

# Dr. Charles Best Secondary

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## Best Vibrations Newsletter – Discover Your Best

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*Our school goal is to develop a culture of connectedness and belonging within the school, among school staff, students, and our parent community, in order to enhance opportunities for collaborative partnerships.*

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Carol Coulson,  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### May 1

PAC Annual General Meeting 7pm, Library

#### May 3-6 & May 10-13

Spring Play "Bye Bye Birdie" curtain at 7:30 pm

#### May 8

School Based Pro-D Day (student do not attend school)

#### May 16-18

Ticket Sales for Grad Dinner Dance & Commencement

#### May 22

Victoria Day – Stat Holiday – school closed

#### May 23

Small Ensemble Night 7pm

#### June 1 & 2

Relay for Life

#### June 7

Year-End Music Concert 7pm

#### June 10

Commencement Ceremonies – Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver 11am

#### June 17

Grad Dinner Dance – Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver 6pm – 11:30pm

#### June 18

After Grad – Gym 12:30am check in

#### June 21

Awards Night – Coquitlam Alliance Church 7pm

#### June 23

French Leaving Ceremony – small gym 1-3pm

#### June 29

Report Cards distributed

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

### POETRY IN VOICE

Best students who competed in last month's regional competition in Vancouver last month. From left to right: Juliana Nunes (grade 9) Inaya Bhimani (grade 9), and Claire Song (grade 11).



### LEADERSHIP CLASS

Makayla Papillo, Arisa Andreola, Navi Sharafzadeh, Brendan Shaughnessy, and Eugene Na pose with Rolly Lumbala from the BC Lions. The students are part of the Leadership class that runs the BOKS (Build Your Kids Success) program at Meadowbrook Elementary on Tuesday and Friday mornings.



### FRENCH IMMERSION PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Claire Song (Grade 11), Luis Mendelez (Grade 11) and Cassie Truss (Grade 12) at the Regional French Public Speaking Contest at Kwayquitlum Middle on April 13<sup>th</sup>. They all did a fantastic job presenting their speeches and made Charles Best proud! Congratulations Claire and Cassie who placed first and will be representing our school district at the Provincial Competition at Simon Fraser University in Surrey on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Claire will be presenting on the concept of time and Cassie on social media as a double-edged sword. We wish them the best of luck!



# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## BEST PLAYERS – “BYE BYE BIRDIE” – MAY 3 TO 6 & MAY 10 TO 13

Is it May already? Has time that ever-accelerating ageless controller of lifes' most precious commodity sprung another spring without notice? Who would have noticed given the cruel winter, greyer than the greyest of skies, relentless rain and the Canucks missing the playoffs? It would seem like the right time for a tonic to heal the ill-effects of those darker days gone by. And here is the perfect way to put them all behind us: The Best Players are proud to present Bye Bye Birdie. This timeless rock and roll love story is a classic and sure to be fun for the whole family. When Conrad Birdie, a singer more famous than Elvis, is drafted into the army his fans and those who handle him struggle to grasp the possibility of life without him. To ensure Birdie will live in the hearts of his fans forever, manager Albert J. Peterson and his secretary/love interest Rosie Alvarez, plan to televise one last kiss between the star and one of his biggest fans, Miss Kim MacAfee, from Sweet Apple, Ohio. When the big-time New York publicity stunt meets small town/single minded values things are bound to go wrong. The actors, musicians and dancers that make up the Best Players have been working tirelessly to present the full Broadway score of this wonderful musical with book by Michael Stewart, lyrics by Lee Adams and music by Charles Strouse. Director Brad Case, musical director Brent Hughes and choreographer Alexa Graf invite you to come and enjoy the live orchestra, the brilliant performances, the stunning sets and the fantastic story that make this musical/comedy a true classic. Bye-Bye Birdie opens on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and seniors. Tickets are now on sale in the front foyer at Best. Box office opens at 6:45 pm, doors open at 7:00pm with curtain at 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars! Be sure to save one or more of the dates and let Bye Bye Birdie spread a little sunshine on your spring.

