

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Newsletter

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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.

Dear Dr. Charles Best Community:

As part of the district's move of administrators, we are sad to say goodbye to our Vice Principal, Ms. Sharon McKay. Ms. McKay will be leaving us on January 24, 2020 to go to Riverside Secondary as a Vice Principal. Although Ms. McKay has only been at Best for the past two years, it feels like she has always been part of the "Blue Devil" fabric. Her enthusiasm and spirit will be missed for sure! We wish her all the best for her "Rapid" future at her new school. Bye for now Ms. McKay!



Joining our administrative team beginning on January 27, 2020 is Mr. Gord Easton, who is currently the Vice Principal at CABB. Welcome Mr. Easton to the Home of the Blue Devils.

SENIORS WINTER BALL – JANUARY 20, 2020



Student council has organized a Winter Ball! They considered December to be so busy they thought a dance in January would be something for the Seniors to look forward to kicking off 2020! They have secured a DJ and planned for decorations, prizes and snacks. All Dr. Charles Best Grade 11 and 12 students are invited to come and dance the night away from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in our own small gym. There will be a photo booth, sweet treats, pop and savory snacks all included in the \$15 ticket (no need to bring any extra money to the dance) Tickets are on sale via Dr. Charles Best Cash online (KEV) and some tickets will be on sale at Best in the foyer area the first week back from holidays. Tickets are first come, first served so please get your tickets early – no refunds and the tickets are non-transferrable. Please make your son/daughter

aware that all school rules apply and if they choose foolishly to attend this school function under the influence of drugs or alcohol they will not be able to attend their Grad Dinner Dance in the future. The Winter Ball takes a lot of work by a very small group of students so let's please all help to make it a big success! Thank you Ms. Manton and the Dr. Charles Best teachers who are giving up their evening to supervise that night. Thank you, without the support of our teachers we cannot have these fun activities. Looking forward to seeing our Seniors on January 20th (Grade 10 Dr. Charles Best Students are allowed to participate if they are invited as a guest by one of our seniors. Guest passes are available in the main office starting today and are due to their VP by Jan 13th)

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM – BIG WIN!

Last weekend was a wonderful tournament win for the Dr. Charles Best JR Girls Basketball team, everyone worked hard and they were able to pick up the Tournament Win at the Carney Classic Tournament. Game stars were a challenge in each win as it was a complete team effort, the girls played together well and everything was balanced on both ends.

Special recognition:

MVP – Ayla Carmichael

First Allstars – Eloise Herdman, Nisha Parhar

GO BLUE DEVILS! Good luck with the rest of your season!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPIRIT WEEK – December 16-20

Monday – Colour Day (gr 9 red/gr 10 green/gr 11 white/gr 12 blue/staff Best wear

Tuesday – 80's Day

Wednesday – Plaid Day

Thursday – Ugly Sweater Day

Friday – PJ Day

Wednesday, December 18

Christmas Music Concert – 7pm Gym

Friday, December 20

Talent Show – 1pm Gym

WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3

Monday, January 6

Schools reopen

Friday, January 10

“Dress Your Best” Friday

Monday, January 13

PAC General Meeting – Library 7pm

Wednesday, January 15

Career Advisory Schedule

ASSESSMENT WEEK January 20 - 24

<i>Monday Jan 20</i>	<i>Tuesday Jan 21</i>	<i>Wednesday Jan 22</i>	<i>Thursday Jan 23</i>	<i>Friday Jan 24</i>
Numeracy Assessment 9am-12pm	Student work completion	Literacy Assessment 9am-12pm	Student work completion	
Career 9 Presentation - 10am	Digital Learning 9 Presentation – 10am	Student work completion	FRIMM Gr 9 Winter Day	Gr. 8 Walkabout 12-2 pm
Numeracy Assessment 1-4pm		Literacy Assessment 1- 4pm	Comm12 Rewrite 1- 4pm	
			Gr 8 Parent Info Night – 7pm	

SUPERINTENDENT'S SEASON'S GREETINGS 2019

Season's Greetings 2019

On behalf of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our students, parents and employees!

As we approach the holiday season after a busy fall, it is important to reflect on the year that has passed and all of our achievements. We have much to be thankful for in our school district as our students continue to succeed at a high level and our learning communities thrive. The holiday is also a time to look forward with hope and anticipation to 2020. I am confident the new year will bring even more exciting opportunities to our students and school communities.

Through the year and into the Christmas season we see so much generosity of spirit and it always warms my heart to see the involvement of our students and staff in creative and charitable endeavours. Choirs caroling in Christmas concerts, pancake breakfasts with Santa, toy drives, food bank collections, fundraisers and bake sales – all building community and good will. Thank you for your dedication, leadership and support of all our learners across the district.

I hope that you will take time to recharge and enjoy the presence of family and friends as these relationships are so very important. May the magic of Christmas touch your hearts and may your dreams for the new year come true.

See you in 2020!

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Superintendent of Schools

