



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WREATH DECORATING NIGHT AND MORE

Looking to put a personal touch on your decor this winter? Come out and decorate your own wreath on **Friday, December 8th** from 6-9pm. All ages are welcome, but space is limited.

Register on your School Cashonline account before November 21st. Price includes entry for a door prize. Don't want to make a wreath but enjoy a night out? There will also be a bake sale, hot chocolate bar, pizza slices for purchase, reverse draw for a gift basket, and Ugly Sweater contest!

Please note this will be a CASH only event.

ME-N-ED'S NIGHT

Friday, December 6th is Charles Best's Me-N-Ed's pizza night! When you order from the Austin location and mention 'Charles Best', **20%** from each order will support our 2024 After Grad event.

Be sure to mark your calendars! Thanks in advance for your support.

LITERACY/NUMERACY ASSESSMENTS

TOMORROW - Literacy 12 Provincial Assessment – Friday, November 3RD

All grade 12 students enrolled in English 12 this semester have been registered to write the Literacy 12 Provincial assessment on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd at 8:15am**. Students will be excused from their period 1 and 2 classes and are required to be at school 15 minutes prior to the exam start time; please plan accordingly to ensure that you arrive at 8am. Room allocations are now posted in the front lobby. If you cannot locate your name, please come to the office and speak to Ms. Thibault.

TOMORROW – DRESS YOUR BEST

It's Friday again tomorrow which means Dress your “BEST”! Wear school colours or your school spirit wear!

PAC MEETING

Parents, all are welcome to attend our next PAC meeting on **Monday, November 6th**.

The meeting is at 7pm in the school library.

COOKIE SALE

Students 4 Students Club is hosting a cookie Sale on **Tuesday, November 7th** in the front lobby between blocks 2-5. The price is \$1.50 each and proceeds will help support children's Education and Health in Zimbabwe.

THRIFT SHOP POP-UP

For a student's Capstone project, they are creating a Thrift Shop fundraiser, in partnership with the Force of Nature club, where all proceeds will go to a Ukrainian charity!

There will be a donation box near the office in the front foyer from **November 6th until November 17th** with specific donations acceptable listed on the box.

The event will take place in the foyer from December 4th to 6th.

Please support this cause by donating, stopping by, or shopping.

The student and club would greatly appreciate this generous gesture!

WORK EXPERIENCE HELP

PARENTS: Do you work for a community-minded company willing to take on a Work Experience Student?

Work Experience 12 students are looking for unpaid, career-related experience in the following fields: **accounting, business, finance, real estate, engineering, construction trades, medicine, dentistry**. The goal is to arrange a consistent weekly schedule that is mutually agreeable between now and Jan. 15, 2024. Work experience sponsorship is easy and facilitated by the teacher. Please contact Kumi Abercrombie by email for more information: kabercrombie@sd43.bc.ca. Thank you for your involvement and dedication to our students!

SAVE THE DATE

Mr. Sokol's leadership periods 2 and 3 classes have been corresponding with residents at Lakeshore and Madison care homes as pen pals. On **Tuesday December 5th** after school from 3:30-4:30pm, we are trying to get students and teachers to come with us to Madison Care Home to do 5-6 Christmas Carols for the residents. Mr. Major has graciously offered to drive the bus for those that need a ride. If you would like to join us, please leave your name with our Youth Worker, Heather Bjornson (hbjornson@sd43.bc.ca).

SEEKING STEAM AMBASSADORS

Looking for ways to contribute to the Best community, follow your passions, enhance your resume, network with the SFU community? Be a STEAM Ambassador!

Steam Ambassadors are district representatives who will receive "professional development" in valuable STEAM skills and projects, then will participate in a school-based "Sustainability" project.

STEAM Ambassadors are students who want to further develop the following traits:

- Interest/passion for STEAM
- Effective public speaking and collaboration skills
 - Diversity and equity values

Please see Ms Royle in the LLC or Ms Lee in Room 113 to sign up or gather more information.

GROWING SMILES WINTER PLANT FUNDRAISER

Charles Best After Grad Winter plant fundraiser is back! Order deadline is **November 19th** @ 12:00am.

