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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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IMPORTANT DATES

January 30

Semester 2 begins

February 1

Second Formal Report Card distributed to students

February 8

Cross Catchment applications open

February 9

School Not In Session

February 12

BC Family Day (Stat Holiday)

February 22

Gr 9-11 Parent Information Evening 7PM

February 23

District Pro-D Day (students do not attend)

March 1

Interim Reporting

March 3

Grade 11 Parent Dance Fundraiser 6PM

March 7

Spring Concert 7PM

March 8

Early Dismissal of Students 2PM
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 3PM
Gr 12 Parent Information Meeting 6PM

March 17 – 29

Spring Break (schools closed)

March 30

Good Friday (stat holiday)

April 2

Easter Monday (stat holiday)

April 3

Schools Re-open

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Here we are already half-way through another school year! We welcome in the start of Semester 2 on Tuesday, January 31, so students will be meeting new teachers and new peers. Look for Semester 1 Final Report Cards to go home on Thursday, February 1.

While regular classes finished on Friday, January 19, we had a hub of activity happening at Best all of last week. Our Grade 9s enjoyed a fabulous presentation from our own Mr. Dy as part of their Career Education 9 requirement, we conducted our first set of Provincial Numeracy Exams for Grade 10 and 11 students, our Grade 12 students wrote English, Communications, and FRAL 12 Provincial Exams, many of our 12s completed their Grad Transitions Exit Interview, we met with our incoming Grade 9 parents at our annual Grade 8 Parent Night, and we welcomed our incoming Grade 9s on Friday's Grade 8 Tour Day. What a week!

As we gear up for Semester 2, I would like to announce some upcoming staff changes. We all wish Mr. Rob Lederer well as he finishes up his last duties at Best and begins retirement on Thursday, February 1. In his place, we are thrilled to welcome Mr. Dave Jones, a teacher in our Tech Studies Program at Best, into the role of Vice Principal. Taking over for Mr. Jones, we are pleased to have Mr. Jonathan Wiskar join our team at Best. Ms. Cloe Rittinger will be leaving on maternity leave this week and we wish her well as she prepares to welcome baby. Taking her place, we welcome Mr. Mourad Siamer into our French Immersion Department. As well, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Garry Moore who will be teaching in our Math Department and Ms. Linnea McNally who will be joining our Learning Centre team.

Even as the first semester is ending, we are already actively planning for the next school year. Our counsellors have completed articulation meetings with our feeder middle schools and in mid-February, they will begin course programming for the 2018-2019 school year. It is important that students and parents understand that the courses students choose on their programming sheets directly determine the courses that will be offered next year. Please get involved in your child's course planning, and plan to attend the Grade 9–11 Parent Information Night scheduled for Thursday, February 22 at 7 PM. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counsellor.

Now that our first semester is over, we look forward to settling in for part two of our school year. Students have already received their semester two schedules and classes will begin first thing on Tuesday morning.

Carol Coulson,
Principal

WHAT'S COMING UP?

POETRY IN VOICE

Best's Poetry in Voice competition is around the corner! It will take place in the library on Thursday, February 16th, during period 4. Students can still register to compete. See Ms. Silzer in the library for more information, or e-mail her at dsilzer@sd43.bc.ca. Go to www.poetryinvoic.com to find competition rules, and to explore the huge list of poems you can choose from.

DRAMA: SPRING PRODUCTION OF "A MID-SUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM"

With the one act play festival behind us, Mr. Case and a cast and crew of fantastically talented students are working hard to present this spring's production of Shakespeare's *"A Mid-Summer's Night Dream"*. Auditions were held earlier this month and casting is complete. The Best Players are proud to present this family friendly timeless comedy. Be sure to set aside one evening in the first two weeks of May. *"A Mid-Summer's Night Dream"* opens May 2nd, and will run May 3rd, 4th, 5th, as well as May 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th. This wonderful story is a sure springtime cure for the winter doldrums. We look forward to seeing you and your families in May. Thank you for your past support.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM FRENCH IMMERSION/FSL TRIP FOR SPRING BREAK 2019