## RELAY FOR LIFE – CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, FIGHT BACK!

On June 1<sup>st</sup> students from Charles Best will participate in the Relay for Life 12 hour overnight fundraiser for cancer research and a campaign for cancer awareness. All Relay participants pledge to their friends and family to walk or run around a track in exchange for donations. They also have the opportunity to participate in various ceremonies, games, and activities throughout the night. Over the past three years, our school has raised over \$40,000 for this amazing cause. All students are welcome to form a team of ten friends and register for the event. Join us June 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 6:00 pm until June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 am and help us achieve this year's fundraising goal of \$20,000. This year we have over 40 staff members volunteering their time to chaperone the event. Registration is \$15 per person.

## GRADUATION 2017 - TIMELINE FOR GRAD RELATED ACTIVITIES

April 28	Grade 12 Assembly – Valedictorian Nomination Speeches and Voting	Large Gym – Period 2
April 28	Guest Form (Dinner/Dance) available	Main Office
May 2	Check that all fees and other outstanding amounts are paid	Check posted sign with student ID # to see if you owe fees (outside main office)
May 3	Grad Group Photo	Best outdoor field
May 5	Grad Transitions completed	Mr. Last
May 5	Guest Forms due ( <b>no late forms accepted</b> )	Main Office
May 5	Commencement message due	
May 10	After Grad tickets on sale – CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED ONLINE	Best web page under student fees
<b>May 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Ticket Sales for Grad Dinner/Dance/Commencement</b>	<b>Conference Room 10:30am – 1:30pm</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Ticket Sales for Grad Dinner/Dance/Commencement</b>	<b>Conference Room 2:30 – 3:30 pm</b>
<b>June 2 – 3</b>	<b>Dinner Dance Table Reservation</b>	<b>Conference Room 10:30am – 12:30pm</b>
<b>June 9</b> <b>Attendance is Mandatory</b>	<b>Commencement Rehearsal &amp; Cap and Gown Distribution</b>	<b>Large Gym – Period 5</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Commencement Ceremony</b>	<b>Queen Elizabeth Theatre 11:00 am, Grads arrive at 10:15 am</b>
<b>June 17</b>	<b>Grad Dinner Dance</b>	<b>Fairmont Waterfront Hotel 6:00 pm – 11:30 pm</b>
June 18	After Grad	Charles Best Gym – 12:15 am check in
June 21	Awards Night	Coquitlam Alliance Church 7:00pm
June 23	French Leaving Ceremony	Charles Best small gym – 1:00 – 3:00pm

## END OF JUNE SCHEDULE (The last day of regular classes for students is on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Locker clean-outs and textbook assessments will take place the previous week (June 12 – 16)

<b>Monday, June 19</b>  <i>Regular Day (Periods 1 to 5)</i>	<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>  <i>Regular Day (Periods 1 to 5)</i>	<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>  <i>Slightly adjusted Day for Yearbook distribution (Periods 1 to 5)</i>  <b>Awards Night 7pm</b>	<b>Thursday, June 22</b>  <b>Last Formal Day of Regular Classes (Periods 1 to 5)</b>	<b>Friday, June 23</b> <b>English 12 Provincial Exam (9-12)</b> <i>(students not writing exam do not attend)</i>  <i>Department Promotion meetings (9- 11:30)</i>  <u><a href="#">Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</a></u>  <b>"OPEN" Learning Opportunity Time (double block 12:30-3:00)</b>  <u><a href="#">FRIM Leaving Ceremony (1-3pm)</a></u>
<b>Monday, June 26</b>  <i>Marks due (9am)</i>  <b>Comm 12 Provincial Exam (9-12)</b>  <i>Period 1 Learning Opportunity Time (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i>  <u><a href="#">Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</a></u>  <i>Period 2 Learning Opportunity Time (double block 12:30-3:00)</i>	<b>Tuesday, June 27</b>  <b>Fral 12 Provincial Exam (9-12)</b>  <i>Period 3 Learning Opportunity Time (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i>  <u><a href="#">Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</a></u>  <i>Period 4 Learning Opportunity Time (double block 12:30-3:00)</i>	<b>Wednesday, June 28</b>  <i>Period 5 Learning Opportunity Time (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i>  <b>Host Hillcrest Middle School Leaving Ceremony</b>  <i>Report Cards Collated</i>	<b>Thursday, June 29</b>  <b>Report Cards Distributed (10am)</b>	<b>Friday, June 30</b>  <b>Administrative Day</b>

The **Learning Opportunity Time** (double blocks scheduled Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>) provides an additional and final opportunity for students to meet with their teachers. During this scheduled time, teachers will be available to meet with students for either remedial or supplementary consultation, to complete last minute work or projects, or to seek further support completing their self-assessment on the Core Competencies. The teacher, student or parents can initiate time spent in this session.

