

# 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.*

### HIGHLIGHTS

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### August 29

New International & EAL Orientation & Assessment  
Gr 12 Timetable Distribution: 9-11am  
Gr 11 Timetable Distribution: 1-3pm

#### August 30

Grade 9 Orientation & Digital Literacy Boot Camp &  
Timetable Distribution: 8:30am – 2pm

#### September 4

First Day of School  
Gr 9 & 10 Advisory: 10am  
Gr 11 & 12 Advisory: 11am  
Gr 10 Timetable Distribution: 10am

#### September 7

School Photos & Go Cards  
Gr 11 & 12 Assembly – Period 4

#### September 10

Gr 9 & 10 Assembly – Period 4  
PAC General Meeting – 7pm

#### September 13

Parent Orientation/Meet the Teacher Night – 7pm

#### September 14

Terry Fox Run & Assembly

#### September 16

Family Photo Fundraiser – Rocky Point Park

#### September 18

Photo Re-Takes

#### September 20

Senior Sail (Gr 12's only) 4:30-10pm

#### September 21

District Pro-D Day (students do not attend)

#### September 26

Clubs Day

#### September 29

Orange Shirt Day Assembly

### 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 2018! We have admired your 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 9 and on June 23 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. Also, thank you to all the parent and teacher volunteers who showed up at the event to decorate, serve, supervise and clean up. A special thank you to parents Barbara Davis and Dana Tent for their tireless efforts as After Grad Committee Co-Chairs.

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 are sad to be saying goodbye to the following teachers: Kathy Dudley, Hee Jin Hyun, Linnea McNally, Garry Moore, Mourad Siamer, Erin Stainsby, and Preston Tan who are moving to different schools next year. We also wish Ailie Fewer well as she goes on Maternity Leave in September and Sean O'Reilly who will also be on leave next year. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to ensuring a positive learning environment for all their students. We would also like to say goodbye to Denise Healey Wright, our Career Facilitator, who will be leaving us at the end of this week.

This summer we will be e-mailing parents 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 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Thursday, August 30. 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.

And finally, as I leave my post as Principal of Dr. Charles Best Secondary, I would like to welcome the incoming Principal, Ms. Heather Murphy, who will officially take over on July 1. I know that she will transition seamlessly into the Charles Best community and I know she is looking forward to meeting staff, students, and parents in the coming weeks and months.

We wish you all a safe and restful summer!

**Carol Coulson, Principal**

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

## FAREWELL TO CAROL COULSON

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to our fearless leader, our dear Principal, Mrs. Carol Coulson, as she retires this week after 35 years in the teaching profession! It is difficult to sum up what it has meant to work with Carol over these past years and what she has contributed to our entire school community. Carol, you are a treasure, a legacy, an inspiration. It has been our extreme pleasure to work with you and learn from you over the past 4 years at Charles Best. Your capacity to give and give and give has made an indelible mark on so many people who have crossed paths with you. From all of the staff, students, and parents in the Charles Best community, at Best you really did Discover Your Best and we are all the better for it. Thank you for your mentorship, your always kind and welcoming nature, your tireless efforts and dedication to the school, and for your sense of humour that has kept us all laughing every day. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Thank you for everything that you have given to so many. We wish you all the best in your retirement! Congratulations, Carol!



## GRAD DINNER/DANCE

Oh what a night! From suit to tux, cocktail dress to full length crinoline, long curls and up do's, the Class of 2018 did not disappoint. All of the girls looked beautiful and the boys handsome. The Fairmont Waterfront was a beautiful venue for our grad class to celebrate their four years together. Students ate, danced, took photos, and laughed as they enjoyed one of their last events together as the Grad Class of 2018. We are very proud of our grad class and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.



## AFTERGRAD 2018

Over 300 students enjoyed the After Grad (Dry Grad) event held at our school following the Dinner and Dance. The theme for the event was "Beach Party" and a hard working group of parents did a fabulous job decorating the school inside and out. Grads enjoyed a torch lit entrance and were thrilled to be welcomed with a fruit cocktail and Hawaiian Lei. 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's go to our After Grad chairs Barbara Davis and Dana Tent 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.

