



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE - METFEST

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. Bring the kids and support the wonderful work we do here at Dr. Charles Best. See you at the festival.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Auditions for the **December Talent Show** will be held on **Thursday, December 7th** after school in the music room. All acts must audition to be in consideration for the show. There is a **\$500 CASH top prize** for the winner(s) of the Talent Show, hosted in the small gym after school on December 22nd. If you make it through the audition round, you will be contacted about what time you will perform on the day of the Talent Show. If for some reason you cannot make the audition date, please see Mr. Sokol ASAP to discuss an alternative if you wish to be considered. **You must bring your own equipment** unless it's a piano or drum set. **Only 10 acts** will be in the Talent Show, so be sure to practice and get your performance ready ASAP.

ME 'N EDS PIZZA FUNDRAISER – NEW DATE!!

Friday, December 8th **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH** is Charles Best's Me 'N Ed's fundraising day! 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/change your calendars!

MERIDIAN MEATS ORDER DEADLINE EXTENDED

Purchase Meridian Meat Gift Cards to use for Christmas gifts or for your holiday food shopping **until Wednesday, November 29th!** 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.

WANT SOMETHING HOT & SUGARY ON A COLD DAY?

The Business Club is honoured to be hosting the first hot cocoa and holiday cookies event of the year! Selling on **Monday, November 27th** before school until block 5. **AND on Tuesday, November 28th** before school until block 3. Everything is **\$2 or less!** Check out our Instagram for more upcoming information! https://www.instagram.com/cbss_business_club/

WREATH DECORATING NIGHT AND MORE

Looking to put a personal touch on your decor this winter? Come and decorate your own wreath on **Friday, December 8th** from 6-9pm. All ages welcome. Space is limited. [Click here to register](#). Prizes and door prize. Those who prefer to register online may still do so. <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/registrations/111216/108/False/True> **If you have a wreath already, there is no need to do so again. Don't want to make a wreath but still want to support? There will also be a bake sale, hot chocolate bar, pizza slices for purchase, raffle for a gift basket, and Ugly Sweater contest! Please note this will be a CASH only event.

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/qGnX3RuL19>

MOVEMBER CAMPAIGN

Support the Movember campaign at Dr Charles Best benefitting the Marc Lalonde Memorial Foundation. Our goal is \$1000 this year. Donations can be made via your child's School Cash online account. Students can also donate when Leadership students come around to classes. Students, if you donate you could have the chance to dye or shave a teacher's mustache!

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

CHARLES BEST HAMPER DONATIONS

In lieu of food donations this year, we are 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 canvas the drop off area the week of Dec 4-8th in the mornings and after school, or donate at the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

ATHLETICS

TODAY - FIELD LACROSSE PRACTICE

Next practice is this **Friday, November 24th** 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, he will open the equipment room from 7:40 to 8:05 on Friday morning.

SR. GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Senior Girls Basketball team kick off the season in Burnaby on **Monday, November 27th** in the Big-Ticket Tournament. First up is a game against Burnaby South at 3:30pm.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

DEADLINE SOON - EA TEEN ANIMATION PROGRAM

In this 15-week program, students learn the methods, techniques, and technologies used in animation and have the rare opportunity to learn from experienced industry professionals and hear from guest EA lecturers who provide project mentorship and skill development. If you are 15-19 and have a passion for animation and a talent for storytelling, this 15-weeks program (Jan 9 – May 14, running Tuesday nights) is an opportunity to grow as an artist and to develop a strong portfolio for post-secondary application.

Program fee is fully sponsored by EA. [Apply by November 28.](#)

MINI ENTERPRIZE BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

At business case competitions, high school students compete and work together in teams of four or five to analyze a case study outlining real-world corporate challenges a company faces. Within a limited period of time, a team must identify the most prominent issues within the case and develop their own unique solutions and recommendations. Once preparation time is up, the team then skillfully presents their ideas to a professional judging panel and consequently answers any follow-up questions from judges. February 10, 2024, UBC Sauder School of Business. **Early Registration ends November 30th.** [More info/ registration here](#)

GLOBAL GOALS X STEM: CALL TO IDEATE WORKSHOP

UBC Geering Up: Free workshop for students in grades 9-10. You will engage with Sustainable Development Goals to understand the complexities that exist in addressing these issues. With the help of mentors, you will have the opportunity to ideate or create a STEM-driven solution in achieving that goal.

Sat, December 2 | 10 am - 2 pm | UBC Vancouver. [Sign up here.](#)

JUNIOR FIRE ACADEMY

SD43 students in grades 11 and 12 will have the chance to get a true understanding of the physical and educational components of Fire Rescue's basic training. Coquitlam academy will run March 15-22 (12 spots), and Port Moody academy will run April 18-21 (4 spots). More info and application form [here](#).

Deadline is December 8, 2023.

FRENCH FOR THE FUTURE – NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Are you in Grades 10, 11, or 12 and registered in a French program? 98 bursaries are available ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 to study (partly) in French in one of the participating post-secondary institutions. Write a 750-word essay on this year's theme: Convince the 2024 Olympic Committee that your "incredible talent" should be selected as a new Olympic discipline! [More here.](#)

Deadline is December 15, 2023.

NORTH AMERICAN COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS OLYMPIAD (NACLO)

NACLO is a fun and educational contest for U.S. and Canadian high-school students in which contestants compete to solve compelling and creative puzzles in linguistics and computational linguistics. No previous knowledge of linguistics, computing, or second languages required. SFU is hosting an Open Round, open to all, **January 25, 2024.** Top students from the Open Round travel to the Invitational Round and might have a chance to represent Canada at the International Linguistics Olympiad. [More info.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

- Western University: **Wed, Nov 29, 3-3:45 pm**, School Foyer
- Douglas College: **Thu, Nov 30, 3:15 pm**, Library

SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES – VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Learn more about SFU's Applied Science programs, including Computing Science (CMPT), Software Systems (SOSY), Engineering (ENSC), Mechatronic Systems Engineering (MSE), and Sustainable Energy Engineering (SEE).

There's also a chance to get your questions answered. **Thu, November 30, 4.30 pm.** [Register.](#)

SFU CRIMINOLOGY – VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Learn more about the B.A. in Criminology to make sure it's the right post-secondary choice for you.

Thu, November 30, 5 pm. [Register here.](#)

UBC FACULTY INFO SESSIONS

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.

GRADE 12'S

GRAD MERCHANDISE ORDER

Grade 12's, you are in luck! ONE more Grad merchandise 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.

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

YEARBOOK 'HOMEWORK'

Grade 12's, the yearbook team needs your help with the following:

Submit a baby photo of yourself, submit your yearbook writeup and vote for your favourites!

Please scan the QR codes below and **submit by Thursday, November 30.**



Baby Photos



Write-ups



Superlatives

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.**

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.](#)

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.

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 Ugglia 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.**

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.](#)