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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.

HIGHLIGHTS

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 17 – 29

Spring Break (Schools Closed)

March 30

Good Friday (Stat Holiday)

April 2

Easter Monday (Stat Holiday)

April 3

Schools Re-Open

April 6

Poetry in Voice Regional Championship

April 9

PAC Executive Meeting

April 11

After Grad Meeting

April 20

District Pro-D Day (Students Do Not Attend)

April 26

3rd Formal Report Card Distributed to Students

May 2-5 & May 9-12

Spring Play "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

May 7

PAC Annual General Meeting

May 21

Victoria Day (Stat Holiday)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Even though our previous newsletter was only a few 'school weeks' ago, Charles Best has been a hub of activity as usual! Here is a recap of some of the highlights....

Each year, a number of our grade 11 parents come together to organize a Parent Fundraiser Dinner & Dance. This year, the sold-out event took place in the Small Gym on Saturday, March 3. This annual event has taken place for many years to help offset the price of the grad dinner and dance for the following year's grads. The theme this year was 'Beach Party' and despite the frigid temperatures outside, participants played along and dug out their summer attire for the big event. It was a great time had by all and raised thousands of dollars to support the Grads of 2019. A special thank you to the organizing chairperson, Lesia Verones, and to all of the hard working committee chairs and volunteers.

Another highlight was our annual Spring Music Concert – always a great evening for all! Thank you to Mr. Hughes and his band and choir students for providing us with such great entertainment!

By March, our teachers are really getting to know their students and have a good sense of student progress in their courses. Following up on our Interim Process, we had a packed Large Gym on Thursday, March 8 for our Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. We are so grateful for your commitment to your son's/daughter's education and appreciate your participation in these interviews. Parent involvement and support is key to student success. As always, please maintain open communication with your child and their teachers and do not hesitate to email or call if you have any questions or concerns. The first formal report card of the semester will be going home on April 26.

Plans for next school year are well underway as Counsellors have completed the Course Request Process with all of our students in grades 9-11. Please remember that there will be very little room in next year's schedule for students to change their minds and select different courses in September. The last chance to double check or make a last minute switch with their counsellor is now.

As we head into Spring Break, we would like to wish our students and staff involved in our three school trips a wonderful and safe travel experience. For our students heading to Peru and our French Immersion students heading to Senegal, we know the rich historical and cultural itineraries will be memorable. And for our rugby players heading to Trinidad and Tobago, we wish you well in all of your matches.

The final few months of the school year, packed with many academic, athletic, musical, and theatrical activities, will see us moving quickly towards graduation. A reminder to our grads in particular, stay focused and on track so that you can be part of and enjoy all of the special grad activities that await.

And speaking of graduation, I would like to announce my own 'graduation' as I close off this 35-year chapter of my life and retire as Principal of Dr. Charles Best Secondary at the end of this school year. I made my official announcement at this month's Staff Meeting and I know that many parents and students are already aware, but I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much I have enjoyed my tenure here at Charles Best. I look forward to the remaining few months of the school year and to saying farewell to my final graduating class, the Class of 2018.

To parents, students, and staff, I wish each and every one of you a restful and enjoyable Spring Break!

**Carol Coulson,
Principal**

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) CLUB

From February 23-25, eight students from Charles Best's Model United Nations Club represented various countries in their respected committees at Pacific MUN at the Pinnacle Hotel in Vancouver. It was an illuminating experience for all the students and they can't wait for the next conference! Pictured from left to right are Best students: Brianna Law, Kara Han, Pariya Zabihi, Rina Zhuang, Ying Jie Li, Renee Jing, and Jason Sun.



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

The Best Odyssey of the Mind team completed their first tournament on March 3 in Burnaby, and qualified for the Provincial Tournament in April. Congratulations!



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

It's time for Spring Cleaning! Are you asking yourself when is the last time you have changed your Brita filter? If YES, the environmental club is collecting these filters along with other Brita filters listed on the poster as a fund raiser for our club and to PREVENT them from ending up in our landfills. You can drop off any of these products in the labelled box at the main office. Thanks for your support!



