



# THE "BEST" INFORMER

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

### TODAY IS DAY 1

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



#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### CAFETERIA CLOSURE

The cafeteria is closed from **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, reopening on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make alternate arrangements during this time, thank you.

##### UPDATED END OF SEMESTER 1 SCHEDULE

Schedules vary for students on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday so please check the table below **AND** room assignments in the front lobby.

All items below are graduation requirements except those marked with a \*.

**PLEASE NOTE THE UPDATED START/END TIMES FOR GRADE 11 PRESENTATIONS WED JAN 24.**

**PLEASE BE ON TIME**

Tue Jan 23	Wed Jan 24	Thu Jan 25	Fri Jan 26
<b>Provincial Assessment: Literacy 10</b> 8:30-11:30  <b>*Digital Literacy Assembly</b> 9:15-11:45 All Gr 9's (except those students specifically contacted by Ms. Thomas) are expected to attend.  <b>Provincial Assessment: FRAL 12 (Oral)</b> 12:00-2:00  <b>*IE resolution time for students</b> Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it.	<b>Provincial Assessment: Numeracy 10</b> 8:30-11:30  <b>*Gr 11 Presentations-mandatory attendance for all Gr 11's.</b> <b>***Updated start/end times: 9:15-11:30</b>  <b>Provincial Assessment: Literacy 12</b> 12:15-3:30 Sem 1 Eng 12 Students who missed the Nov session.  <b>*IE resolution time for students</b> Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it.  <b>*Gr 8 Parent Info Night</b> 7pm Big Gym	<b>Capstones and *YDI</b> all Gr 11 & 12 attend from either 8:30-10:45 <b>OR</b> 11:30-1:45.  <i>See table below for some general info. Check schedule details specific to each student in the main foyer.</i>  <b>*Semester 2 schedules published to MYED portals 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>*IE resolution time for students</b> Students with IE should work with their teachers at pre-determined time to remedy it.	<b>*Gr 8 Tour Day</b>  Only students helping with the event or working directly with teachers on catch-up work need to attend school this day.

##### GR. 11 SCHEDULE THURSDAY, JAN 25<sup>TH</sup>

Student	8:30	9:45	11:30	12:45
<b>Adi-Flores (Daniela)</b>	Observe Capstones	Complete YDI survey	x	x
<b>Flores (Diana) – Leon-Carney</b>	Complete YDI survey	Observe Capstones	x	x
<b>Leung - Riley</b>	x	x	Observe Capstones	Complete YDI survey
<b>Richey - Zhu</b>	x	x	Complete YDI survey	Observe Capstones

##### **NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 29/SEMESTER 2 START**

Reminder to students, **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** is a Pro-D Day. Students do not attend school this day. Semester 2 begins on **Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please check/print your schedules from your MYED portal **BEFORE** Tuesday. Schedules will be available in the portal starting **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

### **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!

### **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 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)

### **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

### **GRAD FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS**

Artona will be on site at the school **Thursday, February 8, 2024**, from 4:30pm-8:30pm to capture photos of your friendship groups. Your group can consist of 2-15 people. There are 2 sitting fee options: \$15 person includes 1 digital image or \$22 per person for 4 digital images for the group. Use this link for more information and to book: [https://www.artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation\\_group](https://www.artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation_group)

### **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

### **FIELD LACROSSE SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** *Junior Game:* Best Jr vs. New West Jr @ Mercer Stadium in New West 3:30pm.  
Arrive at 3:00

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** *Senior & Junior Practice* 3:30-5:00pm @ Best

### **RUGBY MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED PLAYERS**

**Wednesday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>** in Room 117. This meeting is for all players (juniors, seniors, boys and girls). The meeting will start at 3:20. Bring your friends - no experience is necessary to join rugby!

### **BASKETBALL JANUARY 22-26**

#### **SENIOR GIRLS**

January 23<sup>rd</sup> HOME game vs. Maple Ridge Secondary School. 6pm tipoff.

January 25<sup>th</sup> game vs. Riverside. This game is being played at SFU. 4pm tipoff.

#### **JUNIOR GIRLS**

January 25-27 tournament at Burnaby Central Secondary School.

#### **SENIOR BOYS**

No games scheduled this week.

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### 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.

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

### TOMORROW - 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.](#)

### 1<sup>ST</sup> INFO. SESSION TOMORROW - 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.](#)

### TOMORROW - 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.](#)

### 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 BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS APPLICANT ADVISING

Beedie applicants, do you have questions about the application process? A Beedie representative will be visiting us at Best for one-on-one advising. Drop in at the Tech Centre (DL-Room) on **Thursday, February 1**, after school, and get those answers you are looking for.

### 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.](#)



## CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL 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.](#)

### **DATE CORRECTION - SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE**

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, 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.

### **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.](#)

## 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.](#)