



# THE “BEST” INFORMER



FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

TODAY IS DAY 2

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



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NOW RUNNING**

*Charles Best Players presents “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”*

This is a family friendly, timeless comedy.

Play opens **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** and will run **May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**, as well as **May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and seniors.

Box office opens at 6:45PM, doors at 7:00PM, curtain at 7:30 PM.

### **BEGINS TODAY - SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Registration opens for summer learning this week and next.

**May 3:** Secondary School Skill Building. non-credit face-to-face courses. Students may take these courses to review previously covered course content OR to preview a course that they will take in the future.

More information [here](#).

**May 8:** Secondary School Advanced Credit (High School Credit). Students who complete these courses will receive full credit and their final mark on their transcript. More information [here](#).

### **RED DRESS DAY MAY 5TH**

May 5<sup>th</sup> is red dress day, a day to raise awareness of the on-going crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous women and girls. Ms. Leslie’s Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 class will be creating a display along Como Lake Ave for the week. Families are encouraged to walk along the trails, read the biographies of missing women and reflect on what reconciliation means to them. Thank you for respecting the displays.

### **PAC AGM**

Join your PAC on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** for the Annual General Meeting. All parents are welcome to attend this important meeting at 7:00pm in the school library.

The following PAC Executive Committee positions for the 2024-25 school year will be elected:

Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member(s)-at-Large.

Any parent of a Dr. Charles Best student is a member of the PAC and is eligible to be elected to any of these positions. For position descriptions and responsibilities, go to the PAC website:

<https://bestpaccomms.wixsite.com/drcharlesbestpac/blank-page>

If you have any questions, please contact Graeme Illman

(current PAC Chair) at [bestpacchair@gmail.com](mailto:bestpacchair@gmail.com)

### **SPRING MARKET MAY 8TH**

Students at Charles Best are participating in a Spring Market at Gleneagle Secondary on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Community members are invited to attend from 10-2 to check out the secondary school tables and some additional vendors. Students from Best will be selling crocheted plushies, bookmarks, mugs, and handmade bracelets. \*Some vendors only accept cash.

### **BLACK AFFINITY GROUP**

SD43 has officially begun a Black Affinity Student group. Our goal is to have our monthly meetings at a different school, so that we can hopefully reach more students in the district. Black educators in the district will be present to support the group. Even if student can’t make this meeting, we’d love if they could join our Teams.

The link to join is [SD43 Black Affinity Student Group | General | Microsoft Teams](#), or they can just send an email to Ms. Nembhard at [nnembhard@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:nnembhard@sd43.bc.ca).

Our next meeting is **Monday, May 13** at Terry Fox in room 213.

### **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.

### **TRI-CITIES MENTORSHIP PROJECT – ALUMNI PANEL SERIES**

Are you curious about what different degrees/programs have to offer? Want to learn more about how to get into a particular field? Join us for a VIRTUAL panel series where SD43 alumni will discuss their high school & post-secondary journeys and answer your questions!

Medical School: **Thu, May 16** (7-8 PM)

Bachelor of Arts: **Thu, May 23** (7-8 PM)

Business: **Thu, May 30** (7-8 PM)

RSVP here: [bit.ly/tricitiesalumnipanel](https://bit.ly/tricitiesalumnipanel)

## **CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS**

### **COQUITLAM CRUNCH CHALLENGE**

Volunteers needed for a variety of tasks, i.e. event set up, registrations, course marshalling. Happening on Sat, June 1. [Sign up](#) by **May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### **SCOTFEST BC**

The 92nd British Columbia Highland Games will be held at Town Centre Park in Coquitlam on **Fri, June 14 and Sat, June 15**. Volunteers (16+) are needed for various tasks, June 13-16, i.e. event set up, entry gates, kitchen crew, children's activities. Min. 4 hour commitment will get you a free lunch and t-shirt. [Sign up here](#).

### **GOLDEN SPIKE DAYS FESTIVAL**

Get involved in our community and help at this Port Moody tradition at Rocky Point Park. **Canada Day long weekend**. Volunteers must be 14+ and a variety of positions is available. [Sign up here](#).

### **PLACE DES ARTS SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS**

Responsible, caring, and committed volunteers are needed for a variety of visual and performing arts camps, running July 2 – August 9. Must be 13+ and must have an interest in working with children ages 5-12. Min. commitment is 2 weeks, plus mandatory orientation session on June 25, 4:30-6:30 pm. [Apply here](#) by **June 14**.

### **YOUTH4ACTION HIGH-SCHOOL ACTION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (CHAMP)**

CHAMP equips Metro Vancouver's high school youth (grade 8 to 11) with the knowledge, skills, inspiration, and support to influence sustainability in their school communities and beyond. Participants learn about regional sustainability issues and climate action, receive mentorship and support on a collaborative action project, develop leadership, and have fun while collecting volunteer hours. Program runs August – December 2024 (some in-person, some virtual events), incl. a kick-off Sun, August 18 – Wed, August 21 at Camp Capilano. [Apply by May 24](#).

