

# Dr. Charles Best Secondary

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Principal – Carol Coulson, Vice-Principals – Leann Buteau, Rob Lederer and Anita Young (seconded to District)



## 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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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### June 29

Report Cards Distributed to Students in Advisory

#### June 30

Administration Day (Students do not attend)

#### July – September 1

School Office Open 8 am – 3 pm

#### August 31

New International & EAL Orientation & Assessment 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Grade 9 Orientation/Photos 10 am – 12 pm

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#### September 5

School Opens (details in the August newsletter)

#### September 8

Photo Day

#### September 11

PAC General Meeting 7pm

#### September 14

Parent Orientation/Meet the Teacher Night 7pm

#### September 21

Senior Sail (evening event for Grade 12's)

#### September 22

District Pro-D Day (students do not attend)

#### September 27

Clubs Day

#### September 29

Terry Fox Run & Assembly

#### October 5

Photo Retakes

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's hard to believe that we've come to the end of another school year! Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2017, a class that has shown much enthusiasm, energy and achievement over these past four years. We wish you much success in the years to come.

This past month has been an exciting time for our grads. We experienced a fabulous Commencement Ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on June 10<sup>th</sup> and on June 17<sup>th</sup> enjoyed the Dinner and Dance (at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel), followed by After Grad. I would especially like to thank the incredibly dedicated and hard working group of parents on the After Grad Committee who worked for months to put on such a memorable and fun event for the grads. Also, thank you to all the parent and teacher volunteers who showed up at the event to decorate, serve, supervise and clean up.

As at the end of every school year, we say goodbye not only to several hundred students but also to hundreds of parents, many of them having played important roles at Dr. Charles Best Secondary. A special thank-you goes out to these parents, and also to "returning" parents, for the support they have provided in so many ways: volunteering as coaches, serving as members of the PAC, community coaches, the Grade 11 Dance and the After-Grad Committees. This year we have especially appreciated your commitment and the support you have shown to the administration, teachers and support staff. Thank-you!

At this time, I also want to extend my thanks and best wishes to staff members who will be leaving us. We thank Vice-Principal Mrs. Leann Buteau for all of her great work since joining us in semester two and wish her well as she moves to Riverside Secondary and welcome back Mrs. Anita Young to her position as vice principal at Best. We wish our retirees, Mrs. Sylvie Barabe-Chin and Mrs. Robyn Sinclair all the very best in this next wonderful and relaxing chapter of their lives. Also, we are sad to be saying goodbye to the following teachers: Erika Lundgren, Jill Bablitz, Arthur Armstrong and Linda Maierle who are moving to different schools next year. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to ensure a positive learning environment for all their students. We also say goodbye to Wendy Meston (office) and EA's Lisa Mullen, Angela Geniesse, Jen Lyster and Jennifer Point.

This summer we will be e-mailing our August information. Please ensure that our office has your correct e-mail address. All school forms will be posted on our website for easy parental access. We encourage all parents to check our school community page at the school's website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx>, for school information. If you are moving away or leaving our school PLEASE phone or email and let us know.

We would also like to remind all of you who have students enrolling at Dr. Charles Best in September that we will be having a welcome session for our incoming Grade 9's from 10 am to 12 noon, Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. We trust that all new students will participate. We will send home more information in August regarding school start up.

One final note for those of you who need to access the school over the summer – our office will be open from 8 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday throughout the summer. Parents and/or students who have questions or concerns may drop by or phone 604-461-5581.

We wish you all a safe and restful summer!

**Carol Coulson,**  
Principal

## **VICE PRINCIPAL SHUFFLE**

The 2016/17 school year was a unique one for our administrative team. Last summer we learned that Mrs. Young (VP for student L to Z) was to be seconded from Best to the School District's Learning Services Department for the entire 2016/17 school year. The Charles Best community was not happy with the move but understood that Mrs. Young had the greatest skill set and experience to do the work needed in this area to move our district forward with some new initiatives. Mrs. O'Neill (retired principal at Best) generously came out of retirement to fill the VP void in the first semester. Mrs. Buteau, an experienced administrator from Vancouver, was hired by Coquitlam and joined Mr. Lederer and Mrs. Coulson for semester two. Mrs. Buteau fit in seamlessly and did a great job and we wish her all the best as she moves to Riverside as their VP for September. We are so pleased to welcome back Mrs. Young to Dr. Charles Best.



