



THE "BEST" INFORMER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

MARCH

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDSPORT DONATIONS

Athletic Leadership will collect donations for the annual KidSport Drive in blocks 2, 3, and 4 tomorrow (Front Foyer). We are looking for gently used equipment, no more than 6 years old. This drive plays a large role in lowering the costs of youth sports in the Tri-Cities so thank you for your support!

SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING!

Get ready for Spring Break by participating in Best Spirit Week! Theme dress and participate in activities to win prizes! *Please note: You must be dressed in the theme to participate in the activities for prizes!

All activities will run in front of the Devil's Den on the main floor during Blocks 2, 3 & 4.

Monday: Color day: Dress in your grade color, gr. 9 - RED gr. 10 - BLUE gr. 11 - BLACK gr. 12 - WHITE, STAFF wear your Spirit wear.

Pick up a Blue Devil coloring sheet from office or outside room 102, return it completed by Tuesday morning, BEST entry of each grade will win a cafeteria full meal token! Post a group color day picture and tag our school Instagram for a chance to win a Charles Best hoodie!

Tuesday: Jersey day 🏀: Wear your favourite jersey, try your shot at a mini free throw to enter a raffle to win a Charles Best hoodie! (one hoodie per block!)

Wednesday: tropical day 🌴 - Wear your tropical wear (if you want to wear a bathing suit it must be worn on top of clothing!) - participate in a hula hoop competition to win a delicious Hawaiiin treat.

Thursday: Dress in your Easter Best 🐰 - Wear bunny ears or pastel colors to find an easter egg around the school and return it to win a chocolate

Friday: PJ Day 😴 - decorate your own cookie to keep or eat.

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

This is the last Dress Your Best before Spring Break!
Wear your favourite school swag or wear white, navy blue, blue or black!

LOST AND FOUND

Missing something? Students check the lost and found on the main floor across from the Tech Centre **BEFORE** Thursday, March 14th. Items have been displayed on tables for easy viewing.

LAST CHANCE - PARENT DANCE TICKETS FOR MARCH 9TH

Hurry! TIME IS RUNNING OUT! Get your tickets for the Las Vegas - Inspired Parent Dinner Dance TODAY! This super fun parent social gathering on **Saturday, March 9th in the school gym** helps reduce the cost of the dinner dance tickets for all 2025 grads.

It's a chance to come out and support your child's entire class by enjoying great food, music & dancing, and taking part in our 50/50 draw, epic silent auction and so much more!

Plus, it's super fun!!!! (Did we mention that?)

Visit our [EVENT PAGE](#) for more information and to buy tickets.

But hurry, tickets will **NOT** be available at the door, and we must confirm with the caterers by **March 6th** so don't procrastinate and guarantee your spot at this legendary event!

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION CAMPING TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

The French Immersion Department would like to inform you of a French camping activity for Grade 9 French Immersion students at the end of June. An information meeting will be held for students only on

Tuesday, March 12th at 3.15pm in Room 101.

RETURN IT RECYCLING FOR AFTERGRAD 2024

Friendly reminder to only put Canadian deposit items in the return it as US and other non-recycling have been dropped off by error. Please ensure there are a maximum of 12 bottles per bag and no broken bottles as well.

Thanks very much for your continued support.

STUDENT PARKING

We are experiencing a high demand for parking in the upper parking lot and the demand will only increase as more students pass the 'N' road test before the end of June. Students, you **MUST** register your car with the office and identify your car with your parking pass so we can differentiate between school demand vs. park demand. Registration forms are available in the front office.

Starting the week of February 26th checks will be occurring to ensure cars are displaying passes. We will issue warnings to start and then may start towing if cars do not have a pass displayed.

Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

ATHLETICS

RUGBY THIS WEEK

SENIOR GIRLS: Wednesday, March 6th away game @ 4pm vs. Carson Graham Sec. in North Vancouver.

SENIOR BOYS: Thursday, March 7th home game @ 4pm vs. Westview Sec. on the upper field.

JUNIOR BOYS: Friday, March 8th home game @ 4pm vs. Maple Ridge Sec. on the upper field.

FIELD LACROSSE JERSEY RETURNS

All Junior and Senior Lacrosse players that have not returned their **cleaned** jersey to Mr. Jovanovic do so in portable #1 A.S.A.P.

SD43 MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

Any interested in signing up for the SD 43 Mountain Bike team please see Mr. Raabe in the Tech Center **ASAP**. First ride is scheduled for **March 13th** at Burke Mountain.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE

Interested in learning more about the UBC Sauder Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) program? [Register now](#) for an info session on **Thu, May 23 2024**, 4:30 - 6:00pm. Future students and families will get a first look at student life in the program, connect with UBC Sauder advisors, meet the admissions team and get to ask any question they may have about the application process, and take a tour of the Henry Angus Building.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Are you planning to attend Douglas College this Fall? Or are you in grade 11 and are starting to explore options? Connect with faculty staff during an in-person info session to learn about your potential program of interest. **Tue, March 12** at the Coquitlam Campus, and **Thu, March 14** at the New West campus.

