



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT ID CARDS

Students who had photo retakes, your Student ID cards are ready for pick up in the office. If you ordered a photo package those can be picked up as well. Please see Ms. Thibault.

SUN RUN

Interested in building your fitness, as well as community? Join the Charles Best Sun Run Team! Everyone is welcome, there is no need for any running experience as long as you bring a positive attitude. Challenge yourself! Meet new people and build connections! The 10KM run will happen April 21, 2024, there is a \$54 fee which includes, a shirt with our team's name on it and some treats at the end of the race. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact me (Sarah Lok) via email 080-slok@Sd43.bc.ca or DM on Instagram @loksarah_6.

FRESH VEGGIE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you again to those who purchased a fresh veggie bundle. Our students will work hard to organize the bundles, so they are ready after school on Thursday, Nov. 16th, or Friday Nov 17th just outside the cafeteria door (near the main entrance of the school) from 3pm-3:30 pm. Students or parents are welcome to pick up the bundles. Teachers will deliver your order to your classroom before the end of the day on Nov 16th. If you cannot make these pick-up times, please email me directly (sviswanathan@sd43.bc.ca) with the name on order and we can arrange alternate pick-up times. Ideally, we would love everyone to get their order by the end of the day, Friday, Nov. 17th, to ensure freshness of your produce!

METFEST

The Best Players are rapidly working tirelessly to present **Out of the Dark**, an evening of one act dramatic plays. Our fall one act festival begins November 22nd, and runs November 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and seniors, and \$10.00 for adults and the box office opens at 7:00 PM, with curtain at 7:30 PM. Our featured plays will be **The Insanity of Mary Girriard**, by Lanie Robertson, as well as, the Acting 12 class offerings, **The Drown Woman** by Neil Simon and **The Come Back Caper** by Anne Coulter Martens. The acting students are all so courageous and I am extremely proud of the work we will be presenting. Don't forget to mark your calendars so that you can enjoy these performances. Bring the kids and support the wonderful work we do here at Dr. Charles Best. See you at the festival.

SHARE HAMPER DONATIONS

In lieu of food donations this year, SHARE is requesting monetary donations. This way they can use the funds to buy items in bulk and focus on what is most needed by those they serve every day. You can donate in the following ways until December 18th: Log into your School Cashonline account and click on the Share donation item, our leadership students will be at the front of the school some mornings or donate at the office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

MERIDIAN MEATS FARM FRESH FUNDRAISER

Purchase Meridian Meat Gift Cards to use for Christmas gifts or for your holiday food shopping! Gift cards are available in \$20 or \$100 denominations and are available for online use. Customers can shop online and choose in-store pickup or home delivery on orders over \$100.

Distribution will occur the week of December 11th.

View product selection here: <https://meridianfarmmarket.ca>

Purchase gift cards here: <https://best-grad-2024.square.site/>

Thank you for supporting our 2024 After-Grad.

COOKIE SALE, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Health Science Club is hosting a cupcake/cookie Sale on **Tuesday, November 14th**.

CHRISTMAS CAROL OPPORTUNITY

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 approximately 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 can come with us, please leave your name with our Youth Worker, Heather Bjornson (hbjornson@sd43.bc.ca).

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 is currently a marked donation bin near the entrance in the lobby that will accept **clean** clothes, backpacks, purses, DVDs, CDs, books, magazines, etc.
Please support this cause by donating to this fundraiser, thank you.

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!

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 8th 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.

ATHLETICS

TODAY-SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

The team plays a second qualifying game against Burnaby South today in their quest to secure a spot in the Provincials. Game time is 11:00 at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex. Go Blue Devils!

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Charles Junior Girls Volleyball Team had a great season. They played well at the Graham Grizzlies and the Earl Marriott Tournaments and narrowly missed 3rd placement in a 5-set battle with Pinetree. The girls showed a lot of resilience by coming back after losing the first 2 games to capture the next 2 games unfortunately finally succumbing in the 5th. A worthy season for all team members:

Charlie C., Alexa D., Lara D-V., Shannon G., Breanna H., Yuri K., Golsa M., Emma P., Tara S., Jasmine S., Emily T., Samantha T., Mia V.

GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The team lost 3-1 against Heritage Woods on Monday. But the girls battled, and the sets were very close! That is the end of our season. Congratulations to the Grade 9 girls for their hard work and dedication.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Charles Best Cross-Country team competed at the Fraser North Championships on October 25th.

Our Junior Boys had a very strong race, placing second in the zone to Heritage Woods by a single point.

The boys qualified for the BC High School Cross-Country Championships, which took place on Saturday, November 4th at Crescent Park in South Surrey.

