



THE "BEST" INFORMER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - 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 NIGHT - 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.

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.

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 22, 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

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC SAFETY – SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Grade 11 students identifying as female could have the chance to explore careers in public safety and security, connect with experts in the field, and visit public safety departments to experience daily operations. Examples are Canada Border Services Agency, Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Correctional Services, and the RCMP. The program is running **July 8-12, 2024**, salary is \$16.84/hour. [Apply here](#) by **February 27**.

FESTIVAL DU BOIS

Is looking for volunteers, age 15+, who want to contribute to the francophone community. Volunteer opportunities include site decoration, parking, green team, tickets sales, and more.

Happening March 8-11. [Sign up here](#).

VENTURENG: ENVISIONING STEM DREAMS

Students in grades 10-12 can join for a day's worth of exploration in what entrepreneurship in STEM fields looks like. What is a real-world issue you are inspired to address? You will work with mentors to ideate a STEM-based venture solution and will participate in rapid-fire pitching rounds as you compete for the best pitch of the day. **Sat, March 16**, 10 am – 3 pm, SFU campus. [More info](#).

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE CAMPS

Is seeking volunteers for their spring break camps. Must be patient, kind, fun and enjoying working with kids. **Starting March 18**, shifts are flexible and can be worked around your schedule. Must be 13+. A Criminal Record Check is required for those ages 16+.

YOUTH4ACTION LEADERSHIP BOOT-CAMP

Spring Break opportunity for high school students who are passionate about learning, leadership, and taking action to protect the health of our region, local waterways, and oceans. **Mon-Wed, March 18-20**, 9 am - 3.30 pm. Explore how residents are connected to, and dependent upon, healthy waterways and oceans through their daily lives and choices. Discover how technology, innovation, planned facility updates, and unique career paths combine to provide liquid waste services to protect the health of our region.

Learn about Metro Vancouver's Liquid Waste Management Plan, and much more. [Sign up](#).

DOGWOOD ROSE GARDEN

Volunteers are needed April – November 2024. Time commitment: 1-3 hours/ week Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Fraser Pacific Rose Society will pair you with an experienced rosarian to show you how to care for the roses during their yearly cycle. Tools will be provided. If interested, stop by an in-garden workshop on **Saturday, March 23**, 9.30 am or email fprosesociety@gmail.com.

For more opportunities, please visit the [Career Centre website](#).

CAMP IGNITE

Camp Ignite is a three-night, three-day camp (August 8-11) that educates and inspires young women to follow their dreams. The camp is open to girls in grades 11-12 living in British Columbia and offers an introduction to the exciting world of firefighting, along with fitness, nutrition, health and teamwork. [Apply here](#) by **May 1**.

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](#).

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](#).

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS CON'T

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

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA - APPLICATION DEADLINES EXTENDED

UVic is still accepting undergraduate applications for September 2024 for most programs. Students should check [EducationPlannerBC](#) to see if their program is still open. They are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as applications can close without notice. Applicants with an admission average above 90% will be eligible to receive a UVic Entrance Scholarship valued between \$2,000 and \$4,000. International applicants applying from high schools in Canada with an admission average of 85% or higher are eligible for a University of Victoria International Entrance Scholarship valued at \$10,000.

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

We'll be hosting a TWU recruiter in the foyer on **Tuesday, February 20th**, after school. Applications for their programs are still open and students are encouraged to stop by with any questions. Trinity's most popular programs are probably Nursing and Kinesiology, but there are [many other options](#) for you to explore.

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.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2024 GRADS

Right now is a great time to apply to scholarships. Check out the [Career Centre website](#) to find a long list of awards that are currently accepting applications. It might be a good idea to also check with your employer, union, insurance company, bank institution, the student's sports teams, etc. to find out if they are offering scholarships or bursaries.

CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Grade 12 students who missed this week's scholarship meeting can find the meeting slides, link to the online application and further information on the Career Centre team (code gvrymg1). Our [scholarship directory](#) provides an overview of our internally offered scholarships/ bursaries as well as those exclusively offered to SD43 students. **Deadline is April 5th**, 3 pm. Any questions, please contact our Post-Secondary & Career Advisor at skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTOS/RETAKES FEB 23/24

These dates are open to all Grade 12's who are purchasing Grad photos and have yet to be photographed. Any Grad who requires a retake can also book on these dates. Location: Burnaby Central Secondary School

Use this link to book: <https://www.artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation>

**Graduates can also contact Artona Customer Service at 604-872-7272 to book alternate dates at their Burnaby or Vancouver Studios.

ATHLETICS

GOLF TEAM MEETING

There is a meeting Thursday, February 15th at 3:20pm in room 204 for all students of all grades interested in joining the golf team this season regarding tryouts, registration and league play. See you there!

TRACK & FIELD

Did you miss the information meeting last week? No problem! You can still join the team! Contact Mr. Gant (dgant@sd43.bc.ca) or join the Microsoft Team (code: **x9lv7t9**)

FIELD LACROSSE FEB 12-16:

Wednesday, Feb 14th: AWAY GAME: Sr team vs. Centennial 4:30pm at Centennial

Friday, Feb 16th: PRACTICE Sr & Jr teams 3:30pm

*no Jr game scheduled this week

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>

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.