### FRENCH IMMERSION GRADE 9 CAMPING TRIP

At the end of June, there is a camping trip organized for the grade 9 French Immersion students. The grade 11's are invited to participate to help run the games and activities. This will count as volunteer hours. This is a 2 night, 3 day event open to students who have no overdue assignments. Because of the limited space, this is on a first come, first serve basis. To register, please follow this link: <https://goo.gl/7EN83p> Students may also use this QR code to access the registration site:



**PLEASE VISIT THE FRENCH IMMERSION SITE** on the school website. If you need more information, you may contact your teacher or one of the teacher organizers below:

Mme Fournier: [ofournier@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ofournier@sd43.bc.ca)

M. Major: [omajor@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:omajor@sd43.bc.ca)

M. Poudré: [ppoudre@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ppoudre@sd43.bc.ca)

Mme Touré: [ntoure@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ntoure@sd43.bc.ca)



# ATHLETICS



## DR. CHARLES BEST ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME



As part of the rich athletic history of Dr. Charles Best, the coaching staff and administration have begun developing a way to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of past students. The Athletic Wall of Fame will be located in the hallway between the large and small gym. Starting from the first year, 2001, in which Best transitioned into a Secondary School athletes who went on to compete at a post-secondary, national or professional level will have their name recognized by year of graduation. Compiling the list of former athletes has been quite an undertaking and we realize that some names will be missing. As part of the process, we are hoping that former staff, students and parents can help us in making sure that we do not miss any former athletes that meet the criteria. Therefore, students who would qualify for the Wall of Fame would be students that have gone on to play on a regular basis at a post-secondary institution (that competes for a national title) for at least one full year, or compete in a sport at a national or professional level. We will be sending a list of names out to our community in the next week or two and any input of missing athletes will be greatly appreciated. We will require the correct spelling of the athlete's name, year of graduation, sport played, name of the post-secondary school, national team represented, or professional sports team. Thank you for your support in this process. All info should be forwarded to the athletic director David Jones at [djones@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:djones@sd43.bc.ca)

### CHARLES BEST SECONDARY MAKING THE TRANSITION TO POST SECONDARY

Congratulations to Joey Mijaljevic and Kendal Sands who have both signed letters of intent to play with the Simon Fraser University Clansmen. Joey played 4 years with the Charles Best Blue Devils soccer team while Kendal led the girls' basketball team. For full articles on these fine athletes click on the following links



Joey Mijaljevic <http://www2.athletics.sfu.ca/news/2017/4/19/soccer-m-coquitlams-joey-mijaljevic-signs-with-the-soccer-clan.aspx>

Kendal Sands <http://varsityletters.ca/kendal-sands-charles-best-star-delivers-on-her-destiny/>



### BADMINTON

The senior team had an extremely strong season during league play and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the district. The team was led by co-captains, Fiona Lamb and Anna Yang, who went undefeated until the last day of league play. The boys doubles team of Agustin Lee and Michael Chong also did extremely well. Yolanda Chang, who also played in the junior league, dominated in girls singles and also dominated with her mixed doubles partner, Jimmy Cheng. We are sad to say good-bye to our Grade 12 players, Fiona Lamb, Anna Yang, Michael Chong, Agustin Lee and Jacob Kim. At this time, Fiona Lamb and Anna Yang have qualified for the Upper Fraser Valley Championships as have Fiona Lamb and Jimmy Cheng in mixed doubles. Well done team!!

The Junior badminton team this year had a strong start and finished third in the Districts. Congratulations to all of our players: Yolanda Chang, Joyce Dai, Alessandra Reddekopp, Manami Sekine, Taryn Wou, Cheryl Zhang, Amy Zeng, Eric Chan, Michael Chen, Chris Cheng, Hanajin Kim, Jason Li, Jim Liu, Ricky Tat, and Hubert Wang. Special recognition goes to Taryn and Cheryl for winning silver medals for Girl's Doubles, to Yolanda for winning a bronze medal for Girl's Singles, and to Yolanda and Chris for winning bronze medals for Mixed Doubles at the District Competition. Good luck to the team at the Upper Fraser Valley Tournament.