Our Senior Boys team ran a strong race at Zones but came just short of qualifying for the BC Championships, placing 7th. In the Junior Girls race, we placed 8th. Unfortunately, they just missed qualifying for BC Champs as individuals. Our Senior Girls team placed 6th, who qualified for BC Champs as individuals.

At the BC High School Cross-Country Championships, our Junior Boys placed 11th out of 33 schools, missing a top-10 placing by just 7 points. Congrats on a great season!

(The Jr. Boys won the Triple C Invitational, placed 2nd at Zones, and 11th in the province!).

Senior Boys: Lucas P. placed 81st and James H. placed 103rd

Senior Girls: Manuela M. placed 68th and Diana Z. placed 93rd

GRADE 12'S

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Remember to complete the After Grad theme survey **before Nov 17th**!

It was emailed to your school email on Tuesday, November 7th.

<https://forms.office.com/r/HQMW7bXYaa>

GRAD PHOTOS REMINDER

Grad photos are just around the corner! January 5-19th Artona's trailer photo studio will be onsite in the upper parking lot to capture images of this year's graduates. If you haven't already done so, please book your Grad Photo session by using the QR code posted below. At time of booking there will be a \$60.00 refundable deposit can be used towards the purchase of any products or refunded if no order is placed. Grads will receive a complimentary 5x7 Commencement photograph, 5x7 Dinner Dance photo. In addition, as part of this year's \$65 grad fee, graduates will receive a composite folder containing the Grad Class of 2023 photo. To book your appointment please use the QR code.



SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD INFORMATION

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Grade 12s, are you involved in voluntary humanitarian activities? Up to \$28,000 are available over four years. Terry Fox Award recipients are "doers" who make a positive impact on the lives of others. They are persistent, selfless, and compassionate. If that sounds like you, [learn more here](#). **Deadline to apply: December 1.**

BEEDIE LUMINARIES BURSARIES

100+ awards of up to \$11,000/ year (for up to 4 years) are available. Valid at one of the 25 BC post-secondary institutions. Must be a grade 12 student in BC who are Canadian citizens or PR for at least 3 years. Criteria: Demonstrated resiliency in the face of financial adversity, academic readiness to advance their education, achieve their dreams, and inspire others. Grade average 75%+. [More info](#). Register for an [info session](#) on November 15, 4 pm. **Deadline to apply: January 8, 2024.**

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**.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITY: INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

All ages are welcome to help the Lower Mainland Green Team with this activity at Thurston Woods Trail, Port Moody. **Sat, November 18, 9.15 am – 12.30 pm**. Instructions, gloves, tools, snacks will be provided.

[More info here](#).

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

AUNT LEAH'S CHRISTMAS TREE LOT VOLUNTEERS

For over 25 years Aunt Leah's Christmas Tree Lots have been raising money to fund programs that help prevent children in foster care from becoming homeless, and young mothers from losing custody of their children. You can support youth by helping the organization selling Christmas trees!
The tree lot by Gleneagle Secondary will open November 25th. [More info and sign up here.](#)

PORT MOODY WINTER MARKET

Volunteers are needed for the Sunday Farmers Market, located in the Port Moody Rec Centre parking lot. Volunteer opportunities are available between the hours of 8am - 3:30pm, with shifts being two hours minimum. The Market runs until April 28th, and volunteer opportunities are currently available starting in early December. [Sign up here.](#)

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.](#)

MEDCONNECT 2023

Grade 11 and 12 students interested in pursuing a medical career, this day-long conference is your chance to make connections with doctors, nurses, and like-minded students. Through lectures from physicians of varying specialties, hands-on professional workshops from health professionals, and a panel of medical students, this event's goal is to inspire and educate the next generation of health professionals into their future endeavors. Get a taste of what medical school and the application process are like.

SFU Burnaby Campus, **Sat., November 18th**. \$25. [Register now.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY MEET & GREET

The University of Calgary is hosting a National Meet and Greet Event in Vancouver on **November 26, 2023**, 1-3 pm, at the Sheraton Wall Centre. This event is open to students and parents who may be interested in learning more about the University of Calgary. [Registration is required](#) as space is limited.

POST-SECONDARY APPLICATION SESSION

Are you in grade 12 and need help with your post-secondary application? Join Ms. John and Ms. Kaufmann on **Thursday, November 16th**, after school. Topics will cover creating an account with Education Planner BC, applying to Ontario universities using the OUAC portal, choosing a faculty/ program, learning more about post-secondary in general. Bring your device. Due to limited space, [sign up is required](#).

UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

- 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 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.