



# THE "BEST" INFORMER

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

### TODAY IS DAY 1



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



#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **TONIGHT - GRADE 11 PARENT DANCE MEETING**

Grade 11 parents, the next planning meeting for the parent dance in March will be held on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the school library. Hope to see you there!

##### **TONIGHT - WINTER BALL**

The Winter Ball is TONIGHT! Please bring a twoonie to the dance to help support our Charles Best hamper fund. Doors open at 6pm!

##### **LAST DAY TODAY - THRIFT SHOP POP UP STORE**

There will be a thrift shop store taking place in the Devils Den starting **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** until **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Stop buy, you could get some great finds! All proceeds go to support Ukraine!

##### **TOMORROW - PIZZA SALE**

The Forgotten Orphan's Club will be hosting a pizza sale on **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** in the front lobby. Cost is \$3.50 per slice and proceeds will be donated to orphans in war-torn countries.

##### **DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY**

Only 3 Fridays left before Winter Break. On Dec. 8, wear school coloured clothing (white, blue, black or grey) or any school merchandise you have!

##### **GROWING SMILES WINTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER PICKUP**

Winter Flower Fundraiser for After Grad pick up date had to be rescheduled to **Thursday, Dec 7**. The company had a problem with the truck driver. Please check your email with new location and pick up and times. Sorry for the inconvenience and confusion yesterday.

##### **CANDY SALE**

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

##### **RAC COOKIE SALE**

The Random Acts of Caring club is running a cookie sale on **December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** in the front lobby from blocks 2-5. Be sure to check out the handcrafted goods - only \$2 per cookie! Proceeds from sales will be donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

##### **STUDENT PARKING PASS**

Reminder to all Grade 11 and 12 students. If you have passed your 'N' driver's test and will be driving a car to school, please come to the office for a parking registration form.

##### **NEW DATES ADDED - VANCOUVER CANUCKS DISCOUNTED OFFERS**

All Dr. Charles Best students, teachers, faculty and their friend and families are eligible to take advantage of discounted offers for Vancouver Canucks games!

Access these offers through this link and QR code.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Charlesbest>

This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy Canucks games while supporting the school community to fundraise for our Grade 12's After Grad celebrations.

Please contact [bestgrad2024@gmail.com](mailto:bestgrad2024@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



##### **CHARLES BEST HAMPER FUND DONATIONS UNTIL DEC. 18**

Look for our leadership students out front of the school all this week in the mornings and after school to donate \$\$\$ to our Charles Best Hamper Fund. Donations will also be accepted until Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at the office or by School Cashonline. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.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 to access t-shirts, long sleeves, crewnecks, and hoodies.

Most styles are available in 4 colour options.

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

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



## **ATHLETICS**

### SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Good luck to the team in the No Regrets Tournament starting tomorrow at Handsworth Secondary School in North Vancouver. First opponent is Okanagan Mission. Go Blue Devils!

### FIELD LACROSSE

Please pay your Lacrosse Fees in school cash online.

Two games this week: one for each team. Storage of equipment is in Mr. Jovanovic's portable this week.

He gets to school at 7:30 am. If you cannot, make the game let Mr. J know ASAP.

Please arrange your own transportation to game.

### TODAY - JR TEAM:

**Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** early dismissal at 2:45pm. Away game at Heritage Woods 3:30pm.

### SR TEAM

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** early dismissal at 12:45 pm. Away game at Vancouver College. Game starts at 2:15pm.

## **POST SECONDARY EVENTS**

### TODAY - UVIC BACHELOR OF CHILD & YOUTH CARE INFO SESSION

Interested in supporting the well-being of children, youth, families, and communities? Learn more about this program on **Wed, December 6**, 4-5 pm. Register [here](#).

### TOMORROW - BCIT AUTOMOTIVE, AUTO COLLISION & MOTORCYCLE INFO SESSION

Discover how to kick start your journey in these dynamic and sought-after industries. Jobs such as Motorcycle Technician, Mechanic, Automotive Service Technician, Automotive Painter, and Auto Body Technician, provide good pay and excellent benefits. **Thu, December 7**, 6-7.30 pm [Register](#).

