



THE "BEST" INFORMER



FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2021

****Please note: All new and changed items are in red****



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ♥

GENERAL

NO SCHOOL MONDAY FEBRUARY 15

School is not in session on Monday, February 15, 2021.
Enjoy Family Day with your loved ones!



THIRD WEEK SCHEDULE FOR Q3/S2

Note the change on Wednesday February 17, 2021
Block 2 & 3: A-L in class, M-Z remote learning

Dr. Charles Best Secondary Quarter 3



Feb 15 – Feb 19, 2021 3rd Week of Q3						
Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0 (linear)	7:00 - 8:00 60 min	LINEAR: Band/Choir - Gr. 11/12; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - Mr. Hughes to advise students when to attend i.e., choir, band, and various levels, etc. LINEAR: Basketball/Fitness, Butterfly Effect				
1 (quarter)	8:05 - 10:35 warning bell @10:05 120 + 30** (Wed. Flex is 15 min not 30)	NO SCHOOL (Family Day)	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z) 8:05 - 10:05**	In Class (A-Z)	In Class (A-Z)
	10:35 - 11:05 30 min	L U N C H				
2 (quarter)	11:05 - 1:35 warning bell @1:05 120 + 30** min	NO SCHOOL (Family Day)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)
3 (semester)	1:40 - 3:00 * 65 + 15** min	NO SCHOOL (Family Day)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (A-L) Remote (M-Z)	In Class (M-Z) Remote (A-L)
X (linear)	3:05 - 4:20 60 + 15** min	LINEAR: Band/Choir - Gr. 11/12; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - Mr. Hughes to advise when to attend i.e., choir, band, and various levels, etc., Drama (Tues/Thurs) LINEAR: Fly Fishing, Athletic Leadership, Butterfly Effect - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - TBC by teachers (alternating). Times will be flexible depending on the projects.				

Q3 runs – February 2 – April 22, 2021
* Period 3 Linear Jr. Band/Choir - Gr. 9/10; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - alpha splits
Semester 2 All other Blk 3 will alternate.

INDIGENOUS COURSE OFFERINGS IN 2021-2022

Charles Best is offering three courses next year in the **Indigenous stream!**

English First Peoples 12 is the equivalent alternative to English 12 and is recognized by North American post-secondary institutions as your Gr.12 English credit.

Next year's Grade 10's, you have the choice between taking **English First Peoples 10** and English 10. They also are equivalent!

BC First Peoples 12 counts as a Gr. 12 Social Studies credit, again recognized by post-secondary institutions. The English First Peoples courses are **core courses**, while BCFP12 is an **elective**. If there is enough interest in these courses, they will run for the first time next year!



UNBC INFORMATION SESSION

UNBC is hosting an information session for SD43 students on February 17 at 4:30pm. Please register here:
https://ca01web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-bl-XwDhSBaqvuGltDY2Yw

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

RAC week is February 14-20, 2021. The focus this year is Real Acts of 'Covid' Caring. Please check out www.realactsofcaring.org for ideas and more information.



FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS AT CHARLES BEST

Looking for a gift for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays, Anniversaries, team party, clubs, coaches, guest speakers, look no further! We have the fundraiser at Charles Best: Fundscrip Gift Cards. Buy cards for where you normally shop or dine (grocery stores, clothing, gas, restaurants, etc.) and our school will profit!

You can **buy cards online on our school's webpage** under Quick Links, **all purchases made by February, 25, 2020** will be here at the school to pick up the first week of the following month.

Gift cards do not expire and they are COVID friendly.

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/58627/108/False/True>

MORESPORTS BC-YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Moresports youth leaders come from diverse backgrounds and/or sport experience, but they all share a passion for working with and helping kids. Mentorship is a win-win and through Moresports, our leaders not only become key role models in their community, they inspire new ones!

Join us for Free and Low cost training – then share your new skills and knowledge at our future after school programs & camps (when it is safe to do so)

Sign up here to get started:

<https://forms.gle/MoresportsBCLeader>

FEMALE STRONG SERIES

Join us as we discuss the Power of Sports to make a Female Strong.

Discover how participation has helped women reach their goals, learn about their personal strengths, and provide them with resilience.

