

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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Grade Photo Sessions

October 18

We Day Vancouver

Early Dismissal of Students 2pm

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 3pm-8pm

Gr 12 Parent Info Meeting 6pm

October 19

Great BC Shake Out Earthquake Drill

October 20

Provincial Pro-D Day (students do not attend)

October 25

Fall Music Concert 7pm

October 31

Halloween Assembly (altered bell schedule)

November 1

Take Your Kids to Work Day (grade 9)

Holocaust Symposium (Coq Alliance Church)

November 6

PAC Meeting 7pm

November 9

Remembrance Day Assembly

November 10

School Not in Session (students do not attend)

November 13

Remembrance Day Stat Holiday

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



What a great start it has been to the school year! I would like to offer a special thank you to our clerical and support staff as well as the counsellors and teachers who have done an excellent job getting us up and running so efficiently.

The school is already a very busy place. Student athletes are joining teams including boys' soccer, girls' field hockey, cross country, boys' and girls' volleyball and swimming. We have had a Clubs Day, photo day, grade wide assemblies and a fire and earthquake evacuation drill.

Last Thursday, the grade 12's enjoyed a very successful Senior Sail around the scenic Vancouver Harbour. The weather was fabulous and 300+ students enjoyed a fun evening dancing the night away aboard the "Queen of Diamonds".

Thanks to the efforts of our Leadership classes, we enjoyed a special Terry Fox Assembly and Run this morning. They cheered in support of Mr. Lederer who took a pie in the face for the cause. The rain did little to dampen the spirits of staff and students who ran, walked and donated over \$2,000 towards Cancer research.

We encourage parents at all grade levels to take advantage of any opportunity to visit us at Charles Best. Thank you to all the parents who came into the school this month for the PAC, After-Grad, trip meetings and Meet the Teacher Night. I hope that we will see you on October 18 at the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. Continue to check our website and the mobile app for updates. Information, as well as attendance reports, are emailed home on a regular basis, so if you are not receiving regular communication (and are reading this on the website instead of through a link sent via email), please call or email the school to update your contact information.

With the close of the month, our school population is at an all-time high, well above the 1400 mark making us one of the largest schools in our district. We are looking forward to a successful and rewarding school year ahead as students are "discovering their BEST". Please do not hesitate to be in touch if we can be of service.

Carol Coulson, Principal

WHAT'S COMING UP?

OCTOBER 3: LANGUAGE CHALLENGE MEETING

Students who want to obtain a Grade 11/12 credit for a language (i.e. French, Spanish) should attend an information meeting on Tuesday, October 3 at 3:25 pm in Room 309. The applications are due on Monday, October 23 by 3:30 pm and must be submitted to Mr. Areshenko in the Counselling Office. The exams are scheduled to be written in Delta on January 27 and 28.

OCTOBER 5: SCHOOL PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY

School photo re-takes will take place on Thursday, **October 5**. All students are required to have their pictures taken for their Go Cards and the Yearbook, so if they missed having their photo taken on September 21, we invite them to have it taken on **October 5**. **All students wanting to retake their photo must bring their ID card to the camera. If students are returning their photo package please give it to the photographer.** Order photo packages online at https://artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/school_photo

OCTOBER 11: PSAT EXAMS

Students who want to attend an American University must write the SAT Exam. We are holding a sitting of the Practice SAT (PSAT) on Wednesday, **October 11** from 12:30 – 3:30 pm. This practice exam is designed for grade 10 and grade 11 students but grade 12's are welcome as well. The fee to write the exam is \$25.00. Please see Mrs. John in the Counselling Office for more information and sign up. There is a limited number of spaces so it will be first come, first serve.

OCTOBER 12: KENYA TRIP SUMMER 2018 PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a Kenya Trip parent information meeting on Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 pm in the library. If your son/daughter is interested in attending, please make sure to attend this important meeting. Finances and upcoming dates will be discussed. If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Lindsay Martin (lmartin@sd43.bc.ca), Vivienne Royle (vroyle@sd43.bc.ca) or Alison Stuart (astuart@sd43.bc.ca).