## LIGHTS OUT FOR MIRACLES

On May 30, Charles Best's Miracle Movement Club hosted "Lights Out For Miracles", a 5-hour glow party dance event in support of the BC Children's Hospital Heart Centre. Almost doubling their goal of \$1,000 for this school year, the club raised \$1916.75! Participants at the event enjoyed a diverse range of activities, performances, music and more. Some highlights of the evening included Zumba with Joanna; performances from the Charles Best Improv Team, Nicole Demers (local singer-songwriter), Chunto Chan and Dylan Sadgrove (singers/guitarists), and the Eastside Ramblers (local blues rock band); a Jiu Jitsu mini lesson (Faulks Jiu Jitsu); a rave hour with DJ Krista; and a hip-hop dance tutorial (Zhang Han Yin). The team sends a special thanks to the many community sponsors for their support and in kind donations (CLIF Bar,



Purdy's Chocolatier, Zone Bowling, Davids Tea, Krispy Kreme, Wings Coquitlam, ALIVE Health). They would also like to thank all the fabulous teacher chaperones and student participants who came out to support this great cause. We hope to see an even greater turnout next year! For students interested in joining the team next year as an executive or a club member, please email [charlesbestdm@gmail.com](mailto:charlesbestdm@gmail.com).

# ATHLETICS

**Golf:** The Charles Best golf team managed to grind out a 5th place finish at the AAA Golf Provincial Tournament held at Nanaimo Golf Club. William Tindle placed 12th overall for individual score. Matthew Beauchamp placed 2nd in the longest drive skills competition with a 308 yard bomb. Grade 12 Max Mackinnon was Best's comeback kid, improving on his first round score by 14 shots in his last match as a Blue Devil. Another great finish to the season!

**Spring Season Recap:** Junior Girls soccer placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fraser Valleys and Senior Girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the provincials. The rugby program had a very successful season running a junior and senior boys program as well as a girls team. Track & Field had a number of athletes qualify for provincials and are already looking forward to next year. Our hockey team won the BC Hockey League Championship. Badminton had a number of players compete at the Fraser Valley Championships. Thank you to all the parents, staff and community coaches who supported our Athletic Program this year.

## INFORMATION/REMINDERS

### 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". All items not picked up by Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> will be donated to charity.

### 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.**

### 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. 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.

Timetable distribution will be as follows:

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 11:00am – Grade 12 Timetables Distributed/Course Conflict Changes

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm – 3:00pm – Grade 11 Timetables Distributed/Course Conflict Changes

Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> during Orientation – Grade 9 Timetables Distributed/Course Conflict Changes

Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> during 10am – 12pm – Grade 10 Timetables Distributed/Course Conflict Changes

### **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 CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

Schools Open	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District Day</b> )	Friday, September 21, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District/Provincial Day</b> )	Friday, October 19, 2018
Non-Instructional Day for Redesigned Curriculum Training	Friday, November 9, 2018
Remembrance Day Stat Holiday	Monday, November 12, 2018
Schools Close for Winter Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, December 21, 2018
Winter Vacation Period	December 24/18 - January 4/19
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 7, 2019
<b>School Based Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Monday, January 28, 2019</b>
School Not in Session	Friday, February 15, 2019
BC Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District Day</b> )	Friday, February 22, 2019
Schools Close for Spring Vacation (last day in session)	Friday, March 15, 2019
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 – March 29, 2019
Schools Re-Open after Spring Vacation	Monday, April 1, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Non-Instructional Day ( <b>Common District Day</b> )	Friday, April 26, 2019
<b>School Based Non-Instructional Day:</b>	<b>Monday, May 6, 2019</b>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019
Last Day of School for all Students	Thursday, June 27, 2019
Administrative Day	Friday, June 28, 2019

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COQUITLAM OPEN LEARNING

Space still available for YELL – Entrepreneurship 12. A great course for grade 11 and 12 students.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION – FALL 2018 MAGAZINE

Please click the link below to open the Continuing Ed Fall 2018 Magazine

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

### YELL Entrepreneurship 12 - Space is still available in this unique Coquitlam Open Learning Course!

Earn high school credits with YELL  
The Youth Entrepreneurship Leadership Launchpad  
You can learn more about the program at <http://WeYELL.org>

Students learn a business model, develop a product with community mentors, then do a Dragon's Den style venture 'pitch' to a panel of experienced entrepreneurs.

Every year the panel includes judges from UBC's Sauder School of Business and SFU's Beedie School of Business, and both schools consider this a great addition to any students' portfolio.



Ideal for Grade 11 or Grade 12 Students!  
YELL can be included in a student's graduation program as Entrepreneurship 12 or an IDS 12 in Entrepreneurship.

The course will run on Wednesdays after school (4pm-6pm) at The Coquitlam Learning Opportunity Centre (CLOC) from October 2018 to the end of May 2019. Space is limited, and students must apply. Please contact teacher Peter Poka for details:  
[PPoka@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:PPoka@sd43.bc.ca)

YELL can help you build your portfolio, be shared in your UBC Learning Profile, and is soon going to be recognized for course credit at SFU. Beyond that, ask any former YELL student and they will tell you that this course was an amazing experience!

CLOC Address: 104- 2748 Lougheed Highway (Lougheed near Westwood)