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Only 84 yearbooks remaining for the entire school. You can purchase online, on our website under "School Fees".

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS

Looking for a gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, coaches, grads, birthdays, anniversaries? Look no further. Help us raise funds for our school by purchasing Fundscrip Gift Cards. Vendors include grocery, gas, restaurants, clothing, something for everyone! You can order your cards by following this link: <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/9069/108/False/True>. Purchases made before April 26 will be available for pick-up at the school on the first week of May. Thank you for your support!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

DRAMA DEPARTMENT – BEST PLAYERS PRESENT “A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM”

The Best Players are working hard before Spring Break to produce A Midsummer Night’s Dream by William Shakespeare. Now again, before you go thinking, “Shakespeare! I think I’ll give that one a miss”, remember that this play is his most beloved comedy and one of the most produced plays in the history of theatre; and, not to brag, but our talented cast is shaping it up quite nicely. My prediction that “audiences will love it” holds. It’s wildly funny and honest and as I mentioned last month, easy to follow. It opens Wednesday May 2, and runs May 3, 4, and 5 and continues May 9, 10, 11 and 12. Directed by Brad Case, tickets for A Midsummer Night’s Dream will be \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and students. Box office opens at 6:45 PM with doors at 7:00 PM and curtain at 7:30 PM.

POETRY IN VOICE

Best’s **Poetry in Voice** team will compete Friday, April 6, against 9 teams from around the Lower Mainland. The event will take place in the Charles Best’s small gym from 12:30 - 3:00. Contact dsilzer@sd43.bc.ca if you want to be in the audience.

GRAD CORNER

APRIL

- April 6, 2018 – Completed Local Scholarship application packages are due to Mr. Chang by 3:30 PM. Late applications are not accepted.
- **IMPORTANT** Have you filled out the Student Transcripts Service online form to give the Ministry of Education permission to send your grades to the post-secondary schools of your choice? **Only 30% of our Grade 12 students have completed the process so far.** If you have not taken care of this yet, you have already missed the first deadline. That means you will not get early admission and, hopefully, the school still has space to consider you. **Please take care of this ASAP** at: <https://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca>.

MARCH SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Check the online Career Centre! Deadlines of March 31 are coming up for over 15 Scholarships!
<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx>

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGES

The deadline to submit COMPLETED applications is Friday, April 6, 2018 by 3:30 PM. Late applications will not be accepted. Ensure you request a letter from your reference ASAP! Applications posted under documents at link above.

APPLIED TO DOUGLAS COLLEGE?

The Entrance Awards and Scholarship deadline for fall applicants is **April 1, 2018**.

TIMELINE FOR GRAD RELATED ACTIVITIES

Activity	Date	Time	Location/Contact
Pick up Valedictorian Nomination Applications	April 4		Main office
Due Date for Valedictorian Nominations	April 11	3:00 PM	Nominations returned to <u>Mrs. Young</u> in the Main Office
<i>Grade 12 Assembly- Valedictorian Nomination Speeches and Voting</i>	<i>April 19</i>	<i>Period 2</i>	<i>Half of the Large Gym</i>
Guest Forms Available	April 19		Main Office
Make sure you have no books or fees or other amounts outstanding by this date	May 3	3:00 PM	Cleared at Main Office
Grad Transitions – must be completed or you can’t buy tickets	April 30	3:00 PM	Mr. Last
Guest Forms Due	April 30	3:00 PM	Main Office
Commencement Message Due	April 30		Link on website

REMINDER: Grad ticket sales are May 15-17. All school fees, lost textbook and library fees must be cleared by May 4 in order to purchase Grad Dinner/Dance tickets. Please pay fees online on our website.

