



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023
TODAY IS DAY 2

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Ski/Snowboard Club information meeting on **Monday, November 20th at 3:20pm** in the cafeteria. If you are interested in joining our Ski/Snowboard Club, please attend this meeting. Registration will start soon.

3 Trips Planned:

- Friday, December 22
- Wednesday, January 24
- Friday, March 15

DISTRICT-WIDE CHESS TOURNAMENT

Are you a casual or competitive chess player? Are you looking for an arena to test your skills? Are you ready to make history? Then join the first-ever School District 43 wide Chess Tournament. All experience is welcomed, and the 1st place prize is \$20, 2nd place prize is \$10, and 3rd place prize is \$5. All winners will also receive a wooden plaque decreeing them a Chess Champion. This is a good opportunity to meet new but also like-minded people from other schools. The tournament will be held at Gleneagle Secondary School library, 4pm on November 24. **Deadline to sign up is November 19.** [You can sign up here](#)



TODAY - FRESH VEGGIE ORDER PICK UP

Veggie bundles will be ready for pick up after school **TODAY, November 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.

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.

BEST STUDY NETWORK CAN IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE!

Our school's top students are volunteering their time for you. We are ready to help with subjects ranging from Math to Languages. Ask questions in-person at school or online from home!

Join here: <https://forms.office.com/r/aniH0i3mr3>

WINTER BALL TICKET SALES

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

Ticket sales close on Friday, December 1st so don't miss out-get yours soon!

Got a song request? Click here for your request: <https://forms.office.com/r/qGnX3Ru119>

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

THIS WEEKEND - 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](#)

THIS WEEKEND - 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.](#)

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.](#)

ATHLETICS

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

Good Luck to the Sr. Boys volleyball team as they play Burnaby North tonight in the Bronze Medal Match of the Fraser North Championships.
Game is at 5 pm @ Garibaldi Secondary school.

TODAY - FIELD LACROSSE

Next practice is this **TODAY, Friday November 17th** at 3:30pm.

If you can't make it, you must email Mr. J. 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.

UNIFIED SOCCER

Thank you to everyone who attended Unified Soccer this past Wednesday! We are overwhelmed by the support! See the pictures and videos on the Charles Best Athletics Instagram page!



POST SECONDARY EVENTS

THIS WEEKEND - 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 LIBRARY

- 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**

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE

Students and their families are invited to check out CapU's North Vancouver campus on **Saturday, November 25, 2023**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get help preparing your portfolio (if applicable), learn about programs and financial aid, go on a campus tour. [More info here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO: PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS EVENT IN VANCOUVER

Representatives from all undergraduate divisions will be available to answer all your questions about programs, student life, and applying. **Sunday, November 26th**, 9 am – noon, Vancouver Convention Centre. There will be sessions on Arts & Sciences, Engineering, etc. More info and sign up [here](#).

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

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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. 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

WESTERN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Graduating students with demonstrated academic excellence, exceptional leadership in extracurricular activities such as the arts and athletics, and notable commitment to community service through ongoing contributions to school and community life are invited to apply. Must be nominated by the school. Submit your special Western Brag Sheet to skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca by December 10, 2023. Open to International Students. [More info here.](#)

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 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.**