



THE "BEST" INFORMER



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE TODAY - GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATION FORMS

Grade 9 immunizations are quickly approaching **Friday Feb. 9th, Friday Feb. 16th, and Friday March 1st.** Signed consent packages are to be submitted to the main office **NO LATER than Wednesday, January 31st.** Fraser Health needs to pick up the packages well in advance of the first immunization day.

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Wear school colours or your school/grad merch. on Friday for the first 'Dress your Best' of Semester 1!

TEXTBOOK/LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

If you haven't already done so, please contact your semester 1 teacher and/or the library for returns.

****Unreturned books will result in a fee charged to your School Cashonline account.****

Please note that resource replacement is very expensive, and we will happily take ALL resources back, even if they are from previous school years.

YEARBOOK PURCHASE DEADLINE

The deadline to order your 2023-2024 Yearbook is **Friday, February 2, 2024.** Unsure if you have purchased one? Parents can log in to their School Cashonline account and check their order history.

LOCKERS

As student schedules change this semester, please be advised locker assignments cannot be changed to another location and locks CANNOT be removed from your assigned locker and used for PE. Students, if you had PE first semester, please ensure you remove your personal lock from the blue PE lockers, or they will be removed on your behalf.

If you need any other assistance with your lock/locker, please come to the office.

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

Counsellors will consider requests in the following priority:

- 1) Grade 11 and 12 students needing a course for graduation or needing a course for post-secondary.
- 2) Grade 9-10 students who have failed a course and need to change their timetable as a result of the failure.

PARENT DANCE MARCH 9TH

Dr. Charles Best's tradition of Grade 11 parents hosting a parent dance continues!

Parents, round up your friends, family, or neighbours for a great night out right here at school.

This year's theme is Las Vegas so get your tickets early. Early bird price is \$65 and available until February 16th.

Visit our [EVENT PAGE](#) for more info/purchase tickets or contact bestgrad2025@gmail.com

AP EXAMS

Any students who still want to sign up for AP Exams, please see Mrs. John in the Counselling office **by February 24, 2024.**

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 a 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

GRAD FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS

Artona will be on site at the school **Thursday, February 8th** and **Friday, February 9th** from 4:30pm-8:30pm to capture photos of your friendship groups. Your group can consist of 2-15 people. There are two sitting fee options: \$15 person includes one digital image or \$22 person for four digital images for the group. Don't miss out! Use this link for more information and to book:

https://www.artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation_group

ATHLETICS

TODAY- RUGBY MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED PLAYERS

Wednesday, Jan 31st 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!

FIELD LACROSSE THIS WEEK

ALL players must get a form from Mr. Jovanovic this week.

*No JR team game this week - please come out and cheer on our Sr team!

Friday, Feb 2nd 3:30pm Junior & Senior PRACTICE

BASKETBALL WEEK OF JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 2

JUNIOR BOYS

February 1-3: GW Graham Secondary School Tournament in Chilliwack.

SENIOR BOYS

February 2: AWAY game at Centennial Secondary School. Tipoff is at 7:00pm.

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.](#)

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SFU APPLIED SCIENCES IS FOR YOU: CAMPUS VISIT FOR BLACK YOUTH

In partnership with the Black Women Business Network (BWBN), SFU Faculty of Applied Sciences is inviting African, Caribbean, and Black youth in grades 8, 9, & 10 to explore the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the SFU Surrey Campus. Incl. a guided tour, a complimentary lunch and presentation from an advisor to learn more about the Faculty of Applied Sciences programs at SFU, and a hands-on activity related to applied science.

Fri, February 23 (Pro D Day). 10 am – 1.30 pm. [Sign up here.](#)

SWEAT – STRUCTURED WORK EXPERIENCE SPRING BREAK OPPORTUNITY

Grade 11 & 12s: This is your chance to gain meaningful structured work experience during Spring Break (March 25-28). LaSalle College Vancouver is inviting you to their campus to use state-of-the-art equipment, learn from faculty, and gain experience that can be useful in the future. Receive 30 hours of collaborative hands-on workshop work experience in Fashion Design, Jewelry Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Digital Film and Video, Recording Arts, 3D Modeling & Animation, Game Art & Design, Culinary Arts, Baking & Pastry, etc. Cost is \$150 - but if you **sign up by January 31**, it's \$100. [Register here.](#)

YAIL – YOUTH ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP CAMP

YAIL is open to the first 65 High School registrants (ages 15-17). All costs are paid by the sponsoring Rotary club. Participating District 5050 Rotary clubs range from Hope, BC to Everett, WA. The event takes place at Alexandra Neighbourhood House in Surrey, BC, March 1-3. YAIL will help you discover new skills, progress your leadership skills, learn more about the value of teamwork, build relationships with like-minded individuals, and more. [Register/ more info.](#)

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PROGRAMS START SOON - 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.](#)

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 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.*

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. **February 1, 5 pm, February 8, 5 pm.** [Sign up here.](#)

TOMORROW - 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.](#)

EDUCATION USA WEBINAR SERIES

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.](#)

BCIT BIG INFO EVENT IS BACK

Check out BCIT's full-time programs, from business, computing, and health to engineering, trades, and applied science on **Wed, February 21, 4-7 pm** at the Burnaby campus. Learn about the programs available, admission, and get your questions answered by faculty staff. [Register to attend and for a chance to win free tuition prizes.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY VISIT AT BEST

Grade 11 students: Now is the perfect time to start thinking about post-secondary. A recruiter from the University of Calgary will be visiting us on **Thursday, February 29,** after school. Stop by their table in our main foyer and start connecting. Grade 12's who have applied to Calgary: If you have questions, this could also be a good opportunity to find your answers. Come say hi.