



THE "BEST" INFORMER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

hello
February

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS

Grade 9 immunizations will be taking place from approximately 8:50-2:30 on **Friday, February 9th**. Students will be called down to the gym alphabetically by last name. Please ensure you are on school property during block 3 as immunizations will be occurring during your lunch break as well.

LAST DAY - FLOWERS FOR FRIENDS

Buy carnations for \$2 for Valentine's Day. **Monday, Feb. 5 until Friday** from blocks 1 & 2.

SOLD OUT

REAL ACTS OF CARING WEEK (RAC)

RAC Week is **February 11-17, 2024**. RAC was created by grade 4 and 5 students in the Coquitlam School District in 2005 and is doing something caring and kind and not expecting anything back. SD43 leadership students are lobbying with local and provincial governments to have RAC Week recognized in our community. RAC has spread all over BC and beyond. This year the focus of RAC Week is **Mental Health and Wellness**, and we are encouraging as many students as possible to get involved in supporting this goal. Leadership students are also encouraging students to wear the colour **PURPLE** during RAC Week. Please see our RAC website for more information about RAC and how to get involved <http://www.realactsofcaring.org>. Have a great RAC Week!

MAKERSPACE LEADERS NEEDED!

Are you a maker? Are you familiar with the Cricut machine and its many opportunities? Are you interested in helping others? If so, please consider sharing your expertise/experience. Ms. Royle is looking for volunteers to help others use the Cricut equipment. It would involve volunteering in the makerspace one day a week after school. Please stop by the LLC if you are interested.

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

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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CON'T

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>

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

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>

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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

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.**

ATHLETICS

2ND DAY - 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.

BASKETBALL NEWS

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The junior girls played their best games over the last three days, which was the perfect time to peak. They showed heart, grit, and determination. Last night we played a tough Centennial team, whom we have played three times before losing each game by 20+. The girls gave it their all-last night, unfortunately, we came up a bit short losing 48-43 which ended our season. The girls learned a lot this year, and I was very pleased by their progress. Continue to work on your game ladies! Let's come back next year even stronger.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

SENIOR girls tryouts will be on Tuesday, Feb 13th and Thursday Feb. 15th on the upper field starting at 3:30.

JUNIOR girls tryouts will be held during the week of Feb. 19-23 times TBD.

It's not too late to sign up for either team. Please sign up using the links below or use the QR code at Ms. Royle's desk in the library.

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

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

FIELD LACROSSE FEB 5 - 9

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

BASKETBALL FEB 12-16

SENIOR BOYS

February 13: HOME game vs. Terry Fox. Tipoff is at 7:30pm.

February 15: HOME game vs. Heritage Woods. Tipoff is at 7:30pm.