Pickup is confirmed for December 5th. For product details, check out the link below:

<https://charlesbestsecondaryaftergrad.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

Thank you for supporting our 2024 Grads!

***UPDATED CONTACT INFO. ADDED - VANCOUVER CANUCKS DISCOUNTED OFFERS**

All Dr. Charles Best students, teachers, faculty and their friend and families are eligible to take advantage of discounted offers for Vancouver Canucks games!

Access these offers through this link and QR code.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Charlesbest>

This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy Canucks games while supporting the school community to fundraise for our Grade 12's After Grad celebrations.

Please contact bestaftergrad2024@gmail.com if you have any questions.



ATHLETICS

TODAY - SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

Our next game is the Fraser North Championship Semi-final game against Port Moody at Best field on **Thursday, November 2nd** at 3:00 pm.

TODAY - GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The team takes on Pinetree Secondary at home on **Thursday, November 2nd** after school.

TONIGHT - VOLLEYBALL SENIORS NIGHT

Come out to the Senior Girls and Boys final home match of the season as we celebrate our graduating players! **Thursday, November 2nd** in the large gym. Girls play at 7:30pm, Boys play at 6:00pm.

JR VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT UPDATE

JR. Boys beat Riverside 3-0 to advance to the district Finals **tonight** @ 7:30 pm vs Pinetree @ Pinetree.

JR. Girls beat Port Moody 3-1 to advance to the Semi Finals **tonight** @ 6:00 pm vs Heritage @ Carney.

Good luck to both teams!

WRESTLING

Calling all wrestlers! Anyone interested in wrestling this year, please come to room 210 for a quick meeting on **Tuesday November 7th**. Our first practice will be Thursday November 9th. EVERYONE welcome. No experience, little experience, or lots of experience...just come join this dynamic team!

Practices Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 3:30 in the small gym

TOMORROW - FIELD LACROSSE TRYOUTS

First try-out is **Friday, November 3rd** at **3:30pm**. Please sign up with Mr. Jovanovic in portable #1.

Players must have their own gear, stick, and wear a helmet to be on the field.

We will have 2 teams: Junior and a Senior team.

We are looking for goalies. The season runs from November to the first week of March.

CROSS COUNTRY PROVINCIALS

These are taking place on **Saturday, November 4th** at Crescent Park in Surrey.

Good luck runners!

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

LANGARA COLLEGE: CREATIVE ARTS AND INDUSTRIES STUDIO NIGHT

Interested in a career in the creative arts? Langara's hands-on, intensive programs offer practical theory and training in diverse areas of industries like journalism, photography, design, fine arts, film, theatre, and web and mobile app development.

On **Tue, November 7th**, 4-6 pm, students are invited to join in-person presentations, studio and lab tours, program demos and live info sessions. Learn about available programs and talk to current students, instructors, and admissions staff. [Register to attend.](#)

UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

Students in grade 11 and 12 who are exploring their post-secondary options, please mark your calendar. Recruiter visits are a wonderful opportunity to get a first idea of a specific school and to get your questions answered. All events will take place in the library.

- University of Guelph, **Nov 8, school foyer, 3-3.45 pm**
- UBC Sauder School of Business – Student Ambassadors presentation, **Tue, Nov 21**
- University of Alberta, Campus Saint Jean (study in French option!), **Wed, Nov 22**
 - University of Calgary, school foyer, 3-3.45 pm, **Thu, Nov 23**
 - Western University, school foyer, 3-3.45 pm, **Wed, Nov 29**
 - Douglas College, **Thu, Nov 30**
- **SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE VIRTUAL INFO SESSION - COMPUTING SCIENCE & SOFTWARE SYSTEMS**
- Join in on **Wed, November 8**, 4.30-5.30 pm, to learn more about the programs, learn about SFU services and resources, as well as get your questions answered by program advisors. [Register here.](#)

SFU FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Explore how a degree in Environment can be more impactful and influential than you think. Meet current student changemakers and staff who will share their favourite classes and talk about co-op work term opportunities, field schools, careers and more. **Tue, November 14**, 4:30 pm. [Register to attend.](#)