*From left to right: Mrs. Buteau, Mrs. Coulson, Mr. Lederer, Mrs. Young, Mrs. O'Neill*

## **STUDENT TIMETABLES**

Thank you for your patience as we work through ensuring all students have complete timetables for the upcoming school year. Our counsellors have been working diligently ensuring courses needed for graduation requirements are scheduled and working through the request forms to ensure students with less than 8 courses have complete timetables. As communicated to you over the last couple of weeks, the school district has established criteria for any course changes that our counsellors and administration team are respecting. The only requests for changes are based on the following criteria:

- 1) *Grade 12 students needing a course for graduation*  
*Grade 12 students needing a course for post secondary admission*
- 2) *Grade 9 – 12 students with missing blocks in their schedule*
- 3) *Student has obvious timetable errors, such as a completed course in Summer School that is still on their schedule or more or less than 4 courses per semester.*

During the last week of August, the counsellors will be working on ensuring all new registrants (in catchment) have complete timetables and will be welcoming the incoming grade 9s. We want to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Robyn Sinclair for her work with her students as their counsellor and wish her all the best as she retires. We are excited to have Mr. Jerry Areshenko join our counselling team to support students with surname P-Z. As of the end of August, he can be reached via email at

[JAreshenko@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:JAreshenko@sd43.bc.ca)

## **LOCKER CLEAN UP/LOST & FOUND ITEMS**

Lockers that were not cleared out by students last week were unlocked and items inside removed, bagged and labelled with the student's name. All bags have been placed in the "Lost & Found". Please have your child check this area if they were not able to clean out their locker. All items not picked up from the "Lost & Found" will be donated to charity.

## **GRAD INFORMATION**



***AFTERGRAD ENTRANCE 2017***

Over 270 students enjoyed the After Grad (Dry Grad) event held at our school following the Dinner and Dance. The theme for the event was “Hollywood” and a hard working group of parents did a fabulous job decorating the school inside and out. Grads enjoyed a red carpet entrance and were thrilled to find their personalized gold Hollywood stars on the walls inside the building. The parents spent considerable time and effort organizing prizes, food, large blow up activity stations and casino tables, magicians, caricature artists, photo booths, spray on tattoos and much more. Special thank you goes to our After Grad chairs Lisa Cave and Lesia Verones and to all of the committed parents who devoted many hours to create an event for students who were looking for a safe and fun, non-drinking event with friends to cap off a wonderful grad evening.

### **DOGWOOD (GRADUATION) CERTIFICATES**

The Dogwood (Graduation) Certificate will be sent directly to the school from the Ministry of Education during the summer. When we receive them, we will contact parents via email. Please make arrangements in mid to late August for pick up of the certificates as they **will not be mailed home.**

### **GRADS OF 2018 – PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Senior Sail** – Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 4:30 – 10pm

**Commencement** – Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 am at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver

**Dinner and Dance** – Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver

**Next year’s Grade 12’s and Parents of Grade 12’s** – We will have lots of conversations and communication throughout the year but here is some food for thought:

**Senior Sail** – This event occurs early in the school year and is open only to Charles Best grade 12 students.

**Commencement** – Please remember that in order to be eligible to “cross the stage”, grade 12’s must be fully in a position to meet all graduation requirements by the end of June 2018.

**Dinner and Dance (& After Grad)** – These are both school events and as such the expectation is that all students adhere to school rules. There is ZERO tolerance for students under the influence of, or in possession of, alcohol or drugs to participate in these events. History has demonstrated that some parents and students think this a ‘soft’ rule and host parties prior to these events and either serve, support or ignore under age students consuming alcohol. Please note that the school grad events are not mandatory and families are welcome to host a ‘parallel’ celebration if their values and expectations differ from those of the school district.

**After Grad** – in order to run successfully it will take a significant commitment from our parent community. Please watch for information from parents, Barb Davis and Dana Tent, and volunteer to help.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

### WOODWORKING



Bennett Steers poses with his completed cassette coffee table. Bennett is in grade 10 and plans on continuing on with higher level courses. The unique table is made out of Maple and he has used Black Walnut to mimic the tape.

