



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

hello
February

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO DAY

Artona will be on site the morning of **Monday, February 12th** during blocks 1 and 2 to take photos of the following groups:

- New students to Dr. Charles Best who started after the fall photo days
- Grade 12's (approx. 52) who have not had their headshot photo taken for the yearbook

TOMORROW - DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

'Dress Your Best' on **Friday, February 9th**! Wear school colours or any school merchandise you have!

FLOWERS FOR FRIENDS

Buy carnations for \$2 for Valentine's Day! Sales will be in the front lobby from **Monday, Feb. 5 until Friday, Feb. 9**. Flowers will be delivered on February 14th during blocks 1 & 2. Limited supply so don't wait!

TODAY – GRADE 11 COURSE PROGRAMMING

Grade 11 info. will be presented **in the gym in Block 4 on Thurs. Feb. 8th**. If this is your off block, please plan ahead to attend this important presentation. Course requests will be done online through the MyEd portal and supporting information will be on the Dr. Charles Best homepage.

GRADE 9 – 11 PARENT PROGRAMMING INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents, please join Counsellors on **Tuesday, February 13th** at 7:00pm in the Charles Best Library. The presentation will take about an hour and will be discussing course selection and online programming for the 2024-2025 school year.

MINISTRY STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY

- All students in Grade 10 and their parents are asked to complete the Ministry's Student Learning Survey.
- Students will be given class time to do so but if you miss it, feel free to have your say by going to this [link](#)
 - log in with your 9 digit PEN
 - Parents use the same [link](#) and select SD43 Coquitlam, then Dr Charles Best (no login id required).

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**.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The deadline for International students (who are up for renewal) to pay program fees for the next school year is **March 1, 2024**. Students are not guaranteed their place in our school after this date. Please see Mrs. Joba if you have any questions about this reapplication process. Feel free to check in with counsellors for programming advice.

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.

ORDER YOUR PURDY'S CHOCOLATES FOR EASTER!

Aftergrad Fundraiser- help reduce the cost of After Grad!
Order Deadline March 3 with pick up scheduled for March 15 between 2-5 pm.
Link to order form: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1929560-116504>

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

50/50 RAFFLE

Looking for an easy way to support our 2024 AfterGrad events? A 50/50 raffle will be running from February 1st until March 2, 2024, so get your tickets now and built that pot!

Ticket prices: 1 for \$10, 5 for \$20, 15 for \$30, or 100 for \$50

Purchase tickets here <https://trellis.org/charles-best>

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

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS FOR THE DOGWOOD GARDENS

The Fraser Pacific Rose Society is looking to pair up students with an experienced rosarian to show them how to care for the roses during their yearly cycle. Garden tools will be available for you to use. There's an in-garden workshop held in conjunction with the City of Coquitlam's Park Spark program to learn how to

"Wake up the roses". **Sat, March 23**, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The volunteer commitment runs from April to November, 1-3 hours on Saturday mornings. [More info 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.

TRAIN IN TRADES: BAKING AT VCC

Are you interested in gaining a trades foundation in Baking while still in high school? The program will be running July 08 to December 12, 2024, and you will gain credits that count towards your high school graduation and towards post-secondary. Mandatory info night on **February 22**, 5.30-7 pm, at Vancouver Community College. Applications are **due April 7**, [more info 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 [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

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

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: a great time to ask questions.

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.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

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 or 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.**

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. Financial need will be considered.

Deadline is March 31. [Learn more here.](#)

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.**

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTOS

Thank you to the many students who booked Grad photo sittings when Artona was onsite January 5-19th. If you did not book a grad photo session and wish to purchase Grad photos, please see the message below from Artona. If your graduate does not want to purchase a Grad photo package and has not yet had a Grad photo taken by Artona, we still require a photo for the yearbook and 2024 Class Composite photo. **Artona will be onsite, this coming Monday, Feb. 12th to take Grad photo headshots for yearbook/composite purposes only.** On Monday morning, announcements will be made for those students to come to the cafeteria to have their photo taken. Only those students who have not yet been photographed by Artona will be permitted to have their photo taken.

FROM ARTONA: GRAD PHOTOS FEB 23/24 AT BURNABY CENTRAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Happy February! We were able to build in a few extra days for Burnaby/Coquitlam schools this year for any grads that may have missed an opportunity to be photographed. These dates are **February 23 - 24** and the mobile studio will be parked at Burnaby Central Secondary - 6011 Deer Lake Pkwy, Burnaby, BC V5G 0A9

To book a sitting please use this link.

<https://www.artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation>

ATHLETICS

WRESTLING

Wrestlers will be competing in the zones tournament on Friday trying to qualify for the provincial championships. Good luck to all!

TODAY - JOIN CHARLES BEST'S TRACK & FIELD TEAM

TEAM CODE: **x9lv7t9**

Information Meeting **Thursday, February 8th** after school in room 304.

No Experience Necessary!

Email Mr. Gant if you have any questions (dgant@sd43.bc.ca)

STARTS TODAY - SENIOR AND JUNIOR BADMINTON TEAM TRYOUTS

There will be Senior and Junior Badminton Team tryouts on **Thursday February 8th and Friday, February 9th** after school in the Large Gym. Please wear appropriate shoes and clothing and bring a racquet.

FIELD LACROSSE FEB 5 - 9

Thursday, Feb 8 - Jr Home Game vs. Vancouver College @ 3:30pm

Friday, Feb 9 - Sr & Jr practice @ 3:30pm

BASKETBALL FEB 5 - 9

GRADE 9 BOYS

Participate in District Playoffs this week. Schedule TBD.

SENIOR BOYS

February 7: The team travels to a tournament in Calgary, Alberta. Best of luck boys!

SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

If you are interested in trying out for the junior or senior girls soccer teams, please sign up using the links below or in the library. The QR code is in front of Mrs. Royle's desk in the library.

Once we have numbers, we will send out info regarding try out dates. Hope to see you all there.

Jr. Girls form <https://forms.office.com/r/tsQ0kv36te>

Sr. Girls' form <https://forms.office.com/r/UafS2fk4zi>