12 students must attend a MANDATORY assembly today during Block 5. Students are to go to their block 5 class for attendance and then proceed to the large gym.

No block 5? Head straight to the large gym.

There will be a dress rehearsal, Caps/Gowns/Commencement tickets distribution as well as important Commencement Ceremony information discussed.

### BUS TO AFTERGRAD FROM DOWNTOWN

Bus tickets from the dinner/dance in Vancouver back to Coquitlam are now sold out.

### AFTERGRAD

Tickets are still available until June 9th. Don’t miss out on this unforgettable night!  
Tons of food, activities, and amazing hourly prizes!

### TRANSLINK GRADPASSES AVAILABLE

Grade 12’s, you are entitled to 2 Translink passes available between now and June 30. Stop by either the Office, Library, Counsellor’s office or the Youth Worker’s office to pick up your complimentary passes.

## SPORTS

### TRACK AND FIELD

Good luck to the Charles Best Track & Field Team, who are competing at Provincials this Thursday – Saturday!

### SWIMMING

Congrats to Peter H., who just got back from Mallorca in Spain where he competed in the Best Festival for swimming, he represented Canada and came in FIRST for his age category.

### SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The team played Reynolds on Thursday afternoon and Coach Carlo and Coach Fournier made the decision to manage the minutes of some of the girls who hadn’t come off the field all week. A lot of these girls were at showcase tournaments with their club teams this past weekend (playing 3-4 games) and then coming to BCs on already tired legs. We were able to give a lot of our non-starting players some good minutes in this game and decided that it’s more important to let the girls have fun than to kill some of our girls and risk injury by gunning for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> place. We lost 1-0... had a lovely team dinner afterward, and finished the season as the 11<sup>th</sup> placed team in BC. Congratulations on your season girls!

### GIRLS RUGBY

The girls came out swinging on Saturday and were rewarded with a big win. The score was 15-0 at the half in our favour and the final score was 25-5. That means that the girls won the lower bracket and are 5<sup>th</sup> in the Province (Girls AAA Division – the top Girls Division)! Many players had big games Saturday; however, Kianna S. stole the show with scoring all 5 of Charles Best tries and was awarded the Player of the Game.  
Thank you for your support and thanks to Jim Steel and Mike Gosselin for their leadership.

## CLUBS

We will not be starting any new clubs at this time. Clubs are encouraged to meet virtually but can meet in person if they are under the direct supervision of their sponsor teacher for the entire meeting. Everyone is to wear their masks, space out appropriately and follow all covid protocols.

### **FORCE OF NATURE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB**

A huge congratulations to the members of the Force of Nature Environmental Club for their outstanding achievements throughout the year. **Dr. Charles Best Secondary has become the first Coquitlam school to achieve the top level of Certification (platinum) from the nationally renowned Ecoschool Canada Non-Profit Organization.** Initiatives like, GOOS (Good On One Side) paper bins by photocopy machines and in classrooms, holiday power -shut-down campaigns, litter pick-ups, creation and maintenance of school gardens, creation and delivery of environmental lessons for Ranch Park students, waste audits, and organization and advertising for Ecochallenge week have earned us this top honour. We would like to give a special mention to all our graduating seniors, especially our 3 club leaders, Lisa Yue, Megan Walker and Emma Franchini for their endless energy and incredible contributions to our whole community.

**The club looks forward to continuing our environmental commitment next year and welcoming any new members along with all current members.**

### **CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Please visit the Career Centre TEAMS, Career Centre Instagram page, or visit our school website for the most up to date events.

### **STILL LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?**

Check out the most recent [SD43 Trades & Career Programs Newsletter](#), pages 8-11! There's a long list of employers looking to hire students for the busy Summer Season. Most positions are in trades, but there are also a few restaurants hiring.

### **RIBFEST VOLUNTEERS**

Port Moody Rotary Club is still looking for help with their annual Ribfest event at Rocky Point Park. They need [Activity Coordinator for the Kids Zone](#), and [Green Team Collectors](#).