OCTOBER 12: INTERIM "EMAIL" REPORTING - FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE "NOT OR MINIMALLY MEETING EXPECTATIONS"

An Interim Email will be sent home by the subject teacher to the parents of any student who is not meeting course expectations at this early stage of the semester. This email will come home on **October 12** and parents will be invited to book appointments with their child's teachers for the parent/teacher/student interviews. Students who are meeting expectations will not receive an email stating such but all parents are invited to participate in the October 18 interviews. We encourage students to come with their parents to meet with the teachers.

OCTOBER 16: POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION OF BC DAY

This is a great "one stop shopping" opportunity for all grade 11 and 12's! SFU, BCIT, UVIC, Canadian Forces/Royal Military College, Douglas College, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Thompson Rivers University, Trinity Western University, UFV, UNBC, NVIT, FDU, Corpus Christi College and Langara College will be here to give short presentations and answer questions. Students will have the opportunity to visit two schools' presentations and a mini-fair where you can speak to recruiters, and gather various brochures and information.

OCTOBER 17 – 23: GRAD PORTRAIT SESSIONS

Grad 2018 portrait sessions will be taking place onsite in the student parking lot. To book an appointment, please book online now at <https://artona.com/schools/BEST/programs/graduation> .

OCTOBER 18: PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS AND GRADE 12 PARENT MEETING

At Charles Best, we offer parents the opportunity to book online short interviews with each of their child's teachers. The online appointment booking system will be live at 4pm on October 12. On Wednesday, October 18 from 3 to 5 pm and from 5:45 to 7:45 pm, teachers are situated in desks in the Main Gym. If you are a parent of a grade 12 student, please try to book all of your appointments around the Grade 12 Parent Meeting which will take place in the Library from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. At this meeting, the counselors will present information pertaining to graduation and post-secondary requirements, scholarship opportunities and graduation events. You won't want to miss this! ***Please note that students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on October 18 to accommodate our parent-teacher interview schedule.**

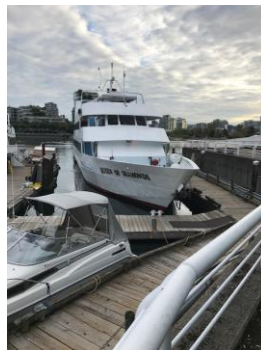
OCTOBER 25: FALL MUSIC CONCERT

The music department is off to a great start this year. All six ensembles are up and running and preparing for our first concert of the year. The Fall Concert is on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the West side of the Main Gym. Our concerts are open to parents, students and friends so we hope to see you there! Admission is by donation at the door.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

SENIOR SAIL 2017

The grade 12's enjoyed a beautiful evening for the Senior Sail last Thursday. Students boarded the "Queen of Diamonds" moored at the Plaza of Nations for a three hour tour of False Creek and English Bay.



RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS – RECONCILIATION MOVEMENT



Earlier this month, Residential School survivors Gertie Pierre and Joe Jinger, shared their experiences with our grade 9 French Immersion students. Students asked excellent questions and listened with open hearts. They then posted the impact of this visit on the national website "Project of Heart". We are very proud of the actions they are taking towards the Reconciliation Movement.

ATHLETICS

The 2017 fall sports season is finally under way. With a large compliment of teams, students will be representing the school in **Field Hockey, Cross Country, Grade 9 Girls Volleyball, Junior Girls Volleyball, Senior Girls Volleyball, Senior Boys Volleyball, Junior Boys Volleyball, Swimming, Junior Boys Soccer, and Senior Boys Soccer**. Thank you in advance to all our wonderful coaches who are volunteering their time. If you are around watching your son or daughter play please make sure you take the time to thank these teachers, students, community volunteers and the Principal. Good luck to all our athletes! Information for winter sports will be advertised in October and November; however, any girls interested in playing basketball this winter are invited to participate in morning drop-in sessions with basketball head coach Daniel Depelteau on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting October 3. Please feel free to contact Daniel at ddepelteau@3dbasketball.net for more information.

For students new to sports at Dr. Charles Best, registration is completed through Karelo on our school webpage. Students will be asked to pay the one-time athletic fee and the team fee as well as fill out the information and waiver forms. Below is an explanation of what each fee covers. Students are also encouraged to make sure they have proper insurance coverage in case of injury.