### THE BEE PROJECT

Mr. Ipe's **Social Justice 12** is a course that has a graphic focus on such topics as genocide, poverty, women's rights, and Aboriginal studies, and a host of additional social justice issues. As part of their grades, they are asked to participate in a Final Project, in place of a final exam, demonstrating aspects of what they have learned in a practical matter. This term, they chose to have an environmental focus addressing the diminishment and sustainability of BC's bee population in Coquitlam. As you may have learned, there is a significant drop in the bee population, and this campaign seeks to teach children about the problem and review preventative measures to sustain the population. In a practical dimension, they divided into groups and visited Porter, Glen, Ranch Park and Baker Elementary where they educated the children and planted seedlings to increase the chances for pollination. Both students from BEST and the elementary schools found the "final exam" very impactful.

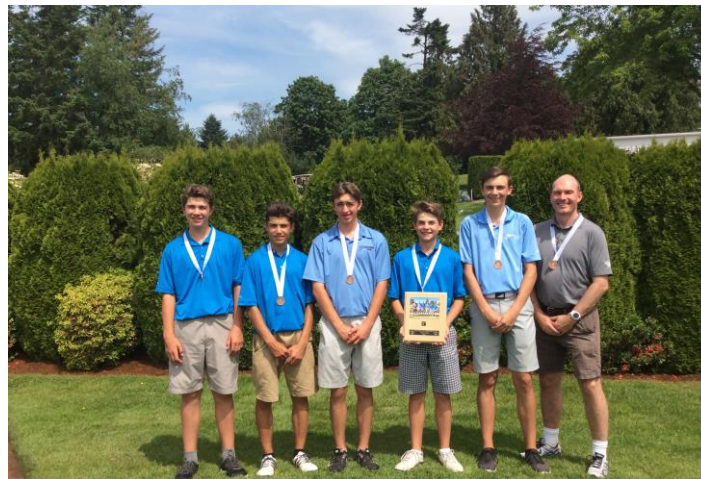


### BLUE DEVILS IN THE NEWS – SCOUTS CANADA

Steven Earnshaw, Eric Jacobsen and Audrey Wong received the Queen's Venturer Awards at a ceremony held at Government House in Victoria on April 22, 2017. This award is the highest Scouting proficiency award for youth members. It is presented to Venturer Scouts who have acquired competence and skills that will be of considerable use to themselves, their Venturer Scout Company and their community. Congratulations!

### SENIOR GOLF TEAM

The Charles Best Senior Golf team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Provincial Championships at Ledgeview Golf Course. William Tindle placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the provincial for individual score with 73 and 74. Matthew Beauchamp shot 75 and 79 despite being hit by a golf ball during his round. Noah Sohi got the tournament off to a great start by sinking a 50 yard pitch shot for a birdie on Hole #1. He shot 74 and 77. Jordan Allaire improved his score in the second round to clinch 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the team, shooting 84 and 76. Max Mackinnon's first round score of 83 followed the trend of great golf by the team in the tournament.



**FRENCH IMMERSION**  
**AUX FINISSANTS ET AUX FINISSANTES DE 2017:**



Vous êtes devenus au cours de cette année une partie intégrale de ma vie en tant qu'enseignant. J'ai eu le plaisir de vous enseigner, de vous connaître, de vous aimer et bien sûr comme vous ne l'oublierez jamais, de vous accabler d'examens et de stress.

Mais ce que moi je retiens de cette année, c'est à quel point j'ai apprécié le temps que j'ai passé avec vous. Oui, nous avons vécu des moments difficiles, mais à chaque fois que je retournais en classe pour vous voir, je constatais à quel point j'étais reconnaissant de vous avoir comme mes étudiants. Merci pour votre gentillesse, pour votre patience, pour votre appréciation, pour votre franchise, pour votre esprit charmant. Merci pour tout.

Vous êtes les premiers élèves que j'ai enseignés, donc vous serez toujours un groupe très spécial pour moi. Vous étiez une étape nécessaire dans mon parcours et mon cheminement en tant qu'enseignant et pour ceci, je vous remercie du fond de mon cœur. Merci d'avoir fait partie d'une des meilleures années de ma vie. Même si je ne vous verrai plus au son de la cloche, je suis heureux que nos chemins se soient croisés et je vous souhaite le plus grand succès pour le prochain chapitre de votre vie.

