

Dr. Charles Best Secondary

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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.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 12

Christmas Music Concert 7PM

December 17-21

Spirit Week

December 21

Talent Show 1:45PM

December 21

Schools close for Winter Break
(last day in session)

December 22-January 6

Winter Break

January 7

Schools Re-open after Winter
Break

January 14

PAC General Meeting 7PM

January 15

“Evening of the Arts 7PM

January 18

Last day of regular classes

January 28

School Based Pro-D Day

January 29

Semester II begins

DR. CHARLES BEST HOODIES FOR SALE!

Just in time for Christmas! We have a limited number light pink and light blue hoodies available for sale this Friday, December 14 (if there are any left we may sell on Monday, December 17). Cost: \$40 (cash only). Sizes: small, medium large and extra large. Students will be selling them outside the office throughout the day on Friday.



2019 AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISER – BOTTLE RETURNS

Please help the 2019 After Grad Committee by donating your empty bottles to the following Recycling Depots:
Blue Mountain Bottle Depot at 511 Blue Mountain Street, Coquitlam. Quote: #208 Dr. Charles Best Aftergrad 2019
Coquitlam Return it Depot at #104 – 2560 Barnet Highway, Coquitlam. Quote: #88 Dr. Charles Best Aftergrad 2019
Biggar Bottle Depot at 2577 Kingsway Avenue, Coquitlam. Quote: Charles Best Aftergrad 2019
Proceeds will go to 2019 After Grad. Deadline for bottle returns is the end of May 2019.

TICKETS ON SALE FOR PARENT DINNER DANCE – MARCH 2, 2019

Tickets for our annual Grade 11 Parent Dinner Dance Fundraiser are available online on the Dr. Charles Best website under “Quick Links”. Cost is \$45.00 per person (age 19+ only – no minors). For further information please email BestGrad2020@gmail.com

TEEN VAPING IN CANADA HAS TAKEN A ‘WORRISOME’ TURN – CBC NEWS

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/health-canada-youth-teenage-vaping-smoking-hammond-1.4937593>

Another resource link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/smoking-tobacco/vaping.html>

SLOW DOWN AND LOOK AROUND – TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE SCHOOL ZONES SAFER!

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx>

please see letter (page 3 of this newsletter) from Patricia Gartland, Superintendent of Schools, SD 43 (Coquitlam)

STUDENT WRITERS AT BEST

Students at Best continue to churn out words that others want to read... Katie Truss had her poem, "Intertwined", accepted for publication in an anthology titled *Whispering Woods*. Isabella Cheung wrote a 17,000 word steampunk story, "Secrets Beneath the Sands", that will be published in full in an anthology by Zimbell Publishing. Sevda Sarparast wrote a short story, "Temporary Places", for a *Writer's Digest* contest. She was competing with hundreds of writers, mostly adults, and her piece was chosen by editors as one of the top five. When the final voting was complete, her piece came out on top and will be published in a future copy of their magazine (circulation 160,000). Congratulations!

CERAMICS AT BEST

Students in Mr. Yoo's ceramics class made ginger bread houses with clay. They are currently on display in the case outside of the office.



ADVOCATING FOR ABORIGINAL ART

People from all over the world travel to Vancouver to learn about and experience aboriginal culture, yet we often overlook the preciousness of it. Mr. Yoo has been wanting to work with local aboriginal artists to help students have a better understanding of its art form and learn to appreciate it in a deeper way through making a personal connection with it, regardless of students' different cultural background. Mr. Yoo recently applied to VanCity's community building education grant and the credit union gave Dr. Charles Best \$500. This will be used to invite Arthur Bolton, an aboriginal artist, respected elder and residential school survivor to work with Mr. Eccles and Mr. Yoo's students in January. Mr. Yoo would like to acknowledge Terri Galligos, our aboriginal coordinator for her encouragement and resources she continues to share.

BEST STUDENTS AT BC SUMMER GAMES

Juliana Nunes won a silver medal for Rowing. Gabby Basic won bronze in Girls Rugby. Lucas Elliott, Ryan Favaro and Robbie Turpin represented Coquitlam for the Fraser River District and won the gold medal for lacrosse.