## GOLF

Last week, on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the golf team had a great day of competition at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course. Here are some notable scores: William Tindle 76, Max MacKinnon 78, Matthew Beauchamp 78, Noah Sohi 87, Thomas Hughes 92, Dylan Sadgrove 93, Lauren Jang 96. A solid effort was put in by Anthony Tomassetti, Kevin Beauchamp, Kaleb Adrain, Jacob Simpson, and Eric Qian. William Tindle is our 2017 Charles Best Masters Champion. He also won the longest drive competition with a 250 yard drive on hole #11. Congratulations William! His name will be embroidered on our Charles Best Masters Jacket. Max Mackinnon was our runner up (the tie was broken through retrogression). Kevin Beauchamp won the closest to the pin competition by nailing his approach shot within 16 feet of the pin on hole #4. Well done team!



## RUGBY

Junior Rugby: This year we have a big group of committed players. On Wednesday, April 26th, the team was up against their biggest challenge to date: the Eastern Division's Rick Hansen Secondary. The game started out with Hansen scoring 2 quick tries; but, Best rallied back with a try by Feargal Kearney to make the score 12-5. Hansen then answered our try with one of their own, to move the score to 17-5. On the restart, Hansen knocked the ball on, it was recovered by Nathan Chow who continued on to score, making it 19-12 at the half. In the 2nd half, Best started the scoring with another try by Feargal and a convert by Brendan Morden, tying the game. The teams exchanged another pair of tries, moving the score to 24-24. In the last 5 minutes, Best took a penalty in front of the posts, Hansen did a quick tap and scored, gaining the lead. Not to be outdone, in the final 3 minutes the Feargal and Brendan duo scored and converted to finish the game off at 31-31. An entertaining game and possibly a rematch in the first round of the playoffs. With that result, the team is tied for Top Spot in the league with Terry Fox, that position will be decided next week when Terry Fox and Best go head to head.



Senior Rugby: This year the Senior Rugby team shrunk significantly in size. With only 17 players registered, it has been a struggle to fulfill our fixtures. To make things even more challenging, in the 2nd game of the season Kyle Davies and Alex Mykietyyn both sustained injuries leaving our team with only 15 players. Unfortunately, our season has not been as successful as in previous years. Our last game played at Port Moody was on April 27th. Thanks to all those players that committed to rugby this season.

Girls Rugby: This year we saw a significant growth in our girls program. With 22 registered players we have been able to do more at practice and ensure that our team is developing their skills and game knowledge. In our first 4 games, we had 2

heart-breaking losses (the opposition scoring in the final 5 minutes to steal our lead) and 2 wins. We have 2 more regular season games and then playoffs. It has been great having leadership from our senior players and seeing the growth and development in our junior players. It has certainly helped having Taylor Einhorn and Lauren Best coach the team and provide some positive leadership to these young girls. This year Bruce Barnett has also got into the mix as our bus driver.



## SOCCER

The junior girls soccer team has had a successful start to their season with exciting victories against Terry Fox, Centennial, Heritage Woods, and Riverside. Their undefeated record has placed them in first place in league play and guarantees them a position in the Fraser Valley Tournament beginning in May. The remaining games are being played to determine top seeding for the tournament. All players are to be congratulated for their tough, hard work on the field helping the team run undefeated this season. Great job!





## WATER POLO

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Water Polo team won the Tier 2 Championships at the Provincials. Representing Best were Jack Harborow, Yu-Chen Lim, Liam Head and Jaiden Miller. The team won 3-0 in the preliminary round (beating St. Georges, Surrey, and Burnsvie), and then won 13-3 against Victoria in the gold medal game. The water polo trophy will be renamed in honour of Ethan Denum, a 2015 Best graduate who passed away earlier this year after losing his battle with cancer. Ethan formed and led the water polo team at Best to its first championship in 2015. Ethan's parent were on hand on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to present the trophy.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Grade 11 student Stefano Pandolfo's summer was filled with volleyball in 2016. He qualified for Zones for U16 and then competed and won a spot on TEAM BC in Kamloops in early July. During mid July he traveled with the team to Kingston, Ontario to compete in the Nationals where they reached 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Next, Stefano went to Abbotsford for the BC Summer Games where the team made the top 10 in British Columbia. Congratulations Stefano!