Starting at 5 pm. [Sign up to attend](#)

GRADE 12'S

DINNER DANCE TICKETS

Grade 12's Dinner/Dance tickets will be going on sale **THIS FRIDAY**.

Parents will be able to log in to their School CashOnline account to purchase. Don't miss out!

<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

TRIUMF YOUNG ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS FELLOWSHIP

The Young Engineers and Scientists (YES!) Fellowship offers six-week summer research experiences to graduating secondary students in British Columbia entering their first year at a recognized post-secondary institution. The Fellowship includes an award of \$4000. The intent of the YES Fellowship is to motivate graduating high school students with a passionate interest in science to pursue a research career in physical sciences or engineering by offering them the opportunity to experience a real life research environment. Placement dates are starting in first week of July. **Application deadline is March 15, 2024.**

[More info.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

Grade 12 students are encouraged to check out if they are eligible for any scholarships.

The [Career Centre > Financial Aid website](#) is currently listing almost 60 different bursaries and scholarships.

Also, don't miss our internal scholarships. Applications are accepted **until April 5th**, 3 pm, and students can apply to as many of the listed awards as they wish. The internal package also includes 40 District Authority Awards reserved for Charles Best grads. [More info here.](#) Students with questions can visit the Career Office (in the counsellors' area) or email skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SFU SCIENCE ALIVE CODING CLUB

The Coding Club offers a diverse array of free in-person workshops tailored for school-age students interested in delving into coding and exploring popular digital tools. From May to June 2024, various topics are covered such as user interface and experience design, programming logic foundations (using Python), web design, mobile app development, and game development. SFU Sustainable Energy Building, Surrey.

See website for topics/ dates. Spots are limited, [sign up](#) early.

JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS WANTED FOR UBC GEERING UP SUMMER CAMPS

Junior Instructors are high school or university students (grade 9 and up) who lend a helping hand at clubs and camps. You work closely alongside the instructor team to deliver and share STEM to youth in a hands-on and dynamic learning environment. This involves some curriculum development, assisting with lesson delivery, materials preparation, teaching opportunities, and more. There is a program running out of Coquitlam.

Minimum commitment is one week full-time. [Apply](#) by **March 17**.

SFU STEM SPEAKER SERIES – YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Are you a Grade 10-12 student who has a strong interest in STEAM topics and is eager to share your enthusiasm with others? Whether you are skilled in coding, robotics, engineering, or science communication, there is an opportunity for you to make a significant impact! Science Alive is currently recruiting volunteers to facilitate and moderate the ongoing STEM Speaker Series. [Details can be found here](#). **Apply by March 18**.

ROYAL SOCCER SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers age 14+ are wanted to assist staff with coaching and supervising children at camp. You can apply for one week (July-August), or many, half-day or full-day. Applicants should enjoy soccer and sporting activities, be great with children, be energetic and reliable. If you are 16 or older, you may be eligible for a CIT (Counsellor in Training) or Camp Counsellor position. [More info](#).

BCIT BIOTECHNOLOGY CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to learn more about careers in Biotechnology during an one-week workshop at BCIT (**April 15 – 19**). BCIT will be accepting 13 students with priority given to Grade 12 students first. If you are interested, **apply as soon as possible**. [More info](#).

TRADES SAMPLER FOR SD43 INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

SD43 is hosting a 3-days workshop at Port Moody Secondary, April 10-12. Students will learn basic skills in Carpentry, Welding, and CNC Machining. Other highlights include presentation from ACCESS B.C. connecting with elders, free breakfast and lunch, swag, and more. [Register here](#) by **March 14**.

EDUCATION USA: UNDERSTANDING THE SAT AND THE ACT

Join EducationUSA and 3 U.S. admissions officers to learn more about the SAT and ACT standardized tests. Learn about format and content of the SAT and ACT, understand the differences between the two exams, discuss strategies for test-taking, and review what test-optional means. **March 20**, 2-3 pm PST. [Register](#). EducationUSA is a free advising resource that supports Canadian students' questions about studying in the United States. [More info](#).

CPA BC COIN COMPETITION

COIN provides students with an opportunity to compete provincially with other students who share an interest in business and accounting. The Top 25 highest-scoring students will be presented with cash prizes. The CPABC COIN Competition is an annual multiple-choice-question exam focusing on accounting, entrepreneurship, business acumen and introductory financial literacy concepts – taking place **Sat, April 20th**, 10-11 am.

[Register](#) before April 8, 2024 at 9 am.