# Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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Website: <u>http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/Pages/default.aspx</u>

Principal – Heather Murphy, Vice-Principals – David Jones, Sharon McKay and Joel Nelson

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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## Friday, December 6

"Dress Your Best" Friday Team/Club Photos

## Wednesday, December 11

**Career Advisory Schedule** 

### Wednesday, December 18

Christmas Music Concert – 7pm Gym

#### **CLUBS AT BEST**

Friday, December 20 Talent Show – 1pm Gym WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3 Monday, January 6 Schools Open

	Sponsor Teacher
Best Buddies	Megan Weeks
Environmental Club, Forces of Nature	Julia Hamilton & Sophie Viswanathan
Exchange Club	Shannon Joba
students4students	Vivienne Royle
French Leadership Council	Nadia Kadhim
Grad Council	Olivia Fournier & Danielle Thomas
Archery Club	Phil Jaeggle
Social Club	Pierre Henri Poudre
Miracle Movement	Diane Silzer
Anime	Kihoon Yoo
Project Hello Club	Maria Bruneau
Best GSA	Megan Leslie, Carly Munroe, Lasta Graf
Chess	Robert Morris
Dungeons & Dragons	Robert Morris
Odyssey of the Mind	Hyesun Cho
Pi of the Tiger	Christine Jenkins
Writing Club	Diane Silzer
Model United Nations	Hyesun Cho
Ski & Snowboard	Olivier Major
Student Council	Louise Manton

#### WINTER SPORTS AT BEST

Coaches
Daniel Depelteau, Dan Lewis, Nitan Sharma
Craig Percevault
Jason Killins, Tony Herdman
Matt Sokol, Mike Parkins, Dani Chu, Geoffrey Nonis, Whitman McLallen
Joe Coops, Phil Jaeggle



#### **BRITA RECYCLING PROGRAM**

The Forces of Nature Club is collecting used Brita filters and wrappers! Your filters will be sent to TerraCycle, where they will be recycled into new plastic products such as playground equipment and outdoor furniture. By donating, you will help protect our environment and you'll help the Forces of Nature club with their future initiatives. Now would be a great time to change your filter! You can drop off your Brita water filters at the school office.

#### YEARBOOKS

If you haven't purchased a yearbook yet, now is the time to do so. Our deadline to order is quickly approaching and we will not be able to request more copies later in the school year. Cost is \$55.00. Purchase online on our website under Student Fees.

#### 2020 AFTER GRAD FUNDRAISER - "BEST BOWLING NIGHT EVER"

Come out and support 2020 After Grad. This fundraiser will be held on Friday, January 24, 2020 at PoCo Bowl (2263 McAllister Avenue in Port Coquitlam) from 9PM to MIDNIGHT. Cost is \$25.00 per person which gets you 3 games of 5-pin bowling (including a round of bowling bingo) and light snacks. This event is 19+ so no students will be allowed. Cash bar (beer, wine and cider) and a Silent Auction (various event experiences, gift baskets, and items on which to bid).

#### PINK SHIRT DAY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Help support Pink Shirt Day by purchasing an anti-bullying t-shirt (\$10.00). "KIND IS THE NEW COOL". Order/purchase by January 27 online only – Dr. Charles Best website under "Student Fees".



#### SAVE THE DATE!! MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 BEST SENIORS WINTER BALL (GRADES 11 & 12)

We do not have the details confirmed just yet. We are planning a Winter Ball at Best on Monday night, January 20, so Save the Date. Details to follow later next week.

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#### **TRANSLINK - SERIOUS ISSUE**

TransLink has informed us that a small group of Charles Best students are getting on the public bus in front of our school to go to Como Lake Village without paying the fare. As well, some of them continue to vape while they are on the bus. TransLink will have plain clothes officers on these buses and will charge the students. The fine for such violations is \$173. If the students do not pay this fine, they will have to pay it whenever they go to renew or get their driver's license and at that time the fine will double. Most importantly this disrespectful behavior shines a bad light on the rest of our students. If your son or daughter has any information as to the few individuals we need to speak with, please let us know and of course this will be confidential. Thank you for your help and support.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES**

On behalf of Dr. Charles Best Secondary School we would like to extend our appreciation of your support of your child's learning needs. Dr. Charles Best has a population of over 1400 grade nine to twelve students, and over

350 grade 12 students. We are proud to offer our students the opportunity to be prepared for a future which will hopefully include a post-secondary education. Most students look forward to attending a university, college or a technical institute in order to gain the education and training required to attain their career goals. Unfortunately, the annual increase in the cost of post-secondary education adds another challenge for some of our students.

At Dr. Charles Best, we are pleased to offer our graduating students scholarship and bursary opportunities that we hope will support their future educational plans. A number of organizations and businesses presently support our program. We would be pleased to include your company or contribution as a sponsor for all or part of one of our local scholarships and bursaries. A tax receipt from our district office will be issued with a minimum donation of \$25.00.

Your financial contributions could help support a student in their post-secondary journey. It will also send an important message to our students that their success beyond secondary public education is attainable and as a community, we support one another. Even a small donation can impact a student in a big way. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to discussing the possibility of having your support for a scholarship at Dr. Charles Best.