# **INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

## **REPORT CARDS – THIRD FORMAL REPORT**

Report cards were distributed to students on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received your child's report card, please feel free to contact the office by email [dportelance@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dportelance@sd43.bc.ca) or phone 604-461-5581.

## **STUDENT DROP OFF ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are not permitted to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Avenue and impedes traffic.

## **DR. CHARLES BEST FUNDRAISER – FUNDSCHIP GIFT CARDS**

Buy cards for where you normally shop or dine (grocery stores, clothing, restaurants, etc.) and our school will profit! You can buy cards online on our school's webpage <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/4656/108/False/True> or you can pick up an order form in the school office. Thank you for your support!

## **DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY SCHOOL -AFTER GRAD 2017 FUNDRAISER MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET AND PLANT SALE – LAST DAY TO ORDER!**

The ever popular Mother's Day Hanging Basket and Plant Sale is now on! This year you can order 12" Hanging Baskets or Patio Planters, Herbs, Strawberries, Annuals, Fertilizer and Soil all from us! Orders must be received by **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** and all product will be available for pick up from Dr. Charles Best Secondary School on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> between 3 – 6 PM. Order and pay online at <https://drcharlesbest.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> Thank you for supporting the Mother's Day Plant Sale After Grad 2017. If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser, please email Helen Plischke at [helen.plischke@gmail.com](mailto:helen.plischke@gmail.com)

## **PAC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Dr. Charles Best is looking for PAC Executive members. Please come to our PAC AGM on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Library at Charles Best. For more information please contact Barbara Davis, PAC President, [bddavis@shaw.ca](mailto:bddavis@shaw.ca)

## **TUITION – FREE LEARNING:**

The Coquitlam School District has 16 Trades Training Programs that offer students a unique and rewarding experience in gaining their Level 1 certification in one of these trades: Auto Collision Repairer, Auto Service Technician (mechanic), Auto Refinishing Prep Tech, Baker, Carpenter, Electrician, Cook, Hairstylist, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Millwright, Painter, Plumber, Motorcycle Mechanic, Metal Fabricator, and Sheet Metal Worker. Parents can save \$1,000's in tuition and bypass long waiting lists at post-secondary institutions by enrolling their children while they are going into grade 11 or 12. Applications are being taken now for the 2017-18 school year. Much more information (including testimonial videos) and application forms are available at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/Trades.aspx> or by calling Doug MacLean (604-341-8977).

## **CLOC – COQUITLAM LEARNING OPPORTUNITY CENTRE**

Coquitlam Learning Opportunity Centre (CLOC), part of the Coquitlam Continuing Education family of programs, would like to invite you to an Open House on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. CLOC is an adult (17+) learning centre with a variety of programs that supports the educational needs of our community. We cordially invite you to visit our centrally located store front location, meet our staff and find out more about our programs, including:

- High School credit courses (in class and self-paced)
- Literacy Foundations courses in English, Math and Information Technology
- Free Academic Advising with our on-site counsellor
- Tri-Cities SOAR (helping 17-19 years old who are no longer in school to graduate)
- The Adult Graduation Program

Please RSVP to Sue Cass ([scass@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:scass@sd43.bc.ca) 604-945-4211) by May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are located at 104-2748 Lougheed Highway in Port Coquitlam (corner of Westwood and Lougheed, in the same strip mall as the De Dutch restaurant).

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM) EXTERNAL LISTINGS/LINKS**

- posted on the [district public-facing website here](#).

## **THE ENCHANTMENT PROJECT**

The Enchantment Project is accepting gently used grad dresses. If you have a daughter or sister that has graduated in the last five years with a floor length dress and she would like to donate the dress, please drop off at any of the following schools: CABE,

Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Port Moody, and Riverside to the attention of the Youth Worker/Enchantment Project. Your donation will ensure that every deserving girl in the Tri-City area can attend her grad celebrations. Please contact Erin Watkins if you have any questions [ewatkins@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ewatkins@sd43.bc.ca)

**ATTACHED PDFs**

- French Immersion Newsletter April 2017
- Summer Learning 2017 – Secondary Program – Continuing Education (SD#43)
- CLOC – Coquitlam Learning Opportunity Centre – May 10<sup>th</sup> Open House