



THE “BEST” INFORMER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 2



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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

Friday, September 22, is the first Pro-D Day of the school year.
Students do NOT attend on this day.

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS – NEW DEADLINE DATE

The Delta School District is offering language challenge exams for the 2023/2024 school year. Interested students please refer to [Challenge Exams - Delta School District \(deltasd.bc.ca\)](https://deltasd.bc.ca) for further information on the student application package, exam schedules, locations, and exam specific details. Students are **required to provide a passport quality photograph as part of the application package.** Deadline for applications this year is **Wednesday, October 25th**. If students miss this deadline, they will not be able to apply this year and will have to wait until next year to reapply. **Please submit your applications to Ms. Birsan in the counselling suite.** See Ms. Birsan if you have any questions!

WEIGHT ROOM CLUB

Anyone interested in working out in the weight room after school can do so for a nominal fee. Please see Mr. Adams or Mr. Anania for a membership form.

CHARLES BEST CAREER CENTRE

Grade 12 students may know that Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office is always available to help with anything related to post-secondary applications, admission requirements and scholarships. However, the Career Office is also a great resource for students looking for volunteer opportunities and extracurricular learning opportunities (i.e., Business Case Competitions, Engineering events, Mini Med School). **All grades are welcome to visit** (in the counsellor’s area), Monday to Friday, 9 am – 3.30 pm, or to contact Ms. Kaufmann by email: skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca Also, (re-)join the Career Centre TEAM (code gvrymg1), follow the “bestcareercentre” on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/bestcareercentre), and check back to the website (Click on Career Centre under ‘Quicklinks’) for the latest updates.

EMERGENCY RELEASE FORMS

Thank you to all students who have handed in your yellow Emergency Release forms to the office. For those who have not, it is vital we have this information AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in the event of an emergency. Thank you!

MEDICAL ALERT FORMS

Parents, it is a district requirement that medical information is updated yearly by parents. Please find necessary forms on our school website homepage under the ‘Parent’ top tab and select ‘Forms’ from the drop-down menu. Please have your child hand it in to the office ASAP.

FIRST BLOCK START TIME

Reminder to all students: Block 1 starts promptly at 8:16 am this year. A warning bell will sound at 8:11 am to give you 5 minutes to arrive to class. Please be on time to avoid class disruptions.

CLUBS-SIGN UP IS TODAY!

Students, come check out the various clubs at Charles Best on **Wednesday, September 20th**. There will be a variety of options-don’t miss out!
SIGN UP IS OUTSIDE BETWEEN BLOCKS 2-4

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY - MINI MED SCHOOL

Students in grades 10-12 can now register for BC Children's Hospital Mini Med School 2023. This year's topics are infectious diseases and the immune response. You'll have the opportunity to learn why we get sick, discover how vaccines work and investigate the problem of antibiotic resistance.

You can attend in-person (grade 12s only), virtually live, or on demand. Lectures will take place **Wednesdays, Oct 4 | Oct 11 | Oct 18 | Oct 25, 7-9 pm. Register by September 20th** for a chance to be selected. [More here.](#)

WOMEN* IN ENGINEERING: CAREER EXPLORATIONS

With guidance from the panelists and Gearing Up's team, students will engage in a career mapping session to envision and hone their engineering journey. The day will close out by grouping team members with similar interests to design a solution for a real-world problem through an Engineering Design Challenge.

Sat, September 23, 10 am – 3 pm. UBC campus. <https://tinyurl.com/Women-in-Engineering-event>

**All cis and trans girls, genderqueer or non-binary people, and those who identify as other gender minorities are welcome.*

REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON - GAIRDNER HIGH SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Organized by the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics, the Gairdner High School Symposium is a half-day event held each fall that gives secondary students and teachers the opportunity to interact with award-winning scientists and researchers. **Students in grades 10-12** can participate in-person at BC Children's Hospitals Research Institute, or virtually in real-time (missing the lab tours).

Monday, October 23 | 8:45 am – 12:15 pm. [Register for free](#) by **September 24, 2023**

DISCOVERY DAYS IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Explore careers in Health Sciences at BC Children's Hospital on **November 1**. The day includes a keynote lecture, two interactive workshops, and a career panel Q & A. **Open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12** who are interested in the sciences, and want to learn about career options in medicine and the health sciences.

Each school can only register a limited number of students for this popular event.

For a chance to get selected, please [read more here](#). **Deadline is September 24th.**

UK UNIVERSITIES FAIR

With over 50 top UK Universities attending, including Cambridge, UCL, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Leicester and more, this is the largest UK University Fair in Western Canada. The event is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about opportunities for studying abroad in the UK. Students will be able to chat to universities directly, ask questions and attend seminars throughout the day.