Dr. Charles Best is once again planning a trip of a lifetime for our grade 11 and grade 12 French Immersion and senior FSL students for Spring Break 2019. This 12 day trip will take place from Monday, March 19 to Friday, March 29, 2019. The price of the trip is \$4,500 which includes all flights, hotels, breakfast and dinner, travel/medical/safety insurance, tips for drivers and guides, a 24 hour French tour guide, and a private bus. Places we will visit include: the city of Brussels which entails a tour of a chocolate factory, Fort Breendonk (a WWII concentration camp), Vimy Ridge, the D-Day beaches, Mont St. Michel, St. Malo, the castles of the Loire Valley, the Palace of Versailles, Paris, the Louvre, Opera Garnier, Mont Martre, the Eiffel Tower, and a Seine Cruise. Students who are interested in going must fill out an application form that they can pick up from Mme Bruneau, Mme Manolis, at the languages office and the school office. **The deadline to submit applications is Monday, February 19th, 2018. Mark your calendars!! The Parent Information Night for this trip will be on Monday, February 26th at 7:00PM in the school library.**

INFORMATION

CROSS CATCHMENT

Cross catchment begins on Thursday, February 8th at 9AM and closes on Thursday, February 15th at 4:30PM. Application forms will be available on-line and in paper format at 9AM on Thursday, February 8th. For a more detailed list of Programs of Choice, application dates and deadlines, please go to www.sd43.bc.ca.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Only 122 yearbooks left to purchase. Please order by the beginning of February.

PINK SHIRT DAY 2018

"It's Cool to be Kind" t-shirts are available to purchase from the school website. Money from the sales will go to Kid Sport Tri Cities to help youth get involved in organized sport. If you would like to purchase a pink or black shirt to wear on February 28th.

ATHLETICS

CURLING TEAM

The Best curling team played in Maple Ridge last weekend and had an amazing run. Connor Rafferty, Jarrett Dixon, Daniel Deng and Paige Philips represented the school and had an incredible weekend. They played two games back to back on Saturday. They placed in the "A" finals for the Sunday games. On Sunday they started playing at 9:00AM and played four straight games ending at 9:30PM with a total break time between games of less than an hour. These students played their hearts out for the school and we would like to congratulate them and their coach Darren Kent on an outstanding performance.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Senior Boys' Basketball team had a successful start to 2018, putting together wins against Seaquam (72-67), Elphinstone (78-62) and Carney (62-52) to win the Archbishop Carney tournament in front of a raucous crowd of Carney supporters. Geoffery Nonis and Arsham Mahmoudi earned All-star awards. This was the first time in several years the senior boys had won a tournament. In Week 1 of league play, the boys lost to Heritage 82-51, beat Port Moody 71-50 and had a great effort against provincially-ranked Terry Fox, but lost 60-52. In Week 2 of league play, the boys had a great game against Riverside, beating them 66-52. The team stands at 2-2 in league play, going into the final 3 games. The final upcoming games at home are against Centennial on Tuesday, January 30 at 8:30 pm and against Pinetree on Thursday, Feb 1 at 7:30 pm. The home games have been exciting so far, so come cheer on the boys as they fight for a good league ranking into the Fraser Valley Championships. The team also plays at Gleneagle on Wednesday, January 31 at 7:30. The February 1st game is extra special, as we will be honouring our Grade 12 players for "Senior's Night", as they play their final home game in a Charles Best uniform. Come out and support our seniors! The years they have played senior basketball is in brackets: Dylan Pascual (2017-18), Michael Manojlovic (2016-18), Omron Samadi (2015-18), Arsham Mahmoudi (2015-18) and Grayson Parkins (2014-18).



GRAD CORNER

FEBRUARY

- February 7th: Scholarship Meeting #2. Local scholarship packages will be handed out.
- February 28th: Deadline for early admission application to SFU. Final deadline is April 30th.
- February 28th: Deadline for SFU Major Entrance Scholarship application
- Make sure to check the financial aid page of the post-secondary school you plan to attend.
- If you are leaving your home community for post-secondary, apply for housing now.

YEARBOOK GRAD WRITE-UPS DUE FEBRUARY 2ND

Students are to submit their Grad Write-Ups for the yearbook on the Dr. Charles Best website. If students do not submit this in time, the yearbook group will assign a quote for you. Follow this link to submit your write-up:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xI2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS4SPG9bmwhJlhmD6oL5WY3NURE8wTFNMMUpOMzA2QJZCQzFRVTIMM1QyVi4u>

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

Monday, February 5th: University of Victoria Info Session in Room 202 at 3:20 PM
Wednesday, February 7th: Scholarship Meeting #2 (Local Package) in the Library after school
Friday, February 16th: SFU Applicant Info Session with recruiter in the Library after school
Wednesday, February 28th: SFU and UVIC deadline to apply for admission

PAC / AFTER GRAD NEWS



NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday, March 5 – 7PM in the school library
GRAD 2019 PARENT DANCE – SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 6PM AT DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY

Get your tickets now for the 19th Annual Adult Community Dinner & Dance Beach Party. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased on the school website:

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/11735/108/False/True> or contact Barb Miller at barbramsay@hotmail.com. Don't miss out on the fun – tickets are going fast!

