



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW - SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Come check out the bake sale held by Charles Best Social Responsibility students for some yummy treats and good eats for a great cause on **Friday December 1 in blocks 1-5!** From fragrant, gourmet cookies to divine cupcakes, and soft muffins, don't miss our stand at the front entrance. All profits are going to support Kenyan scholarship student AnnGrace Karugi on our mission to help pay her school fees.

We can't wait to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS BEST RESEARCHERS!

Our school ranked #25 among K-12 schools in BC and the U.S. PNW (WA, OR, ID, AK, & HI) for Gale usage! Over the last calendar year, we have spent **an awesome 273 thousand minutes** researching using the Gale Suite, which is a curated database. (That doesn't even include our Ebsco usage.) That is truly impressive!

TOMORROW - WORLD AIDS DAY

Every year, on December 1st, the world commemorates World AIDS Day. People around the world unite to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS.

If you see red ribbons worn on this day, they are the universal symbol of awareness and support for people living with HIV.

TOMORROW - DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Let's kick off December with a strong showing of school colours and school merch.

On Friday, wear blue, white, black, navy or any Charles Best merch. you may have.

Don't have any school merch? Check out the school merchandise announcement below!

LAST CALL FOR CAROLING EVENT

Teachers: If you would like to join us on **Tuesday December 5 from 330-445** to sing some Christmas Carols for Lakeshore and Madison Care Home residents, please drop Heather B. a line.

Students: We would love to have a few more students sign up! If any other students would like to join us, please email Heather at hbjornson@sd43.bc.ca Mr. Major will be driving the bus at 315 if anyone needs a ride.

WINTER BALL

Grade 11's & 12's the winter ball is fast approaching next week!

Just a reminder ticket sales close TOMORROW so don't miss out.

Tickets are \$20 and include food/drink and DJ.

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

HOLIDAY PURDY'S ORDERS

Holiday Purdy's orders are now ready for pick up.

If you haven't been contacted with regards to your order, please email bestaftergrad2024@gmail.com

SCHOOL MERCHANDISE FOR ALL

The Dr. Charles Best online merchandise store is now open for ALL students to order school spirit wear!

Need something to wear on 'Dress Your Best Fridays'?

Click on the link below to access t-shirts, long sleeves, crewnecks, and hoodies.

Orders will be open until 11:59pm on **Wednesday, December 20th** with delivery expected in January.

<https://bestspirit2023store.itemorder.com/>

CANDY SALE

The Korean Culture Club will be hosting a Dalgona Candy Sale on **Wednesday, December 8th** in the front lobby to bring awareness about Korean Culture. Be sure to check it out!

MISSING CHARGERS FROM YOUTHWORKER ROOM

8 chargers (I-Phone x 6 and 1 Apple and Android) and 8 blocks have gone missing from our Youth worker's room (Heather Bjornson). If you have borrowed any of these items, please return them as soon as possible.

If you have extras at home the Youth worker room would certainly appreciate the donation.

CHARLES BEST HAMPER DONATIONS UNTIL DEC. 18

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.

ORNAMENT DESIGN CONTEST

The library is excited to announce a festive challenge that's sure to bring out your inner artist.

We invite all students and staff to join our school-wide ornament design contest!

The task is simple: let your creativity shine by designing an ornament inspired by a book.

Whether it's a timeless classic, a recent bestseller, or a personal favourite, the possibilities are endless.

Don't consider yourself an artist? No problem, you can always use Canva (or any design program)!

We have templates available for you to use in the library. Every participant will be entered into a draw for a Chapters gift card. Drop off your masterpiece in the library **before December 20th**.

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.

SIGN UP SHEET is by the Music Room bulletin board. You must sign up to reserve your spot!

ATHLETICS

WRESTLING TEAM

Our wrestlers competing in their first competition of the season.

Senior Wrestlers compete in a tournament starting today.

Junior Wrestlers compete in a tournament starting on Friday.

Good luck to all!

SENIOR GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL

Both teams are participating in the 'Big Ticket' Tournament this week.

Our school is hosting the Senior BOYS games while the girls head to Burnaby for theirs.

Good luck to all!

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Our juniors kick off the season at a tournament in Surrey this week.

Go Blue Devils!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

THIS WEEKEND - 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

TODAY - UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

Douglas College: **Thu, Nov 30, 3:15 pm**, Library

TODAY - 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.](#)

TODAY - 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

DUE TODAY - 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

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/>

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.](#)

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 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.**

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.](#)