



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

**TODAY IS DAY 1**

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



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY - SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Ski/Snowboard Club information meeting **TODAY, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Questions? Please see or email Mr. Major.

### UNIFIED SOCCER

A HUGE thank you to all who came out and supported our Skill students last week at their Unified Soccer event in the gym. The team was overwhelmed by the support and the students felt this!  
THANK YOU!!!!!!

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> so don't miss out-get yours soon!  
Got a song request? Click here for your request: <https://forms.office.com/r/qGnX3RuL19>

### 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 Capers* 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.

### 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 **until November 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## ATHLETICS

### SWIM TEAM

We are proud to announce that our school's swimming team had an amazing Provincial Championships in Nanaimo over the weekend.

Congratulations to the following swimmers: Lee P., Macey L., Ean V., Evan V., and Shayda T. Lee P. participated in three events, winning a silver medal in a close race in the 50m freestyle. He also finished 4th in the 100m freestyle and 6th in the 50m butterfly, beating his personal best time. Macey L. and Evan V. won silver medals in the 100m Breaststroke event. Ean V. achieved a personal best by finishing his B final in 1:06 (9<sup>th</sup> place). Shayda T., finished in 16th place in the 200m Individual Medley. The mixed medley relay team, consisting of Evan, Evan, Shayda, and Macey, won a bronze medal.

## 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 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 - UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

- **UBC Sauder School of Business – Student Ambassadors: Tue, Nov 21, 3:15 pm, library**
- **University of Alberta, Campus Saint Jean (\*study in French): Wed, Nov 22, 3:15 pm, library**
  - **University of Calgary: Thu, Nov 23, 3-3:45 pm, School Foyer**
  - **Western University: Wed, Nov 29, 3-3:45 pm, School Foyer**
    - **Douglas College: Thu, Nov 30, 3:15 pm, Library**

### THIS WEEK - UBC FACULTY INFO SESSIONS

**Land & Food Systems (B.Sc.):** Learn about the available programs within the faculty and connect with advisors, professors, and current students. 2 general info sessions, "Food, Nutrition and Health Deep Dive", "Applied Biology Deep Dive", and more. **Nov 20 – Nov 23.** [Details here.](#)

**Pharmaceutical Sciences:** Learn about this 4-year undergrad degree program with direct-entry option from high school, preparing graduates for careers within the pharmaceutical, life sciences, biotechnology and natural product industries. **Tue, November 21, 6 pm.** [Register.](#)

**Applied Sciences/ Engineering:** Do you have any last-minute questions before submitting your application for the Bachelor of Applied Science (Engineering) at UBC's Vancouver or Okanagan campus. This session will recap the most important information you need to know when applying and will serve as a forum for you to ask questions, hear from other applicants, and learn why UBC is one of the top engineering programs in Canada. **Wed, November 22, 5 pm.** [Register.](#)

**Forestry (B.Sc.):** Are you passionate about the environment, sustainability, and the great outdoors? Do you dream of a career that combines your love for nature with cutting-edge science and innovation? [Join an info session](#) on December 14 or January 11 to learn more.

**Doctor of Pharmacy:** A panel of alumni from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences will share their experience as a student in the Faculty and their career after graduation. **Thu, November 23, 6 pm.** [Register.](#)

### 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**

### **GRAD HOODIE ORDER**

Grade 12's, you are in luck! ONE more hoodie order will be placed!

The Charles Best Grad 2024 store will be open until 11:59pm on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Orders will not be processed until the store has closed. Orders will be available for pick up at the school AFTER Winter Break. Any orders that were placed in September will be available for pickup starting on Wednesday, November 23.

Click here to view the online store: <https://bestgrad2023store.itemorder.com/>

## **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](mailto:skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca) by **December 10, 2023**.

Open to International Students. [More info here](#).

### **BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The B.C. Excellence scholarship (\$5,000) is awarded to 55 high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career or area of post-secondary study. We can nominate ONE student. Find eligibility criteria and more info [here](#). If you are interested, please submit your special BC Excellence brag sheet by **January 7, 2024** to [skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca).

### **PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship (\$5,000) is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K-12 teaching. Award winners would receive a scholarship voucher after they are attending an approved teacher education program in the Faculty of Education at a B.C. post-secondary institution. **Apply by February 15, 2024**. [More info here](#).

### **UGGLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Ten scholarships are awarded each year to students who face significant financial barriers to participation in post-secondary education. The intent of the Uggle Family Scholarship is to promote equity and remove historical and existing discrimination, including barriers to full participation in social, cultural, economic, and political life. This scholarship will cover all tuition, housing, meal plan fees, and more.

[Apply here](#) by **January 22, 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.**

### **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**.