Athletic Fees cover registration costs to the Coquitlam District Athletic Association and BC School Sports. This is a one-time fee each year as once athletes are registered they can play as many sports as they like. It covers TTOC costs to ensure teacher coaches can attend Provincial Championships, District, Fraser Valley and Provincial tournament playoff costs. Students also receive a Charles Best Athletic T Shirt and a small portion goes towards a team wind-up party. (Please note: depending on the cost of the wind-up, there may be an additional fee. Finally, the athletic fee covers equipment replacement and repairs, e.g. scoreboard, volleyball standards, nets, score sheets, medical supplies and other equipment that is used by the athletics program.

Team fees cover Fraser Valley Athletic Association, referee costs, tournament fees, uniform replacement costs, ball replacement costs, equipment bags, and teacher transportation costs.

FALL SPORTS – COACHES

Cross Country

- Diane Silzer
- Shannon Joba
- Dylan Gant

Senior Girls Field Hockey

- Carol Coulson
- Robyn Sinclair
- Christine Jenkins

Senior Boys Soccer

- Dave Jones
- Tony Papillo

Junior Boys Soccer

- Alfonso Napoletano
- Erin Stainsby

Swimming

- Charles Baker

Senior Girls Volleyball

- Andrea McCrea
- Laurissa Kenward

Junior Girls Volleyball

- Warren Chang

Grade 9 Girls Volleyball

- Dina Howell

Senior Boys Volleyball

- Brent Raabe

Junior Boys Volleyball

- Megan Weeks

BEST CLUBS – 2017/18

Clubs	Teacher Sponsor	Time, Place
Anime Club	Mr. O'Reilly	Monday, Thursday and Friday 3:30 room 216
Best Buddies	Mrs. Wiskar	Friday mornings, room 215, 7:45 am
Butterfly Effect	Ms. Martin, Ms. Stuart, Ms. Royle	
Climbing Club	Mme. Harding, Mr. MacDonald	Weekly @Climb Base 5, \$100 for 10 sessions
Debate Club	Ms. Leslie	Wednesdays after school room 305
D and D	Mr. Morris	Mondays after school, Room 208
Environmental Club	Ms. Hamilton	Monday after school, Room 203
E-Sports Club	Mr. Morris	Monday after school, Room 208
Forces of Nature	Mr. MacKay	
French club	Mrs. Toure	Mondays after school, Room 108
Go Kart Club	Ms. Leslie	
Grad Council	Mr. House & Ms. Thomas	TBA room 213
Improv Club	Mr. Case	Thursday, Friday, 7:15am, Drama Room
Key Club	Ms. Silzer	TBA
SAGA (LGBTQ)	Ms. Nembhard	Tuesdays after school in room 103
Me to We	Mr. Ipe & Mr. Chang	Tuesdays after school, room 304
Miracle Movement	Ms. Silzer	Thursdays after school, Library
Model United Nations	Ms. Manolis	TBA
Mountain Bike Club	Mrs. Coulson	TBA
Mural Club	Mr. Morris	Wednesdays after school, room 208
Peer Counselling	Mr. Chang	
Photo Club	Mr. Morris	Wednesdays after school, room 208
Pi of the Tiger	Ms. Weeks	Thursdays after school, room 201
Ping Pong Club	Mrs. Harding	Fridays after school, gym
PLAN (International)	Ms. Royle	
Pottery Club	Mr. Yoo	Mondays, Wednesdays after school, room 209
Prayer Club	Mr. Baker	Thursdays after school, room 301
Project Hello	Mr. House, Mme. Bruneau	Tuesdays after school, room 401
Short Film Club	Mr. O'Reilly	Wednesdays, after school room 216
*Ski & Snowboard Club	Mr. Major, Mr. Mackay, Mr. MacDonald	4 Sunday Trips to Blackcomb/Whistler
SPIIN	Mr. Ipe	Mondays afterschool , room 304
Stage Craft	Mr. Case	Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, Stage
Student Council	Mr. Hakeem, Ms. John	Mondays Room 218
Ultimate Frisbee	Mrs. Thomas	
UNHCR	Mme. Bruneau	Mondays after school, room 401
World Club	Ms. Joba	
World Wildlife Fund	Mme. Toure	Wednesday after school room 108
Writing Club	Ms. Silzer	Wednesday 3:15, Library

***SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**

Registration is happening now until October 31. There are only 50 seats/spots available on the bus to Whistler for each trip. Fees are payable on-line only on the school website under "Student Fees". Log into your account and find Ski/Snow Club. This club is open to students of Dr. Charles Best only. If you require further information and or registration forms, please see Mr. Major in the PE Office.