Votre professeur, votre mentor, votre coéquipier,  
M. Hakeem

## **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

Watch for the August newsletter that will be emailed home the last week of August. It will be packed full of September start-up information.

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

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

# School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017 - 2018

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District Day</b> )	Friday, September 22, 2017
Thanksgiving Day (statutory holiday)	Monday, October 9, 2017
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District/ Common Provincial Day</b> )	Friday, October 20, 2017
School Not in Session	Friday, November 10, 2017
Remembrance Day (statutory holiday)	Monday, November 13, 2017
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, November 24, 2017
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2017
Winter Vacation Period	December 25/17 - January 5/18
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2018
<b>Dr. Charles Best School Based Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>
School Not in Session	Friday, February 9, 2018
BC Family Day (statutory holiday)	Monday, February 12, 2018
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District Day</b> )	Friday, February 23, 2018
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (Last Day in Session)	Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Vacation Period	March 19 – March 29, 2018
Good Friday (statutory holiday)	Friday, March 30, 2018
Easter Monday (statutory holiday)	Monday, April 2, 2018
Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District Day</b> )	Friday, April 20, 2018
Victoria Day (statutory holiday)	Monday, May 21, 2018
<b>Dr. Charles Best School Based Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018</b>
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 28, 2018
Administrative Day	Friday, June 29, 2018

## **STUDENT BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (COMPUTER) INITIATIVE**

With the increased wifi capability and bandwidth availability at Charles Best a number of teachers are inviting students to bring their own device (laptop or tablet) for use in the class. If the timing is such and you are considering purchasing a device for your child, the Coquitlam Staples location has reached out to our school and offered a student purchase plan. Our school receives no funding or remuneration and we are sharing this information to our community only as a service.



June 19, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian of Dr Charles Best Student

On behalf of Staples and your school, we are pleased to advise you that Staples has been selected to partner with the school for the **BYOD** – Bring Your Own Device program. This offer is available for Dr Charles Best Secondary School Students and teachers, until October 1, 2017

The Staples School Tools **BYOD** solution offers;

- Staples Education ECP program offering replacement guarantees for all defective units, including units accidentally damaged. Full details available in store
- Competitive pricing of devices and Staples price guarantee
- Full hardware options aligned with school requirements to offer choices to all families
- Tutorials for students and parents ( by appointment)
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We invite you to come to our Coquitlam Staples location to allow us to give you personal service from our highly trained associates. The Special Education Replacement Plan is exclusive to students in select schools. **Please bring this letter as proof of belonging to the school, as the plan is not available to the general public.**

Your Dedicated Representative is:

Jana Nimmo, GM Staples

Ayaaz Jamal, GM Staples Coquitlam, as well as the Staples Coquitlam Technology and Management Team

Email Address

[S068gm@busdep.com](mailto:S068gm@busdep.com)

Enclosed Bundles are examples valid on June 2017. Prices and availability are subject to change. Staples carries a broad range of laptops, tablets and accessories. Your bundle will be customized to suit your needs.

**Good Laptop Bundle (example)**

SKU	Description	Quantity
2408962	Lenovo Ideapad 110	1
	Laptop sleeve	1
	32gig USB for backing up work	1
	Education Easycare Plan 4 years	1
<b>TOTAL \$665*</b>		

**Better Laptop Bundle (example)**

SKU	Description	Quantity
2408991	HP 15-BA057CA	1
	Laptop sleeve	1
	32 gig USB for backing up work	1
	Education Easycare Plan 4 years	1
<b>TOTAL \$915*</b>		

**Best Laptop Bundle (example)**

SKU	Description	Quantity
2626220	Acer F5-573-725L	1
	Laptop Sleeve	1
	32 gig usb to back up work	1
	Education Easycare Plan 4 years	1
<b>TOTAL \$1214*</b>		

**MS Surface Bundle**

SKU	Description	Quantity
2721862	Microsoft Surface Pro	1
	Microsoft Type Cover	1
	Education Easycare Plan 4 years	1
<b>TOTAL 1667.99*</b>		

**\*all prices and availability subject to change, based on market; Staples price guarantee applies to BYOD purchases, as for all Staples purchases.**