ATHLETICS

RUGBY

The rugby program has had a bit of a rough start this semester. With our field and the Hillcrest field covered in snow, it has been difficult to get training started. The girls' team played on March 8 against Seaquam Secondary. Due to some time conflicts, we only had 12 players for the game against 15 from Seaquam. New players Jade Hong, Fernanda Dorantes and Kelly Corea stepped up and showed Seaquam what Best athletes are capable of. The team was losing by 2 points at halftime; however, with a strong offensive push in the last few minutes of the game, the team managed a 36-29 victory. Sam Rigby was given the Player of the Game Award. The junior boys and senior boys played their first game last week.

STUDENT CORNER



Congratulations to our very own Samantha Kerr (Grade 10) who won Gold & Silver medals for Archery (Barebow Category) at the BC Winter Games in Kamloops. Other participants included Marcus Chan (Archery), Connor Kent (Curling) and Alex Duncan-Wu (Curling). If we've missed anyone, please call the office at 604-461-5581 or email dportelance@sd43.bc.ca and let us know. We'll make sure your achievements are published in our next newsletter!

PAC / AFTER GRAD NEWS

THE BEST AFTER GRAD 2018 COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

This year's After Grad theme is BEACH! We want to decorate the school to look like a Beach Party but we need everyone's help. We are asking for help from everyone who might have a connection to any of the supplies that we will need. We are asking for FREE items, borrowed items, or just a really good deal on some of our supplies. If you have a line on any of these items or anything you think we might be able to use, can you please email Amy Lewis (amyclewis@mac.com) or Christina Sutton (suttonfamily5@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for helping us make this year's After Grad a special and memorable event for your child! Thank you, thank you!!!

Here is a list of just some of the items we are looking for:

- Rolls or large pieces of Burlap
- Sand (for buckets that will be the base of trees or tiki)
- Buckets (those big 5 gallon pails)
- Tiki torches (we may use outside at the entrance)
- Wood Pallets (again for boardwalk outside – to mimic a dock?)
- Palm Trees
- High Top tables (perhaps a connection to a rental?)
- Propane fire pit for outside – parent supervision part of the beach décor outside
- Travel Posters, travel pictures
- Large cardboard tubes from carpet rolls or ?? for palm trees
- Lanterns – décor (we will put those small battery-operated tea lights into)
- LED string lights
- Surf board decor
- Grass skirts/grass skirting to put on tables for décor
- Large quantity of glow sticks (small and large ones)
- Indoor Christmas type lights
- Plastic beach balls
- Plastic blow up floaties

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRING DRESS EXCHANGE

Want to renew your wardrobe for spring semester events such as Spring Dance, Grad Dinner/Dance, and Commencement? Centennial School is organizing a Dress Exchange for SD43 secondary schools, for semi-formal and formal dresses – from party dresses to grad dresses. The date is Thursday, April 5 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Centennial Foyer, 570 Poirier Street, Coquitlam.

Fitting rooms will be available on site. To get in, you must bring a non-perishable food item for SHARE. You do not have to donate a dress but if you don't bring a dress, you will need to make a minimum \$10 donation to take a dress home. Matching accessories are welcome, but no shoes please. Drop off dresses any time during school hours (the main office at Centennial) or bring your dress/dresses to the event. For more information please email Ms. Mattson at mmattson@sd43.bc.ca or Ms. Farnell at vfarnell@sd43.bc.ca.

WORKSHOP: Kim Barthel "Becoming a Behavioural Detective: Sensory, Mental Health, Trauma & Resiliency"

FamilySmart® is excited to bring to you this amazing speaker for our combined "Empowering Parents/Fraser Forum" 2018 Event. This event is open to parents and caregivers throughout the Fraser Region whose children or youth struggle with mental health challenges. **The event will also be open to professionals and other interested adults on March 16 (space permitting), so parents & caregivers, sign up quickly! This free event is sure to sell out! Full details below:

Date: Saturday April 7, 2018

Time: 12:15 PM - 4:15 PM; light lunch served

Location: Port Coquitlam, BC (address given with registration; venue has free parking, is wheelchair accessible, and is close to transit)