Let's gather together and share our stories of strengths and weakness and learn about resilience too-from one another

<https://dowhatuluv.ca/program/FemaleStrong>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: RE-APPLICATION UPDATE

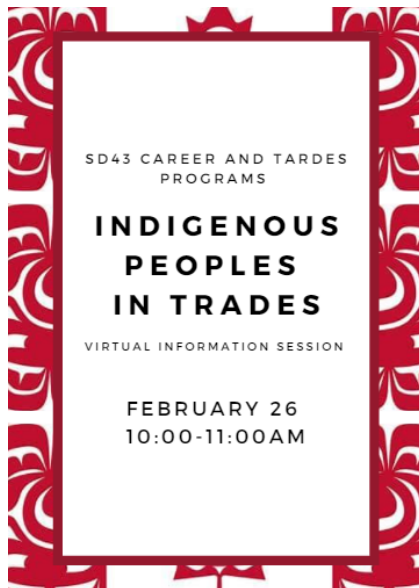
International students who are returning for 2021-2022, and whose payment schedule begins second semester must complete the re-application and complete payment by the **March 1st deadline**. Please see Mrs. Joba for more information about COVID protocols if going to Winslow in person (contactless payment is preferred).

SD43 CAREER AND TRADES PROGRAM INFORMATION

An information session for Indigenous Students interested in trades is taking place over Zoom on February 26, 2021 from 10:00-11:00am. All parties interested are asked to complete the registration survey. If you know someone who is interested but cannot attend, please let them know that session will be recorded and posted to our website: 43careers.com

Register here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xI2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS40DhOvChtpBo05Wp6bkqWxUOE5OQIREUERKTFPTzJBSFAyQUVWNVpSMY4u>



STUDENT PARKING

There are many student cars parked in the upper lot that are not displaying a parking pass. Please come to the office and request a parking pass form.



ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DISMISSALS

Students who are absent: Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call.

Students who are late: Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call.

To maintain social distancing, students are to check in with their teacher, not the office.

Students who are leaving early: Parents, please let the school office know either by attendance email or phone call. Students are to check out at the office.

Remember, if your child is not feeling well, they should stay home-thank you.



STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM/EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM

We are halfway through the school year and are still missing many forms that were handed out at the beginning of the school year as well as at the end of Quarter 1.

Please check your binders, backpacks and bedrooms for these, have your parents review and sign, and hand in to the office ASAP. This information is used in case of emergency as well as all communication from the school.

CAFETERIA

Reminder: the school cafeteria is open before and during school, with the exception of Wednesdays. If the exterior door is closed, please just knock for entry.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CAR YET?

Grade 11's & 12's, if you are an 'N' driver and plan on parking a car at school this year, you must register the vehicle with the office. Please come by the office for a registration form.



GRADE 12'S

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #2

Grade 12 students, mark your calendars for scholarship meeting #2 on Wednesday, February 24 at 5pm on Teams.

A meeting invite will be sent out soon in the "Grade 12 information" Microsoft Team!

GRADE 12 FEES

All fees are past due and payable now! **All accounts must be 100% clear by the end of February.** Please go to Charles Best Website, Quick Links, Student Fees and take care of all outstanding items. If you require assistance, please call the office.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

If your child is ***not*** planning on attending Charles Best Graduation Ceremony on June 9 please let us know by emailing CharlesBestaccounting@sd43.bc.ca **by Feb 12** so the fee can be deleted.

If you choose not to participate, your grade 12 student will not receive the Cap/Gown, diploma folder, grad video, and grad swag including grad street photo. The cap and gown need to be ordered in the next month and due to COVID restrictions no changes can be made. Plans and orders go in before Spring Break so if you opt out, we cannot add you later, sorry. Thank you for your immediate attention. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration!

SPORTS

CLUBS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*******STUDENT PARKING*******

Please do not park near the fenced off area in the upper parking lot. This is a designated area for our construction crew working on the school addition. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged.

*******SCENT FREE SCHOOL*******

All schools and buildings within SD43 are “scent free” places of work and learning. Numerous students and staff have serious medical complications with various natural and chemical scents/fragrances.

As such, please make every effort to avoid using or wearing scented products within this space in order to establish an environment that is as “scent safe” as possible.

*****ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS***NO LOITERING IN BUS SHELTER*****

Students are reminded that the bus shelters are for people who are actually waiting to get on a bus. Please do not use them as social gathering places.

*******STUDENT DROP OFFS*******

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

*****SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION IN THE DRIVEWAY/DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL*****

Students are reminded to slow down and use the designated crosswalk area when crossing through the school driveway area. Be very vigilant as drivers are often distracted as they are moving in and out of waiting spots. Also, our student drivers are reminded that the expectation is “dead slow” in our school driveways and parking lots.

*****VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS*****

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances. There have been recent incidents in our school/district that have resulted in these devices unintentionally exploding which can result in serious injury for the user and those around them. For the safety of all of our students and staff, it is important that these devices are not on school property. Students are not permitted to have these devices in their lockers, backpacks, or on their person at any time while on school property. If a student is found in possession of a vaporizer or e-cigarette, it will be confiscated. Parents will be contacted and required to meet with the administration and their son/daughter. Reoccurring incidents will result in disciplinary action.