



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW

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

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FUNDRAISER AT OUR SCHOOL

About the program? – offered through B.C. Agriculture, open to anyone in our community, order a bundle of farm fresh B.C. fruits and vegetables for you, family or friends.

When? Sales will be open from Wed. Sept. 20 – Thurs. Oct. 5th

Pick-up will be from in front of the school mid November (pick-up will be available for 3 days outside of the cafeteria from 3:20 pm to 3:45 pm ; alternate times can also be arranged) You will receive an email advising of exact pick up times closer to the date.

What?

Bundle 1 = \$25

(3 lbs onions, 3 lbs carrots, 5 lbs red beets, 5 lbs pacific potatoes - small)

Bundle 2 = \$30

(0.5 lbs shallots , 1 lb parsnips , 5 lbs pacific potatoes- small, 5 lbs red beets)

How? Payment through school cash online, you should see the option in your account.

Why?

It’s a win- win-win! Help our school Environmental club fundraise money, help our foods classes with fresh produce , get healthy, fresh produce for you and your family, and support local farmers.

B.C. Agriculture donates a very generous 40% of each sale directly to our school!

The Force of Nature Environmental club helps sponsor the school garden, landscaping the new outdoor classroom, providing materials for environmental lessons to elementary students and many more initiatives, we always welcome new members 😊

More Questions? If you would like any more information please contact Sophie Viswanathan at sviswanathan@sd43.bc.ca or students can visit me in person in room 102

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.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

THIS WEEKEND - 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 - 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**.

JOB SHADOW DAY IN FINANCE

Grade 11 & 12 young women and gender-diverse high school students are invited to spend Monday, October 23, downtown in the financial district and learn more about careers in finance. Job Shadow Day is a free, day-long event, featuring interactive workshops, networking and mentoring sessions, presentations profiling women with diverse careers in finance, and an afternoon of job shadowing with a mentor who works in the industry. Job Shadow Day gives students a first-hand view of what a career in finance can look like.

Learn more [here](#). **Deadline is October 6th or when all spots are filled.**

**You need a teacher/ counsellor supporting your registration.*

PLACE DES ARTS 2023-24 YOUTH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

This dedicated group of teen volunteers meets regularly from Sep-Jun to organize and host two youth-oriented events each year and advise Place des Arts on teen engagement.

Applications are accepted **until October 6th**. Grades 9-12 are welcome to apply. [More info here](#).

XDHACKS MINI VANCOUVER EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBERS WANTED

Executives for the 2023-24 year will work collaboratively with like-minded individuals to run an in-person hackathon event in Summer of 2024 with the goal to inspire students interested in the field of Computer Science. Open to all BC high school students in grades 9-12. Commitment: 2-4 hours per week for Director positions. **Apply by September 30th**. [More here](#).

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT (CUE)

SD43 High School students and their parents/ guardians are invited to this fair-style event. Meet representatives from (almost) all Canadian Universities, get your questions answered and pick up some viewbooks. Riverside Secondary School, **Wed, October 4**, 6-8 pm.

**This is an excellent opportunity esp. for grade 11 students to start exploring their post-secondary options.*

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](#)

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](#).

CLUBS

****WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON ****

ATHLETICS

TODAY – FIELD HOCKEY GAME

Come cheer on the girls Field Hockey team as they take on Gleneagle for their first game of the season today. Game time is after school on the upper field!

TODAY - JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER MEETING

There will be a short Junior Joys Soccer meeting immediately **after school today**.

All selected players should attend. The meeting will be held in rm. 310.

If you cannot make it please let Mr. Celenza know in person or by email at acelenza@sd43.bc.ca

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER GAME

The senior boys will be hosting Centennial for an exhibition game this upcoming **Tuesday, September 26th** at 3:30pm on the upper field. Feel free to come up and support the team!

NEW DATES - SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Attention grade 9-12 girls' basketball players we are having tryouts on **TUESDAY, September 26TH** from 7-9pm in the large gym, **WEDNESDAY, September 27TH** from 7-9pm in the large gym and **THURSDAY, September 28TH** 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.

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.