Cost: Free

Audience: Parents & Caregivers whose children/youth experience mental health challenges (open to mental health service providers March 16)

***childcare is not available, and this event is not suited to children or youth*

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/empowering-parents-fraser-forum-becoming-a-behavioural-detective-registration-43682632931>



KID'S SPORTS FUN FAIR



grades K-3

10:00AM - 1:00PM

in the Gym of Gleneagle Secondary

1195 Lansdowne Drive,
Coquitlam BC
V3B 7Y8

fee (minimum \$5 dollar)

Any profits from this event will go to KidSport

contact us at kidssportfunfair@gmail.com



Welcome to Secondary School Summer Programs 2018

Please visit our website for details:
www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca
Phone: 604-936-4261



Engaging and quality learning opportunities await students this summer! All courses are taught by fully qualified teachers in a safe and friendly school environment.



PROVINCIAL EXAMS
MATH 2
PHYSICS
MATH 3
COMPOSITION 1
COMPOSITION 2
COMPOSITION 3

Fast Track	Advanced (High School) Credit	Skill Building and Remedial
<p>Blended Model of Instruction: Face-to-face classroom methods (twice a week, 3 hours each, AM/PM), combined with computer mediated activities (online 3 days)</p> <p>Dates: July 4-August 10 Location: Gleneagle Secondary</p> <p>Courses: Biology 12; Career Life Education (Planning 10); Chemistry 11; English 10,11,12; Mathematics 10,11; Physics 11,12; PE 10; Fitness & Conditioning 11/12; Social Studies 11. Completion of course is within a 6 week timeframe</p> <p>Online Registration opens 6am on: Tuesday, May 1st Secondary Skill Building and Secondary Remedial Friday, May 4th Grade 10 Advanced (High School) Credit and Online Fast Track Tuesday, May 8th Grade 11 Advanced (High School) Credit and Online Fast Track Friday, May 11th Grade 12 Advanced (High School) Credit and Online Fast Track</p>	<p>Students who complete these courses will receive full credit and a final mark on transcript.</p> <p>Dates: July 4-August 10 Locations: Centennial Secondary, Gleneagle Secondary</p> <p>Courses: Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses in English, Mathematics & Sciences, Canadian Studies 10, Social Studies 10/11, Composition 11 & Communications 12</p> <p>See Counselor for Access Codes (only applies to Canadian studies and Composition 11)</p> <p>What do you do next?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit our website Returning students need to update their accounts BEFORE registering for courses New students to summer learning need to create an account BEFORE registering to courses. You will need your child's FEN number, which is available at their home school Tuition fee for BC residents: A \$100 textbook & materials deposit is required upon registration for all secondary courses. See refund policies page on our website. Tuition fee for International students only. 	<p>Dates: July 10-27 Times: 8:30-11:30 & 12:00-3:00pm Location: Centennial Secondary</p> <p>Skill Building - Grades 9, 10 Courses are non-credit. Students may take these courses to review previously covered course content OR preview a course that they will take in the future. No final letter-grade issued nor will it be recorded on their transcript.</p> <p>Courses: English, English for School Success, Math, Jazz, Band, Concert Band, Science, Fitness, Tech Ed, Coding (Info Tech).</p> <p>Remedial - Grades 9-11 Courses provide a path for students who achieved 40-49% in a course to attain a passing grade. For grade 9& 10 remedial courses, students will be able to update their mark to 50% (C-)</p> <p>Courses: Grades 9& 10 courses in English, Math, Science & Social studies</p> <p>See Counselor for Access Codes (only applies to remedial)</p>

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Sports Fun Fair for elementary school children in the Gleneagle Secondary Gym. Target age group is grades K-3. The Fun Fair will run from 10:00am – 1:00pm on Saturday, April 14th. There will be mini games for kids to play. The entry fee is a minimum of \$5. Profits, after expenses, will go to KidSport BC.