INFORMATION

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Now that school is up and running and class rosters are set, teachers are able to submit attendance for each class. Any student who misses one or more classes without a parent excuse will have their absences reported to their parents' email through the attendance Auto dialer or Synervoice program. If you receive an email regarding your child's absence please address the concern with them. If you need clarification on the class(es) that were missed, please call or email the secretaries in the office charlesbestattendance@sd43.bc.ca or email the teachers directly. Good attendance is imperative for academic success. Please be a committed partner in your child's education and do not ignore these notifications.

BLUE DEVILS IN THE NEWS

We have a bulletin board in the school foyer that is updated with Blue Devils in the News information. Last year was the third year and again the large bulletin board was packed with accomplishments of our Blue Devils. We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our students and encourage you to bring in any future news clippings that we may miss that highlight your son or daughter's achievements. Please give them to Mrs. Coulson.

BOYS AND GIRLS CHANGE ROOMS

Students will need to bring a lock from home in order to secure their belongings in a locked space during PE class. We ask that students use the PE lockers provided in the hallway by the gym and not leave any items in the change room during their PE class or team practice. The PE lockers are for period use only; students need to remove their lock at the end of class. If students do not have a lock from home, they are encouraged to lock any valuable items in their regular school locker.

DONATIONS OF USED ITEMS – LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Our French Immersion Department is once again taking a group of students to Senegal and our Spanish department is running its second trip to Peru next Spring Break. Both of these trips focus on a humanitarian aspect and therefore we are collecting used items in excellent condition: school supplies, "Canada" items, transportable sporting goods, children's clothing and children's books, and non battery operated toys. We also have a need for large, usable condition suitcases for carrying these donations. If you have anything that you would like to donate please email sviswanathan@sd43.bc.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB – RECYCLED BRITA PRODUCTS

Do you use Brita water filters? Do you know that you can currently recycle them and prevent them from ending up in the landfill? Well you are in luck! The Environmental Club is currently collecting Brita filters and products. Accepted products are listed in the picture on the right. You can drop off any of these products in the labelled box in the main office. Thanks for your support!

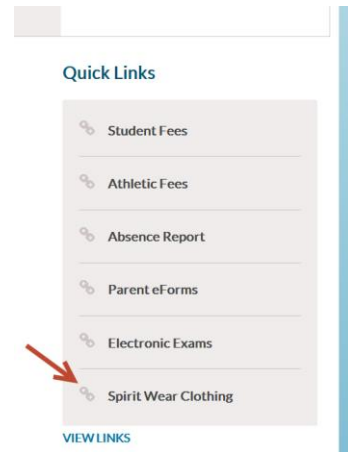


SPIRIT WEAR

Charles Best spirit wear is available for order online only on our school website link available September 27 to November 2. Sample sizes are located in the office, so please be sure to try on the sizes as there are no exchanges/returns or refunds. All orders must be in by November 2 in order for the clothing to be delivered before the Christmas break.



<http://charlesbestspiritwear.com/>



FUNDSCRIP – SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

FundScrip Monthly Gift Card fundraiser is back at Charles Best! Order online on our website under “Quick Links → Gift Card Fundraiser”. Buy cards for groceries, clothes, household items, entertainment and dining out. Great gifts for Christmas, Grads, coaches, birthdays, and special occasions. All orders must be received no later than the 24th of each month for delivery the following week. Paper order forms are available in the school office if you would prefer to pay by cheque. All profits help the school pay for special projects such as outdoor picnic tables, display cases for student work, etc.

