



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER WEATHER

Winter weather has finally arrived. Please use caution when driving and walking outside on school grounds. Dress appropriately with proper footwear. Drive slowly in school zones and be aware of pooling water and possible ice on streets and in parking lots.

END OF SEMESTER 1 SCHEDULE

The last day of regularly scheduled classes for Semester 1 is **Monday, January 22, 2024**. Schedules vary for students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday so please check the table below.

Mon Jan 22	Tue Jan 23	Wed Jan 24	Thu Jan 25	Fri Jan 26
Last Day Sem 1 classes Regular Schedule. Insufficient Evidence (IE) Support Booking Students at risk of failing courses will be aware that their standing in those courses is "IE". To remedy the IE, students must book time directly with relevant teachers for the week ahead.	Provincial Assessment: Literacy 10 8:30-11:30 Digital Literacy Assembly 9:15-11:45 All Gr 9's (except those students specifically contacted by Ms. Thomas) are expected to attend. Provincial Assessment: FRAL 12 (Oral) 12:00-2:00 IE resolution time for students Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it.	Provincial Assessment: Numeracy 10 8:30-11:30 Gr 11 Presentations 9:30-11:45 Provincial Assessment: Literacy 12 12:15-3:30 Sem 1 Eng 12 Students who missed the Nov session. IE resolution time for students Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it. Gr 8 Parent Info Night 7pm Big Gym	Capstones and YDI all Gr 11 & 12 attend from either 8:30-10:45 OR 11:30-1:45 . <i>See table below for some general info. Check schedule details specific to each student in the main foyer.</i> IE resolution time for students Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it.	Gr 8 Tour Day 12:30-2:30 Only students helping with the event or working directly with teachers on catch-up work need to attend school this ay.

PLEASE AVOID OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AREA

The outdoor classroom to the right of Portable 2 has been cordoned off with yellow caution tape due to a felled tree last week. Please stay away from this area until the district can remove the tree, thank you.

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!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

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 20th in room 309. There's capacity for 15 students and the program is free.

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.

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 1st 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

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.

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.

ATHLETICS

WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Today's wrestling tournament has been **CANCELLED**

FIELD LACROSSE

~~• Fri, Jan 19th 3:30pm Senior HOME GAME: Best vs. Maple Ridge Sec~~ **CANCELLED**

FIELD LACROSSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Players check your school emails about the BCLA registration/Waiver forms. Please print out these forms and have your parents fill out the forms and sign. Please return the forms to Mr. Jovanovic (Portable #1).

If you can't print out the forms, Mr. Jovanovic will have some printed in his portable for you to pick up and return back to him.

BASKETBALL THIS WEEK

JUNIOR GIRLS

January ~~18-20~~. Now starting Friday, January 19th. Saint Thomas Moore Tournament, Burnaby

SENIOR GIRLS

January ~~18-20~~ Robert Bateman Tournament, Abbotsford **CANCELLED**

SENIOR BOYS

January ~~19-21~~ Pitt Meadows Secondary School Tournament.

Possibly starting Saturday, Jan. 20 as SD42 is closed today.

Please check your team communications for updates.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

TODAY - SFU INDIGENOUS PREVIEW DAY

JANUARY 19, 2024, 9:00 AM PST // CHECK YOUR TIMEZONE

LOCATION: SFU BURNABY CAMPUS

Indigenous students in grades 9 through 12 can spend a day at SFU to experience what student life at SFU is like. The day includes a campus tour, a Faculty Fair to learn about the variety of educational programs available at SFU, a delicious lunch at the all-you-care-to-eat Dining Commons buffet, and the opportunity to hear the experiences of current Indigenous SFU students.

SFU - INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING IN JAVA

Series of 7 online workshops running Saturdays, 10-11.30 am, **January 27 – March 16**. Open to all high school students. Use fundamental programming concepts such as variables, data types, comparison and logical operators, control structures, and functions to create useful programs. This workshop series will be taught using the Java programming language. [Sign up by January 22.](#)

SFU – HOUR++ OF CODE WORKSHOP SERIES

Various one-off workshops (**Jan./ Feb.**) for high school students to learn how to code and implement popular digital tools. Topics are ranging from user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (in Python and Java), mobile app development, and game development. [Details and registration.](#)

SPRING BREAK CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in gaining experience in children's recreation? Pedalheads Bike Camps are accepting applications for Junior Instructors. Camps are running **March 11 – 25** (Como Lake).

Must be age 13-16 and must be able to comfortably ride your bike. [More info.](#)

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.

SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar for **Wed, February 13, 2024, from 6-8pm at Centennial Secondary School.**

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.

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](#)

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.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

SFU ADMISSIONS WORKSHOPS FOR B.C. STUDENTS

Have you applied to SFU or are you still working on your application? Feeling lost? Join a virtual workshop to get help understanding requirements and self-reporting, learn about next steps, and get your questions answered. **January 24**, 11 am, **February 1**, 5 pm, **February 8**, 5 pm. [Sign up here.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY: GRAPHIC & DIGITAL DESIGN DIPLOMA/ BACHELOR

This info session/ portfolio review and campus tour will give you an introduction to the creative industry and UFV's Graphic + Digital Design programs. Instructors, students, and grads share real-world experiences, provide feedback and advice on building a strong entrance portfolio, answer questions, and share experiences.

Tue. February 6 | 6:00-8:30 PM | Abbotsford. [Register.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: DISCOVER HEALTH SCIENCE PATHWAYS

This webinar series is for all students who are having plans to become a doctor, pharmacist and more. Faculty program experts will discuss program options that get you on track and will answer your questions live.

- **Pharmacy:** Tuesday, January 23, 5 - 6 p.m. | [Register >>](#)
- **Medicine:** Wednesday, January 24, 5 - 6 p.m. | [Register >>](#)
- **Medical Laboratory Science:** Thursday, January 25, 5 - 6 p.m. | [Register >>](#)

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 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 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.](#)