



THE “BEST” INFORMER



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

Fall is Here!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORANGE SHIRTS FOR SALE

Shirts will be for sale by our Orange Shirt Club everyday this week in the front lobby of the school.
Price is \$10 per shirt.

SENIOR SAIL

Grade 12's have a wonderful time tomorrow night at Senior Sail. Enjoy this first event of your graduation year!
Please be at the school no later than 4:30pm.

PARENTS OF GRADE 12 STUDENTS, AFTER GRAD NEEDS YOU!

Join the After Grad Parent Committee- **first meeting is Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7pm** in the school Café.
After Grad is a special event graduates attend after the formal Dinner Dance on June 15th.
Organized entirely by the parents, almost all grads attend because it's so much fun.
Parents love it because the event keeps our grads safe.
Lots of planning is required and lots of parent participation is essential to a successful After Grad.
Please contact BestAfterGrad2024@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On **Friday, September 29th** we will be having our Truth and Reconciliation Assembly.

This will be an Assembly Bell Day.

Please wear an orange shirt as a small gesture to show support for the invited elders, guest speakers and performers.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

There is no school on **Monday, October 2nd** in observance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.
Classes resume on Tuesday, October 3.

GRADE 11 PARENT DANCE MEETING

Hello Grade 11 Families - the organizing committee is looking for volunteers!

The grade 11 Parent Dinner Dance is an adult only event that raises money for our children's Graduation Dinner Dance in June 2025. This fun evening will include dinner, music, silent auction, 50/50 draw and much more! Interested volunteers please sign up at <https://bit.ly/Grade11DD>

The committee is also looking for donations such as silent auction items, gift cards and corporate or personal financial sponsorship.

If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please email bestgrad2025@gmail.com

Next planning meeting will be **Oct 4th** - location TBD.

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. 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

SENIOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!

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** -no late submissions accepted.

Please submit your applications to Ms. Birsan in the counselling suite.

See Ms. Birsan if you have any questions!

CLUBS

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

ATHLETICS

TODAY - FIELD HOCKEY GAME

Two matches this week for the girls' Field Hockey team.

Game one is on **Tuesday, September 26th** at Gates Park in PoCo taking on Riverside Secondary.
Game two is on **Thursday, September 28th** against Maple Ridge Secondary on home turf (upper field).

TODAY - SENIOR BOYS FRIENDLY 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!

NEXT GAME:

Come on down to Cunnings Field at Town Centre on **Thursday, September 28th** after school to check out the Senior Boys' first league game of the season versus Pinetree Secondary.

STARTING TODAY - 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.

TOMORROW - JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER THIS WEEK

Two games on tap for the Junior Boys' team this week.

Game two is on **Wednesday, September 27th** after school against Terry Fox on our home turf.

TOMORROW - CROSS COUNTRY

Junior and Senior teams compete at Mundy Park on **Wednesday, September 27th** at 3:45pm.

GRADE 12'S

GRAD 2024 MERCHANDISE

This is your ONLY chance to order Grad Swag this year! Orders close in **1** day 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 several 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, these 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.**

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.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

*NEW-PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT - 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.

[Please register to attend.](#)

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!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

TOMORROW - 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.](#)

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.](#)

SD43 STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AMBASSADORS WANTED

Calling all high school students who are wanting to be involved in SD43 and are looking to take initiative in the district. Up to 2 students per grade level will be selected and will have the chance to contribute ideas and concerns at the monthly student-led meetings at the district education centre. This is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate leadership. [Sign up](#) by **October 1st** to represent our school.

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.

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.](#)