ADVISORY SCHEDULE – MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

There will be an advisory on Monday for all students to collect their Go Cards. This will also be an opportunity for students to get June Report Cards and Verification (green) forms that were previously not picked up, and “Student Accident Insurance Plan” brochures.

REMINDERS

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Contact information verification forms were sent home with every student at the beginning of the school year. If you have not seen, updated and signed the **two-sided green form** please follow up with your child. This is the only way we have to ensure that the contact information we have for your child is correct. If you have not already done so, please verify, update and ensure that this form is returned ASAP to the office.

SCHOOL FEES AND ON-LINE FORMS

If you have not paid school fees and/or completed the on-line forms, please go to our school website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx> and click on the appropriate link on the right hand side of the page. See our August newsletter for specific details and instructions.

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOKS

All students please check at home to see if you have a textbook from last year. We do our best to assess all non-returned items, but sometimes we miss a few. If you do have any textbooks or library books at home from previous years, please return them to the office ASAP.

GRAD CORNER

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the first After-Grad planning meeting at the school this week. There was a great turn out and a great deal of enthusiasm! There is still plenty of time to get involved and help out a little or a lot, in the planning leading up to the special event or on the day/night of the event itself.

After-Grad takes place on Sunday, June 24 from 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM at Dr. Charles Best Secondary, immediately following the Grad Dinner/ Dance at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver. Both the Grad Dinner/Dance and the After-Grad Event are “dry” school events at which students may not be in possession of or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

We thank families for their support and encourage parents to start conversations with their graduating students about the importance of understanding and upholding the rules of school-sponsored events. We ask for your support in ensuring that our graduates do not attend any school or school grad events under the influence of or in possession of drugs or alcohol. Parents who wish to celebrate graduation by serving alcohol at pre-grad events/gatherings are asked to refrain from sending students to our school-sponsored graduation events.

After-Grad Chairpersons Barbara Davis and Dana Tent can be contacted at bestgrad2018@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved! Again, thank you for your support!

GRADUATION 2017/18 DOGWOOD PLANNER NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Ministry of Education has released the 2017/2018 Dogwood Planner, an annual document published for BC secondary students that answers common questions students may have as they approach graduation. The Dogwood Planner is a companion document to the Grad Planner, which was released earlier this year.

The Dogwood Planner contains information on provincial assessments/examinations, receiving and sending transcripts, applying to post-secondary institutions, and much more. Schools are encouraged to share the document with students approaching graduation.

As the Dogwood Planner is only available online, please follow this link:

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/bc_dogwood_planner_eng.pdf

When available, French language versions of the Dogwood and Grad Planners will be posted to the *Graduation Information for Students* webpage at: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation>

GRADUATION 2017/18 GRAD PLANNER NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Ministry of Education has released the 2017/2018 Grad Planner, an annual document published for BC secondary students that provides helpful information concerning the graduation years.

The Grad Planner outlines graduation requirements, options for earning credit, graduation assessments, scholarships and awards, and links to additional resources. Schools are encouraged to share the document with students entering the Graduation Program so they can use the document as a guide to navigate through their graduation years.

As the Grad Planner is only available online, please follow this link:

http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/grad_planner.pdf

The French language version of the 2017/18 Grad Planner is currently under development and will be posted as soon as possible.

PAC (PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

PAC EXECUTIVE

President: Barbara Davis
Vice President: Michele Danielov
Treasurer: Nadine Darts
Secretary: Marijana Palmieri

MEETING DATES

PAC meetings: September 11, November 6, January 8,
March 5
Executive meetings: October 2, December 4, February 5,
April 9
AGM: May 7

DPAC (DISTRICT 43 PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

DPAC will be hosting a PAC Orientation session on Wednesday, October 4 from 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre. This evening is very beneficial for PAC Executive as well as all parents.

PAC 101 Orientation Night

The District Parent Advisory Council Executive would like to invite you to a PAC 101 Orientation session:

- DPAC Overview + How can DPAC support parents
 - Learn valuable tools on taking minutes & proper record keeping
 - Hear how other schools operate their PAC
 - Tips on finances and gaming grants
 - Understanding your Constitution and Bylaws
 - What's new and relevant to PACs
 - Opportunity to have your PAC related questions answered
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- **Date:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017
 - **Place:** Gallery Room, Winslow Centre 1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam
 - **Time:** 6:20-9:00pm (doors open at 6:20 - session starts at 6:45pm)
 - **RSVP:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 online at <http://dpac43pacorientation2017.eventbrite.ca> or by phone 604.939.3690 (include your name, phone number & the number of people attending.)