The event runs **Fri, July 15 – Sun, July 17**. This is a great opportunity for ELL students wanting to practice their English in a fun environment. [Online sign-up form/ more info here.](#)

### **MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS EVENT VOLUNTEERS**

Low Entropy Society is in need of volunteers for **July 16** (TD Plaza, Coquitlam). They need entertainers/performers, sound engineers, stage managers, hosts, and set-up/ clean-up crew members. Email [info@lowentropy.org](mailto:info@lowentropy.org) or call/text 604-653-5945 to apply. [More info about positions here.](#)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**

Help out with this year's Teddy Bear Picnic, back again live and in-person at Lafarge Lake! Many different areas, like set up, take down, help with the stage during the performances. Shifts between 9am to 6pm on **June 12, 2022**. [Sign up here.](#)

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AS YMCA SUMMER CAMP LEADER (Blue Mountain Park)**

Do you enjoy working with kids ages 6-12? YMCA is hiring for 2 different positions: [Day Camp Leaders](#) and [Camp Leaders Support and Inclusion](#). **Must be 15+**, available to work full-time June 28 – August 29, experience working with children, Emergency First Aid & CPR – C & AED. **Apply A.S.A.P.** following links above.

### **TACTICAL DAY WITH ABBOTSFORD FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES**

**Girls (anyone identifying as female) 16+** can check out a variety of activities, including technical rescue, search and rescue, vehicle extrication, vehicle fire, medical aid, hazardous materials. **Sun, June 12, 2022.** [Apply here](#)

### **SCOTFEST AT TOWN CENTRE PARK**

Volunteers needed for the 90th BC Highland games taking place **Fri night, June 17<sup>th</sup> and all-day Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Training provided. [More info here.](#)

### **CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM: SUMMER VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

PoCo's Recreation department needs your help with the following programs: Summer Camps (including Arts, Bike and Skate Camps), Bike Lessons, Swim Lessons, and Leisure Buddies (one-to-one support). Intake interview required. [More info here.](#) **Deadline is June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### **SOYL LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

Fresh Roots in partnership with the school district is running SOYL @ Coquitlam's Suwa'lkh School again this summer. Students learn to cultivate and steward schoolyard farms and will develop skills in growing, cooking, and selling food, as well as a greater connection to themselves, their community, and the regional food system.

**Youth also receive a stipend and can receive school credit for their contributions.**

**July 4 – August 11 (Mon – Thu, 9 am – 3.30 pm).** Students must be entering grade 10 or above in the 2022 - 2023 school year to be considered for this year's program. [Register here.](#)

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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### CANADIAN IRANIAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must have shown great efforts in trying to integrate into Canadian and Iranian society by volunteering at least 20 hours of community service. Must be well-rounded students planning to pursue post-secondary studies. Value tba (\$2000 in the past). **Deadline is June 15.** [Details here.](#)

### CONFRATELLANZA ITALO-CANADESE SCHOLARSHIPS

Open to graduating Greater Vancouver students planning to enroll in a post-secondary educational institution. Must be of Italian origin i.e. having at least one parent or grandparent of direct Italian descent. Value: \$1,000. **Deadline is June 15.** [Details here.](#)

### LUCILLE HARKNESS MEMORIAL FUND

Multiple bursaries of \$500 are available to graduating students who will be starting post-secondary education this fall. Based on applicant's financial need, academic potential, and community involvement. Special consideration will be granted towards involvement in projects that benefit the LGBTQ community, such as promotion of LGBTQ acceptance. **Deadline is June 15.** [Apply here.](#)

### ALEXANDRA FOUNDATION ELMER HELM BURSARIES

The Alexandra Foundation for Neighbourhood Houses provides financial assistance to deserving students with financial need who wish to pursue post-secondary training in the artistic, academic or technical field. At least 4 bursaries of \$1,500 each are available. Must demonstrate significant contributions to their community.

**Apply by June 30, 2022, 5 pm.** [More info.](#)

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST SECONDARY STUDIES IN FRENCH

Starting your first year at UBC during the 2022-23 academic year, with at least 50% of your courses and related activities in French? Apply for a \$3,000 bursary to perfect your bilingualism. Must be Canadian citizen or Perm. Resident and a full-time student at UBC. Ex. You are eligible if you are taking 4 courses in one semester, and at least 2 of them are in French. [Apply here](#) **before October 10, 2022**



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### **\*\*\*\*BEAR AWARE\*\*\*\***

Do not approach bears if they are on or near school grounds.  
Maintain eye contact, back away slowly and contact a staff member.

### **\*\*\*\*\*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.

### **\*\*\*\*\*CROSSING COMO LAKE\*\*\*\*\***

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

### **\*\*\*\*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.**

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.

### **\*\*\*\*WINTER WEATHER\*\*\*\***

Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.

