



THE "BEST" INFORMER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADE 9/10 COURSE SELECTIONS OVERDUE

Grade 9 and 10 students, if you have not entered your 2024-2025 courses into your MYED portal, please do this IMMEDIATELY! Course selections were due on **Friday, February 16th**. If courses are not entered, you will not have a timetable for next year. Any questions, please see your Counsellor ASAP.

PEN PAL INTEREST

Any staff or student interested in writing cards for local seniors please contact our Youth Worker Heather Bjornson in her room on the 1st floor.

TODAY - GSA BAKE SALE

GSA is hosting a bake sale in the front lobby during Blocks 1-4 on **Wednesday, February 21st**. Come check out delicious baked goods!

CLOTHING AND TOILETRY DRIVE

Project Hello Club is sponsoring a toiletry drive from **February 20-22** with all donations going to Calvary Baptist Church's shelter. Please consider donating new or unopened items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, nail clippers, combs/brushes, washcloths, and towels. The following are also appreciated: new or gently used clothing items: socks (new only), underwear (new only), hats, scarves, gloves, warm winter coats, rain coats, sweatshirts, pants, and t-shirts. There will be a table in the front lobby to drop off donations. If you have any questions about donating other items, please contact Tiffany Choi @ 080-TCHOI@sd43.bc.ca

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

Reminder, there is no school on **Friday, February 23rd** due to a District Pro. D. Day. Classes resume on Monday, February 26th.

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>

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

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

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL ARE HEADING TO PROVINCIALS!

A big congratulations to the senior girls basketball team who won their wildcard game vs. South Delta last night to secure a spot in provincials! Elizabeth F. with 20 points, Jessica P. with 19, Denise M. with 13, Avin J. with 12, and Hannah B. with 17 rebounds and countless blocked shots. Congratulations to Jessica for winning an all-star medal at Fraser Norths! Looking forward to playing next week **Feb 28 – March 2** at Langley Events Center!

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tuesday Feb. 20th and Thursday Feb. 22nd.

Please be on the upper field by 3:30 for tryouts. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

If you have any questions, please email Mr. Celenza at acelenza@sd43.bc.ca.

UPDATED FIELD LACROSSE FEB 20-23:

Thursday, Feb 22nd: AWAY GAME: Junior Team vs. New West Secondary 3:30pm start at Mercer Stadium, New West. Be there by 3pm for the warmup. You will have an early dismissal @ 1:50 after block 4 please speak to your block 5 teacher. Equipment storage will be in portable 1 before school.

Please arrange your own rides. **Both teams Friday, Feb 23rd: PRO-D Day, no practice.**

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)

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**.

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](#).

SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers (age 14+) will get an opportunity to work with children and youth, build leadership skills, meet new people and have a rewarding summer as part of SFU Camps & Youth Programs!

Applications are now accepted until **April 11, 2024**. [More info here](#).

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**.

SD43 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Are you reliable, trustworthy and open to talking to new students? Students in grades 10-12 are wanted to help out in an international classroom setting and participate in cultural activities. You can volunteer one to five weeks (July 8 to August 9). More info and application form can be found [here](#). **Deadline: June 14, 2024**.

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.

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

