



# THE “BEST” INFORMER



**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

**TODAY IS DAY 1**

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



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY - BLACK SHIRT DAY**

Wear a black shirt on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness of the civil rights struggle and racism faced by Black and racialized people in BC. Why January 15<sup>th</sup>? Because that's Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday.

### **RECYCLING DONATIONS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS**

Do you have an abundance of bottles and cans to return after the winter break?

Our school has partnered with Return-It Depots so please consider donating your empties to our After Grad fund.

- 1) Use Recycle Account – Charles Best AfterGrad 2024.
- 2) Use the school's phone # (604-461-5581) when you print labels for your recycling bags. Thank you!

### **WINTER WEATHER**

Winter weather has finally arrived. Please use caution when driving and walking outside on school grounds.

### **WARM CLOTHING DRIVE**

Please consider donating your gently used winter weather items. Ms. Leslie's classes will be collecting the items to donate to Indigenous support shelters in the lower mainland.

Students can drop items off at the front office, or room 305.

Items needed for all ages and genders: Coats, Gloves, Boots, Hats, Scarves, Socks

We will also collect hygiene items such as: soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes and paste, deodorants.

**Donations are gratefully accepted until mid-February.**

### **NEED HELP WITH 30 HOURS OF WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION?**

The YMCA will run a program out of Dr. Charles Best Secondary on Wednesdays in February and March from 3:15 – 5:15pm in room 309. The Community Action Network program, funded by Service Corps Canada, aims to connect youth with service hours and service-learning experiences. All hours (classroom and community) will count towards the 30 hours required for graduation if completed while the student is in grades 10 – 12.

**Sign-up by January 20<sup>th</sup>** in room 309. There's capacity for 15 students and the program is free.

### **FRENCH 12 WRITTEN ASSESSMENT**

Students taking French 12 this semester will write their assessment on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**

Applicable students will be dismissed from their regular Block 1-3 classes. Room assignment coming soon.

### **DELTA CHALLENGE EXAMS**

Students, if you have signed up to challenge a language exam in Delta, they are scheduled on **January 27/28** depending on which exam you signed up for. Please check your regular email for details.

If you have any questions, please see Ms. Birsan.

### **PARKING IN DESIGNATED PARKING STALLS**

A friendly reminder to drivers to please refrain from parking in the 2 reserved parking stalls for persons with disabilities located on the West side of the school.

We have students who depend on being picked up and dropped off from this location. Thank you.

### **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.

### **AFTER GRAD FUN PARENTS NIGHT**

All parents are welcome to join Charles Best Secondary's After-Grad Fundraiser at the John B Pub on **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** starting at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$35 and include burger and drink.

There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 and Toonie Toss. Come on out for a fun night!

Purchase tickets here: [bestaftergrad2024@gmail.com](mailto:bestaftergrad2024@gmail.com)

## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

### SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for **Wed, February 13**. Students and parents will have the chance to learn more about the opportunities and supports for students interested in trades. The SD43 Trades Programs team will present as well as Skilled Trades BC, ICBA (Independent Contractors and Businesses Assoc.), Skilled Trades Employment Program BC, ACCESS BC, and the BC Centre for Women in Trades Training. Following the presentations, you can attend a mini fair and connect with representatives from those organizations, SD43 program instructors, and recruiters from local post-secondary institutions/ trades training centres.

### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA – GRADE 11 GETAWAY

20 outstanding grade 11 students will have the opportunity to explore the U of A from May 24-26, 2024. Free of charge! Attendees will stay in residence, visit state-of-the-art facilities, check out the campus and experience U of A life first-hand. **Applications are open until January 31, 2024**, at [uab.ca/getaway](http://uab.ca/getaway).

### 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. [More info/ registration here](#)

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### UPCOMING POST-SECONDARY APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Grade 12 students, make sure to watch those deadlines!** Deadlines are not only for submitting your application, but also for self-reporting and uploading transcripts where applicable (check those student portals and to-do lists!), for submitting English proficiency results and completing any supplemental applications if required by the program. **Also, make sure to complete the Student Transcript Service for any post-secondary institution you have applied to right away.**

**January 15:** UBC | University of Toronto (most programs) | Camosun College Nursing | Emily Carr University of Art & Design

**January 31:** SFU | UVic | Nursing at Thompson Rivers, Vancouver Island and University of the Fraser Valley | Kinesiology and Engineering Transfer Programs at UFV