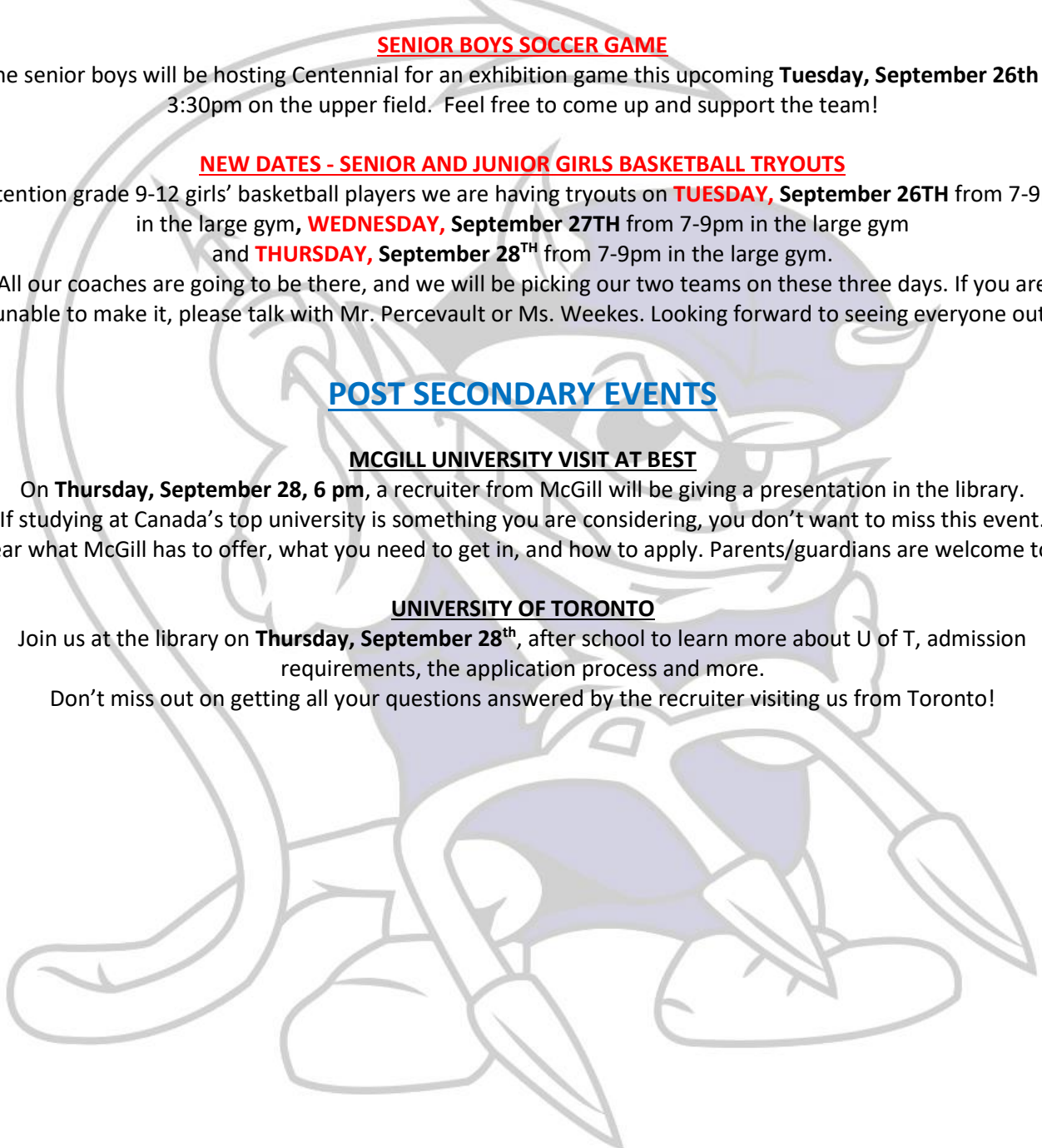
If studying at Canada's top university is something you are considering, you don't want to miss this event.

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!



GRADE 12'S

TODAY - 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.

TOMORROW - 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.

GRAD 2024 MERCHANDISE

Orders close in **6** days 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/>

UBC APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

UBC will not participate in any in-person recruiting events in the Lower Mainland, but they are running various online events that help students explore UBC and to understand the application process, such as weekly virtual workshops discussing the Personal Profile. Sign up asap, those events usually fill up quickly. [More info here.](#)

SFU APPLICATION & ADMISSION WORKSHOP

Join this webinar to better understand SFU's admission requirements as they take you through the application process specific to high school students in BC. You'll also learn about the interdisciplinary programs offered at SFU, tuition fees and funding opportunities for your education, get a preview of the SFU student experience, and you'll have opportunities to ask some questions during a Q&A, and more! **Tue, October 3, 5-6.30 pm**, [register here](#). **SFU will also be visiting us at the school on Thu, Oct 19, starting at 3.15 pm.** Mark your calendar.

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.](#)

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!