Seating is limited, get your registration in early.



Coquitlam School District 43

Aboriginal Education Department

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<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/AbEd>

For All Coquitlam School District Parents and Students

For your information, the revised curriculum now being implemented across the province as per the Ministry of Education, includes integrated material related to Aboriginal culture, history and ways of knowing in each grade, K-12. The best summary of why this is important for all students is embedded in the First Peoples Principles of Learning:

First Peoples Principles of Learning

Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).

Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.

Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.

Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge.

Learning is embedded in memory, history and story.

Learning involves patience and time.

Learning requires exploration of one's identity.

Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.

For more information on this topic, please access the Ministry website at:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/documents.htm#curriculum>

In addition to letting you know about this important work, we are particularly interested in addressing the diverse needs of all our Aboriginal students. Coquitlam School District 43 is committed to the academic success, cultural connection and socio-emotional development of all Aboriginal Learners. We have one of the highest Aboriginal graduation rates in the Province, and are very proud of the work of all our educators and the Aboriginal Education Department. We wish to continue this excellent work and improve even more, with the renewed emphasis from the revised curriculum and embedding the First People's Principles of Learning across all curricular areas. As such, self-identification is important.

Self-Identification

What does "self-identification" mean?

It means that if you have *any* kind of First Nation (status or non-status), Metis or Inuit Ancestry in your family tree, no matter how far back in generations, you can "self-identify" as having ancestry. Official documentation or paperwork is not required.

Why self-identify yourself or your child?

Once students self-identify they may access a wide variety of academic, cultural and social/emotional supports, programs and activities (see examples below). Even if students do not access most the services available, self-identification helps assure programs and activities will be available for other students.

How Do We Self-Identify?

Please email our office at abedinfo@sd43.bc.ca and provide the following information:

- Student name, birthdate and home school
 - Parent name and contact information
 - Type of Ancestry (Status, Non-status, Metis, Inuit)
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Common Questions

What types of support are available?

Aboriginal Education support may include such things as:

- Field trips
- “Rites of Passage” day camp in grades 5 & 8 for students moving on to new schools
- Cultural programs & activities in some schools
- Support from one of our staff members to “check in” with, make a connection and be available to talk or assist with personal issues
- Breakfast and lunch programs at some schools
- Aboriginal Youth Leadership Council for secondary students
- Invitation to Aboriginal Education community events
- Annual Honouring Ceremony for secondary students recognizing achievements and completion of grade 12. This ceremony is over and above school-based awards
- Awareness of, and applying for Aboriginal scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary.

Will student be pulled out of classes for extra support?

The only time a student will be taken from class for support is when this arrangement has already been made between our department, the parent and either the classroom teacher or school-based support team.

There are some programs offered to middle and secondary school students (such as our Aboriginal Youth Leadership Committee or post-secondary institution visits) but these types of activities require parental-signed permission forms. If these events are during school hours, you will have a full description and notification.

Is there a choice to self-identify and NOT receive extra supports?

There are cases where parents and students choose to self-identify but do not want any additional supports. Due to funding regulations, we need to provide regular contact with all students who have self-identified but the type of support can vary. The goal of our department is to work with parents and students to determine the type and amount of support and/or contact that is most comfortable and useful for each student. Other supports could include monitoring attendance and school progress, advising you of special events or simply just checking in with your child.

How do I find and contact the Aboriginal Education staff member assigned to student’s school?

Your school office can provide you with this information or call our Aboriginal Education office directly at 604-945-7386.

Continuation of Aboriginal Education Services

We will continue to provide service to all children with Aboriginal Ancestry for this 2017-18 school year. If you do not wish support from our department, please let us know by email. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will assume that your child/children will continue with our program for this school year.