Wed, September 27th from 4 pm - 8 pm. [Register here.](#)

STUDY AND GO ABROAD FAIR

Learn about study options in Canada and abroad, check out the "Student Travel Zone" where organizations are showcasing internships, volunteer programs, work abroad options, and language travel. There will be also seminars about scholarships, etc. Free admission. Vancouver Convention Centre. **Thu, September 28, 1-6 pm.**

[Register here.](#)

HOUR ++ OF CODE EVENT SERIES

Between Sept to Nov 2023, SFU Applied Science Outreach will be offering multiple online workshops on various topics ranging from user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (in Python and Java), mobile app development, and game development.

High School students can register for free and learn how to code and implement popular digital tools.

To see the list of offered workshops, please visit [Career Centre website > Opportunities](#).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

MCGILL UNIVERSITY VISIT AT BEST

On **Thursday, September 28, 6 pm**, a recruiter from McGill will be giving a presentation in the library.

If studying at Canada's top university is something you are considering, you don't want to miss this event.

Hear what McGill has to offer, what you need to get in, and how to apply. Parents/guardians are welcome too.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Join us at the library on **Thursday, September 28th**, after school to learn more about U of T, admission requirements, the application process and more.

Don't miss out on getting all your questions answered by the recruiter visiting us from Toronto!

ATHLETICS

TODAY -X COUNTRY MEET

Good luck to our cross country track team as they head to their first meet of the year this afternoon. Any students still interested in joining the team please see Mr. Gant ASAP.

TODAY - GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Please check Teams daily for important information.
Practice this week is on Wednesday from 3:30-5pm in the large gym.
Please see Mr. Raabe ASAP if you cannot make it to practices on Wednesday.

TODAY - JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held **Monday** and **Wednesday** this week for the Junior boys Soccer Team.
Players should be out on the turf field ready to play from 3:30-4:45pm.
If you cannot make it today, please inform Mr. Celenza via email or go see him in person in room 310.

TONIGHT - SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Tryouts are going to take place on **Wednesday the 20th** at 7-9pm and **Friday the 22nd** at 7-9pm.
These tryouts are open to all grades. If you have any questions please contact Daniel Depelteau at danield@excelbasketball.com

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Practices this week are 5-7pm, **Monday – Thursday**. Please check Teams daily for updates and important info.
See Ms. Thomas in the Tech Centre blocks 2-4 if you have questions or need to chat.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Attention grade 9-12 girls' basketball players we are having tryouts on **September 25** from 7-9pm in the large gym, **September 26** from 7-9pm in the large gym and **September 28** from 7-9pm in the large gym.
All our coaches are going to be there, and we will be picking our two teams on these three days. If you are unable to make it, please talk with Mr. Percevault or Ms. Weekes. Looking forward to seeing everyone out.

GRADE 12'S

SENIOR SAIL BUS SIGN UP

All students who are attending senior sail **MUST** travel to and from the event on the buses provided by the school. If you wish to travel on the same bus with a friend or two, we are holding a bus sign up this **Thursday, Sept. 21st** and **Monday, Sept. 25th** after period 5 in the front courtyard. There will be 7 bus sign up tables available so no need to rush, there is lots of room and everyone will get a seat. If you choose not to attend the sign up dates, you will be placed on a bus.

GRAD 2024 MERCHANDISE

Orders close on **Wednesday, September 27th**.
Make sure to check out the link as late orders will not be processed.
The link to your grad store is below:
<https://charlesbestgrad2024.itemorder.com/>

CAPSTONE PROPOSALS

Grade 12's, capstone proposals will be posted to teams on **Friday, September 22**.
Be sure you are on teams to see this important information.

LORAN SCHOLARSHIPS

This four-year undergraduate merit award includes study at one of 25 Canadian universities, funding for summer work experiences, mentorship, and more. Up to 36 awards of up to \$100,000 each are available, plus another 124 smaller awards for finalist and Provincial Awards. Criteria: Min. average of 85%, graduating students who demonstrate character, service, and leadership potential. Canadian citizen or PR only.
Deadline is October 11th, 5pm. Details and tips on how to apply can be found [here](#).

BCIT AIRCRAFT GAS TURBINE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

The Government of Canada is currently providing eligible domestic applicants with tuition free education for the Gas Turbine Technician program along with an industry partnership certificate and paid practicum. The program consists of 38 weeks of full-time studies. Approximately 40% of the day is spent on theory discussions in a classroom setting, followed by hands-on practical training in the shops and hangar.
Requires English 12 (50%+) and a Math 11 (60%+). Info Session on **October 24, 5.30 pm**. [More info here](#).

GRADE 12'S CONTINUED

TD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Valued at up to \$70,000 over 4 years towards a post-secondary college or university education. At least 2 awards will go to BC/ Yukon grade 12 students who have shown exceptional leadership in helping to make a meaningful and lasting difference in their community.

Must have grade average of 75%+. **Deadline is November 15.** [More here.](#)

GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS

Grade 12's, you can book your Cap and Gown photos and find out more information by using the QR code found on Artona posters throughout the school.

Photos will take place on site from **January 5-19, 2024.**

Coming soon: you will receive an email with the QR code so check your school emails!

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 bus stops or 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/SMOKING 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 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.