### TOMORROW - U OF T ROTMAN COMMERCE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Are you applying to Rotman Commerce and want to learn more about the supplemental application?

[Register here](#) for a webinar on **Thu, December 7**, 5 pm Pacific Time.

If you can't make it to the live webinar, you can watch a recording [here](#).

### TOMORROW - LANGARA COLLEGE RECREATION PROGRAMS

Launch into an exciting career that can impact widespread positive changes in your community! Local governments and non-profit organizations are seeking trained professionals in an array of fields. The Recreation Leadership Diploma introduces you to the culture and principles of community recreation, and provides the skills, knowledge, and leadership experiences required for entry as a professional in the Recreation Field. Many experiential learning opportunities such as a 5-day camping expedition, field trips, and events are waiting, and a 14-week practicum at a recreation organization. **Thu, December 7**, 6-7 pm. [Register](#).

### LA SALLE COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE & PORTFOLIO SHOW

Learn about programs and creative careers and see the cutting-edge facilities on Tue, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 - 7 pm. You will also have a chance to connect with passionate instructors, and industry professionals and discover the works of graduates. LaSalle is offering programs in Game Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Audio & Film, Culinary Arts, Fashion, etc. Register [here](#).

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### **C.A.R.E. FOOD SORTERS WANTED**

The Low Entropy Foundation is looking for volunteers, age 15+, to help organizing and packing food hampers for local families. Weekly commitment of 2-5 hours for a min. of 2 months. Sundays and/or Mondays, Burquitlam area. [Read more here.](#)

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED: INTERCULTURAL WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL AT MACKIN PARK**

United Way BC is looking for students to help set up this neighbourhood event, hand out warm beverages, and support the public make paper bag lanterns. **Thu, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, 3.30-9 pm.

Orientation will take place December 19. [More info here.](#)

### **LEARNING BUDDIES WANTED**

The Learning Buddy Network is looking for volunteers to mentor a younger student. Volunteers will develop leadership, communication, and organization skills. Applicants must be 15+ or at least in grade 10. The Winter/Spring term will run Feb – May 2024. **Apply by December 31.**

Opportunities are offered both online and in-person.

### **MORE SPORTS IS HIRING AFTER-SCHOOL & CAMP LEADERS**

Looking for individuals with all types of sporting backgrounds who are passionate about coaching and creating fun activity lesson plans for kids K to grade 8. After-school programs are within the Tri-Cities and run 2.30-4.30 pm; camps run during Spring Break and/or July. [Read more here.](#)

### **TECHNOVATION GIRLS BC**

Technology & entrepreneurship competition where young women and girls\* aged 8-18 work in teams to develop a mobile app or AI project that tackles real-world problems in the community. Work with volunteer mentors, complete weekly curriculum, and attend workshops & much more! You not only learn how to code –

Technovation also teaches girls to be problem solvers and innovators so that they can become leaders in whatever field they choose. The programs **kicks off January 17, 2024**, at Science World and ends with a Pitch Hackathon at BCIT (April 13, 2024). Multiple online workshops throughout the program. **FREE.** [Read more 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](#).

You will need time to compile your registration-don't delay.

**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.](#)

## 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](#).

### 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 and a Canadian citizen 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](#).

**Deadline to apply: January 8, 2024.**

### CMOLIK FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Up to 20 bursaries, each valued up to \$45,000 paid over five years of study to BC grads. Applications are judged based on the student's proven resilience in the face of adversity, positive work ethic, academic suitability, contributions to community, clarity of educational goals, support of references.

Our school can nominate ONE student. To be considered, please submit your Cmolik brag sheet to

[skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca) by **January 7, 2024**. [More info](#).

## GRADE 12'S

### DEADLINE EXTENDED - YEARBOOK 'HOMEWORK'

Grade 12's, the yearbook team REALLY 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 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 11:59pm.**



Baby Photos



Write-ups



Superlatives

### GRAD MERCHANDISE ORDER-DEADLINE EXTENDED

**LAST CHANCE - The Charles Best Grad 2024 store has been extended until 11:59pm on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

There is an assortment of merchandise including Best Seniors and Class of 2024 options.

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/>