**February 1:** Waterloo | McGill | Queen's

*\*This list is by no means complete. Please do your own research.*

### SFU BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Are you still working on your Beedie supplemental application? Are you wondering if the program could be a good fit for you? Questions? This webinar is your last chance before the application deadline to fully understand what studying at Beedie is all about. **Tue, January 16, 4 pm.** [Register.](#)

### MCGILL WEBINAR FOR APPLICANTS

Understand the application and admissions process, and learn about the new "Canada Award", a \$3,000/year automatic scholarship for certain out-of-province students. **Tue, January 16, 6 pm.** [Sign up here.](#)

### SFU FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE OPEN HOUSE

Learn more about SFU's Computing Science, Software Systems, Engineering Science, Mechatronics and Sustainable Energy Engineering programs. Faculty staff will provide a program overview, talk about co-op, the admissions process and there's a chance to ask your questions. Parents are welcome too. Burnaby campus, Thu, Jan 18th, 6 – 8 pm. Can't make it? There's a virtual session on **Wed, Jan 24th, 5.30 pm.** [Register here.](#)

### EDUCATION USA WEBINAR SERIES

**Becoming a U.S. Student-athlete: Wed, January 24, 2 pm.** Learn more about options and opportunities for student athletes. Understand the various conferences and what their eligibility requirements are. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

**Finance your Studies: Wed, February 7, 2 pm.** Join EducationUSA for a review of typical costs associated with studying in the USA and the different types of financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, employment, talent scholarships, and athletic scholarships) that you may be eligible for. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

## GRADE 12'S

### CAP AND GOWN

Reminder to all Grade 12's participating in Commencement this year to pay for your Cap and Gown through School Cashonline. Orders will be going in soon so don't delay! Unsure if you've purchased? Parents can log in to their School Cashonline and check their order history.

### CAPSTONE PRESENTATION DAY

Grade 12's, Capstone presentations are scheduled for **Thursday, January 25, 2024**. You will be scheduled to both present AND observe capstones this day. CLC teachers will be providing more information to students.

## SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD INFORMATION

### CHARLES BEST SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Our internal scholarship package will be released on February 7. This package will also include the District Authority Awards. All grade 12 students interested in finding out what kind of awards are available and how to apply, please join our info meeting at the library, **Wed, Feb 7**, after school.

### COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now accepted for the many bursaries offered by the Coquitlam Foundation. You submit one application and will be considered for any award for which you fit the criteria. Many different award categories are available, and awards are ranging from \$750 to \$2,500. Scholarships and bursaries are put into place for either a specific post-secondary institute, a particular area of study, or for involvement in a sport or in the community. Financial need will be considered. **Deadline is March 31**. [Learn more here](#).

## ATHLETICS

### Girls Rugby

Meeting and info session for new and returning players on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, after school at 3:30 pm. Please attend and bring your friends in Room 604.

### Field Lacrosse Announcement

Players check your school emails about the BCLA registration/Waiver forms. Please print these forms out and have them signed and filled out by your parent. Please return the forms to Mr. Jovanovic (Portable #1). If you can't print the forms out, I will have some printed in my portable for you to pick up and return back to Mr. Jovanovic.

### FIELD LACROSSE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Storage in Field house storage room as Mr. J is away. Ms. Fridge will open up.

- **Fri, Jan 12th 3:30pm** Junior & Senior PRACTICE
- **Thurs, Jan 18th 3:30pm** Junior HOME GAME: Best vs. Van College Jr
- **Fri, Jan 19th 3:30pm** Senior HOME GAME: Best vs. Maple Ridge Sec

This of course is all dependent on our weather, so please check your team communications.

### BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

#### **GRADE 9 BOYS**

January 15 **HOME** game vs. Terry Fox at 4pm  
January 17 **AWAY** game vs. Pinetree at 4pm

#### **JUNIOR BOYS**

January 15 **HOME** game vs. Terry Fox at 7pm  
January 17 **AWAY** game vs. Pinetree at 7pm

#### **JUNIOR GIRLS**

January 15 **HOME** game vs. Terry Fox at 5:30pm  
January 18-20 Saint Thomas Moore Tournament, Burnaby

#### **SENIOR GIRLS**

January 16 **HOME** game vs. Heritage Woods at 6pm  
January 18-20 Robert Bateman Tournament, Abbotsford

#### **SENIOR BOYS**

January 19-21 Pitt Meadows Secondary School Tournament