



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL DAY TODAY - 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.

LAST CHANCE- YEARBOOK PURCHASE

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.

OVERDUE - GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATION FORMS

Grade 9 immunizations are quickly approaching **Friday Feb. 9th, Friday Feb. 16th and Friday March 1st**. Signed consent packages were to be submitted to the main office **NO LATER than Monday, February 5th**. Fraser Health needs to pick up the packages well in advance of the first immunization day.

STUDENTS 4 STUDENTS CLUB BAKE SALE

The Students4Students club will be organizing a bake sale on **Wednesday February 7th**. There will be various baked goods ranging from \$2-\$3. All proceeds will be donated to the Silokwethamba organization, whose mission is to support education and health for children in Zimbabwe. Look for us in the front lobby!

SUN RUN TRAINING ANYONE?

Interested in building your fitness, as well as community? Join the Charles Best Sun Run Team! Everyone is welcome, there is no need for any running experience. If you want to build your fitness, train for track or other sports. Challenge yourself! Meet new people and build connections! We have practices every Monday and Wednesday after school. If you are interested in the 10KM run it's happening on April 21, 2024. There is a \$54 fee which includes, a shirt with our team's name on it and some treats at the end of the race. If you're interested or have any questions, we have a meeting coming up on **Tuesday February 6, 2024**.

Or contact me (Sarah Lok) via email 080-slok@sd43.bc.ca

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.

LOCKERS

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.

***NEW--**students if you no longer need a locker for Semester 2 or would like to request one, please see Mrs. Wynne in the office.

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**.

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.

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.

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

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

HOCKEY TEAM MEETING

Every hockey player (grade 10-12) who are interested in joining our school hockey team this coming Spring please see Mr. Last to get a registration form.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday February 7** after school in the cafeteria.

WRESTLING

The wrestling team travels to Port Alberni today for a tournament. Good luck to all!

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 GIRLS/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.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

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.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

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 [Register here.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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.](#)

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/BURSARY 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.

PATHWAYS TO TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching. To qualify, the program must lead to eligibility to apply for a B.C. teaching certificate and teach in the K–12 school system in this province. Value: \$5,000. [More info](#). **Deadline: February 15.**

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT CITIZENSHIP

Recognize graduating students for outstanding contributions they have made to their school and community. Value is \$750 (x3). **Deadline: February 29**, 3 pm. [More info](#).

BC PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATION'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Grads who are pursuing education in trades, technical, and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be assessed on academic excellence and demonstrated leadership within the school and community. 20 x \$1,000 available. **Deadline is March 18, 2024.** [More info](#).

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

20 x \$500 are available for B.C. students who dedicate a significant amount of their time and energy to volunteering in their local communities. Have you made outstanding contributions in your local community for a considerable amount of time or have initiated, organized or contributed significantly to a one-time project? Apply [here](#) by **March 31**.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS & SFU FINANCIAL AID

Various entrance awards valued \$3,000 - \$20,000 are available for students starting at Douglas this fall. [Learn more here](#). SFU applicants who have demonstrated financial need and marks in the 80% range may be eligible to apply for bursaries. [More here](#). **Deadline for both post-secondary institutions is March 31.**

BCIT PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS AWARDS

BCIT is looking for 3 SD43 grads who have applied to BCIT and are planning to attend a full-time first-year technology, technical studies, or trade program at BCIT. Well-rounded students, demonstrated leadership, commitment, and drive. [More info here](#). **Apply by April 3.**

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](#).