Department Contact

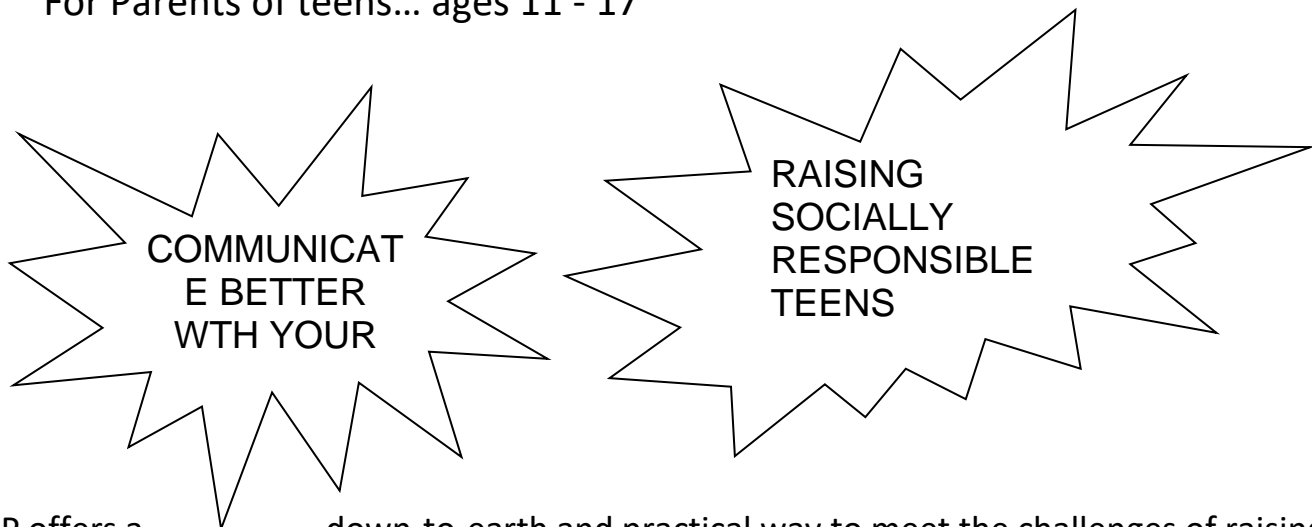
Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, we encourage you to contact our office at 604-945-7386 to arrange an appointment with our District Principal, Ms. Gayle Bedard.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fine Tune Your Parenting Skills With

STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

For Parents of teens... ages 11 - 17



STEP offers a down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers today. It's a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behaviour in home, school and community; and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

Place: Eagle Mountain Middle School

Time: 7p.m. – 9p.m.

Dates: Thurs. Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

[This is an eight week program]

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram, Certified Parent Facilitator

To register: E-mail: mabram@sd43.bc.ca [preferred]

Phone: 604-469-1133

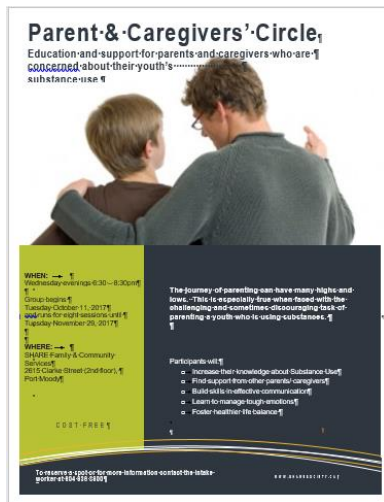
Register as soon as possible as the class fills quickly!

Class is limited to 20 participants.

The only cost is \$25.00 for the parent workbook

SHARE'S FALL YSUS PARENT/CAREGIVER CIRCLE

SHARE'S Youth Substance Use Services will be offering a Parent/Caregiver Circle for parents/caregivers who are concerned about their young person's substance use. The circle will begin on Wednesday, October 11 and run for 8 weeks until November 29. The circle will take place at SHARE's office at 2615 Clarke Street, Port Moody from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.



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<http://online.flipbuilder.com/bmrxxag/mobile/index.html>

LINKS FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS

Preparing students for a career in the sciences: <https://www.skywaterearth.ca/#follow-your-passion>

Vancouver Writers Fest Educational Events Brochure 2017: <http://writersfest.bc.ca/festival-event-category/children/>