



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

### TODAY IS DAY 1

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



#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### TODAY - COOKIE SALE

Health & Science Club is hosting a cupcake/cookie Sale on **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Come to the lobby during Blocks 2-5 and check out the cool designs!

##### TOMORROW - UNIFIED SOCCER JAMBOREE

Tomorrow Charles Best is hosting a Unified Soccer Jamboree in the big gym from 3:15 to 4:45 pm.

**Everyone is welcome to attend!** You can check out video recaps of the past 3 weeks on the Charles Best Athletics Instagram Page. The program promotes inclusivity in sports as skill development students participate against other schools. Teams are led by staff and athletic leadership students. The last three weeks of jamborees have been a wonderful experience with lots of laughs, smiles, and action.

This week Heritage Woods, Port Moody, and Terry Fox will be playing at Best.

##### WINTER BALL TICKET SALES

Grade 11 & 12's, ticket sales open today for the Winter Ball on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$20 and include food/drinks, and DJ!. Parents can sign into their School Cashonline account to purchase.

Got a song request? Click here for your request: <https://forms.office.com/r/qGnX3Rul19>

##### FRESH VEGGIE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Veggie bundles will be ready for pick up after school on **Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** or **Friday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you cannot make these pick-up times, please email me directly ([sviswanathan@sd43.bc.ca](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup>, to ensure freshness of your produce!

##### 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](mailto:080-slok@Sd43.bc.ca) or DM on Instagram @loksarah\_6.

##### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, and runs November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### **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.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:hbjornson@sd43.bc.ca)).

### **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 11<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### **GROWING SMILES WINTER PLANT FUNDRAISER**

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

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

<https://charlesbestsecondaryaftergrad.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

Thank you for supporting our 2024 Grads!

### **NEW OPTION TO REGISTER - 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 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6-9pm. All ages are welcome, but space is limited.

[Click here to register](#). Price includes entry for a door prize.

Those who prefer to register via School Cashonline may still do so.

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/111216/108/False/True>

\*\*If you have already registered, there is no need to do so again.

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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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**

### **FIELD LACROSSE**

Next practice is this **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30pm.

If you can't make it, you must email Mr. J. [kjovanovic@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kjovanovic@sd43.bc.ca) or see him in portable 1.

If you need to store equipment, Mr. J. will open the equipment room from 7:40 to 8:05 on Friday morning.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 last week. 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.

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### TOMORROW - 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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 6 pm. [Register here.](#)

### 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.

Sign up using the link below:

[Meet New People & Remove Invasive Plants at Thurston Woods Trail in Port Moody!, Sat, Nov 18, 2023, 9:15 AM | Meetup](#)

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>**. \$25. [Register now.](#)

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>**. [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.](#)

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### TOMORROW - 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.](#)

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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.](#)

### 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.](#)

### 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**

### 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.

### INTERNATIONAL POST-SECONDARY FAIR

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.

## GRADE 12'S

### **GRADE 12'S AFTER GRAD**

Remember to complete the After Grad theme survey **before Nov 17<sup>th</sup>**!

It was emailed to your school email on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **GRAD PHOTOS REMINDER**

Grad photos are just around the corner! January 5-19<sup>th</sup> 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. 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

### **INFO SESSION TOMORROW - 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.**

### **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.**

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>**.

[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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **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.**