RETAIL SHOPPING NIGHT – THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

Shoppers will be able to browse and enjoy artisans and vendors showcasing a variety of exclusive goods just in time for spring and summer. Located in the Charles Best Main Gym. More details to follow.

GROCERY BAGGING – SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

Calling all Best students to help raise money for After Grad 2018. We need students volunteers for 2 hours at Super Store (1301 Lougheed Highway, Coquitlam – Maillardville) on Saturday, April 21st. Stay tuned for details or email fiona@skyeconsulting.net for more information.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

The After Grad Committee has an account at the Express Return-It Depot located at 1045A Lougheed Highway across from IKEA and next door to Boston Pizza, to raise money for the 2018 After Grad! This is how it works:

- Place all refundable containers in a clear blue or white recycling bag (extras are available beside the garbage bags in any super market)
- NO sorting needed – place glass, aluminum, plastic all together
- Bring your filled bags to the depot and go to the “Express” section
- Print off as many labels as you need (maximum of 6 per day) using the Charles Best phone number for the account: 604-461-5581, the name attached to the account is Ja-Lynn McIntyre
- Place the label on the bag and drop it in the designated area right beside the label printer

STUDENT CORNER

WOODWORKING

Mr. Jones, Jessica Wolpert and Mr. House pose for a picture with the top of her dining room table that she built in woodworking class. Under the guidance of the two teachers, Jessica used black walnut, eastern maple, and red oak to build this beautiful project.



Callum Leedham displays his beautiful wooden mugs. Callum came up with the idea on his own and used oak and mahogany.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. CHARLES BEST GRAD LARKYN AUSTMAN

Larkyn (graduated June 2016) has qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, Korea. Larkyn earned her place on the Olympic team by placing third at the Canadian National Figure Skating Championships. If you would like to support her Olympic dream, please visit her "Go Fund Me" page through the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/larkyns-olympic-dream>



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER LEARNING

Think ... *Summer Learning!*



Elementary: July 10-27 9am-12pm

K to 1 Transition, Fine Arts, French Immersion, Integrated Studies, Montessori, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info Tech), Science - Outdoor Focus

Middle: July 10-27 8:45am-11:45am

Art, Band, Creative Writing, Drama, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated Studies, Language Arts, Mathematics, Montessori, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Science Grade 6/7 (Ecology/Outdoor Focus), Tech Ed

Secondary Skill Building & Remedial: July 10-27 8:30-11:30am & 12:00-3:00pm

English, English for School Success, Math, Music, Science, Fitness, Tech Ed

Advanced (High School) Credit: Face-to-face & Online blended (Fast Track):

July 4 - August 10 8:00-11:30am & 12:00-3:30pm

Gr 10, 11, and 12 courses in English, Mathematics & Sciences. Canadian Studies 10, Career Life Education (Planning), Fitness & Conditioning 11/12, PE 10/11, Social Studies 10/11, Composition 11 & Communications 12

See our website for full info: www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca

- ⇒ Tuition is free for BC residents (International fees apply otherwise)
- ⇒ 13 school locations throughout the Tri Cities
- ⇒ Registration opens in late April, create/update your account today



FREE PARENT INFO SESSION – SOCIAL MEDIA: THE NEW ADDICTION & HOW IT'S AFFECTING OUR YOUTH – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018



**Social Media: The
New Addiction & How
It's Affecting Our
Youth.**



Free Parent Info Session
for parents of District 43 students
online registration is required

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Cst. Rob > Port Moody Police School Liaison

Justin Payeur > COO & Co Founder of Boomerang (a parental control App.)

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2018

TIME: 6:30—8:00pm (doors open 6:00pm)

LOCATION: Theatre —Heritage Woods Secondary
1300 David Avenue, Port Moody

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

<http://dpac43socialmedia2018.eventbrite.ca>

QUESTIONS?

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