### **WOMEN IN ORTHOPAEDICS WORKSHOP**

Open to young women in grades 10-12 (incl. women-identifying, non-binary and gender non-conforming students) interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. Goal is to provide more clarity on careers in the areas of orthopaedics and engineering. An interactive set of sessions will be offered, including hands-on learning workshops and career panels featuring female orthopaedic surgeons, researchers, engineers, and allied health workers. BC Children's Hospital, **Sat, June 8**, 8.30 am – 3.15 pm. [Apply by May 24](#).

## **POST SECONDARY EVENTS**

**\*\*\*WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE EVENTS\*\*\***

## **GRADE 12'S**

### **COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE LINK NOW LIVE**

Grade 12's, check your **SCHOOL EMAILS** to find the link necessary to compose your commencement message. Please write a timeless, thoughtful message your family, friends, and you would be proud to hear. **Check your school email, use the following link, or find it on our school website homepage:**

**[Commencement Message 2024](#)**

This link will be live until May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **GRAD DINNER/DANCE TICKETS**

Tickets are now available for purchase on School CashOnline Accounts.

If you do not see the option to purchase, please come to the office.

Deadline to purchase dinner/dance tickets is May 20<sup>th</sup>

@ 11:59 pm. Please ensure you buy ASAP.

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

## SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

### PROSPERA EDUCATION AWARDS

2024 grads who will be attending a post-secondary institution in Greater Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, or the Okanagan or eligible to apply. 2 x \$5,000 are available for students who have demonstrated significant involvement in their communities, and 10 x \$1,000 will be awarded to students with both clear career goals and plans to positively impact their communities. **Apply by Monday, May 6.** [More info.](#)

### CTA SCHOLARSHIPS (EXCLUSIVELY FOR SD43 GRADUATES)

- **Equity Scholarships:** 4 x \$1,500 will be awarded to graduating SD43 students who identify as Indigenous, Black, a person of colour, LGBTQ2S+, or a person with a disability. [Application form.](#)
  - **Trades or Arts Scholarships:** 2 x \$1,500 for graduating students who are planning to pursue a career in Trades or a career in Visual Arts or Fine & Performing Arts.  
Must have completed secondary school coursework in either area. [Application form.](#)
  - **Barbara Vengshoel Scholarships:** 2 x \$500 are available for one student pursuing a career in Trades and for one student pursuing a career in Fine & Performing Arts. Selection will be based on achievement in the areas of Trades or Fine & Performing Arts – based on courses taken in a graduation program. [Application form.](#)
- Deadline for all is June 1, at 4.30 pm.**

### CLASS OF 2024 – HAVE YOU WON ANY SCHOLARSHIPS OR BURSARIES?

Please share the good news with us.

We would like to acknowledge you in the commencement program.

Undergraduate entrance scholarships, smaller automatic entrance awards, community scholarships and bursaries, etc. - even if you decide not to attend the post-secondary institution that awarded you the scholarship, those are achievements that deserve to be celebrated.

[Please submit one form for each award](#)

### MORE SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED ON CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE

Grade 12 students, if you are still looking for financial aid, you can find a variety of scholarships and bursaries with upcoming deadlines listed here.

[Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid - École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](#)

## ATHLETICS



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics  
Home of the Blue Devils  
[@charlesbestscho](#)  
[charlesbestathletics.weebly.com](#)



For secondary sport updates and information...



[@cssaasd43](#)

[Follow Charles Best Athletics on Instagram here](#)

### BLUE DEVILS ATHLETICS AWARDS & BANQUET NIGHT

This year we will be having an Athletics Awards Night on **June 4<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 5:30pm.

All students who participated in Athletics this year representing Dr. Charles Best Secondary are invited.

Tickets for the event can be purchased on School Cash Online beginning on **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

This will be a semi-formal event that will include dinner followed by team awards.

Parents are invited to the Awards portion of the night which will begin at approximately **6:45pm**.

If parents would like to attend the awards portion, we ask that they situate themselves at the back of the gym.

This will be a great night to celebrate all the successes of all our athletes together.

Tickets will be on a first come, first serve basis, and can be purchased until **MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### BADMINTON APRIL 29 – MAY 4

#### SR. TEAM

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fraser Norths at Pinetree Secondary for mixed, singles and doubles (all day).

### HOCKEY APRIL 29 – MAY 3

No events this week.

### RUGBY APRIL 29 – MAY 3

#### SR. GIRLS

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** Game vs. Abbotsford at North Surrey Athletic Centre at 4:00pm.

**CANCELLED**

#### SR. BOYS

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** vs. Grandview Heights. Game is being played at Centennial Oval. **3pm kickoff.**