WATERLOO ENGINEERING WEBINAR

"Tips for Applying to Waterloo Engineering" will provide an opportunity for prospective students to ask their questions about the admissions process and hear from our Engineering admissions team on tips for success. **Wed, November 15**, 5.30 pm (Pacific Time). [Register here.](#)

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

National Portfolio Day is free for students who want to launch their future in art and design. Meet with counselors, admission team members, and faculty from accredited art and design schools across the world for free portfolio reviews. **Sat, November 18**, 11 am - 3 pm, Wilson School of Design at KPU, Richmond. [Register here.](#)

INTERNATIONAL POST-SECONDARY FAIR

Are you planning to apply to university, college, or some other post-secondary program in the next two years? Meet international education representatives from some of the top post-secondary institutions in British Columbia and other parts of Canada at the International Education Post-Secondary Fair. **November 30**, 3 - 6 pm, Education Learning Centre, 1080 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam.

THIS WEEKEND - UBC ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE

Discover your future at one of Canada's top engineering schools. Explore all that UBC Engineering has to offer through in-person booths and demonstrations. Learn about UBC's 14 engineering programs by chatting with professors, students and advisors, student life, co-op and other work experience. UBC Vancouver Campus, **Sat, November 4th**, 10 am – 2 pm. [Register here.](#)

SFU FACULTY SHOWCASE

On **November 18**, 10.30 am – 1.30 pm, high school students are invited to SFU's Surrey campus. Attend presentations from the Beedie School of Business, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology. Check out student projects and tour the campus. [Register now](#) for a chance to win a door prize.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

REMINDER - SD43 JR. FIRE ACADEMY 2024

The Coquitlam School District is very excited to partner once again with both Coquitlam Fire Rescue (March 15-22, 2024) and Port Moody Fire Rescue (April 18-21, 2024) to offer two different firefighter academies this school year! It is open to SD43 high school students currently in grades 11 and 12. Applications are now available [here](#), but students are highly encouraged to attend our info meeting on **Tue, November 7**, 3.15 pm (library) to fully understand the requirements and the application process.

SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS – VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Do you want to learn how you can get certified for free in one of SD43's 24+ Trades and Career programs? Earn high school credits at the same time you are completing your training.

Wed, November 15th, 6 pm. [Register here](#).

UBC GEERING UP PRESENTS ENGINEERING X ARTS: CHARTING CREATIVITY FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GR. 9 TO 12

At the Engineering x Arts event, there will be various "Arts Hubs" that will study how a particular artistic endeavour is strengthened by engineering principles. With mentors coming from an arts, engineering or mixed background, you will get to tinker, create or make a micro-art project based on the Arts Hub you choose!

UBC campus, **Sat, November 18th**, 10 am – 2 pm. [Register for free](#).

GRADE 12'S

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

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

UBC BEYOND TOMORROW ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of award categories are available to support undergraduate Black Canadian students applying to both campuses. Some are one-time and some are renewable up to \$80,000. In addition to the financial assistance, scholars will be supported with a range of programming dedicated to student success. Submit their UBC application and complete the [Beyond Tomorrow Scholars Award application](#) **by December 1st**.

UBC CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating High School students with demonstrated financial need and a strong academic record are eligible to apply. Must submit UBC application and the Centennial Scholars Award application **by December 1st**.

[More info here](#).

SFU UNDERGRADUATE ENTRANCE SCHOLARS AWARDS

If you are applying to SFU for fall 2024, meet the admission requirements to your primary program of choice at SFU, have grades in the 90% range in courses required for admission to your program, and have demonstrated excellence in both academic and extracurricular activities, read [more here](#). Up to \$60,000 are available for domestic students, and up to \$140,000 for international students. Must apply to SFU and complete the scholarship application **by December 15th**.

SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

Canada's largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships to encourage our best and brightest students to be the next generation of entrepreneurial-minded, technology innovators. 100 scholarships of up to \$100,000 are available. You must be nominated by the school to apply. Must be planning to pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible STEM program at one of the 20 Schulich partner universities. Canadian citizen or permanent resident, demonstrated academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, charisma and creativity. Must be entrepreneurial-minded. Read more about the criteria and the nomination process [here](#).

Deadline to submit your Schulich brag sheet is *Sun, January 7, 2024*.