



THE "BEST" INFORMER



TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

SEMESTER 2

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW - MATH CONTEST MEETING

On **Wednesday, January 29th** at 3:30pm, the Math Contest Club will be conducting a 30-minute informational meeting on contest rules, dates, and content. The meeting will be held in room 114.

All grades and levels are welcome. For any inquiries, please contact 080-gfu@sd43.bc.ca

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Monday, February 3 is a non-instructional day for students. Only staff attend school on this day.

Classes resume on **Tuesday, February 4**.

STUDENT PARKING

Our parking pass registrations have now been fulfilled (125 spaces) and a waitlist has been created for Grade 12's for Semester 2. Some Grade 12's have been notified that a parking space has become available.

Reminder, students may only park on school grounds with a valid 2024-2025 on display in your window.

To join the waitlist, please see Mrs. Wynne in the office. **Alternatively, Coquitlam Alliance Church is now allowing student parking on site. They are asking students park at the back of the lot and not close to church doors.**

LOCKERS

As student schedules change this semester, please be advised locker assignments cannot be changed to another location and locks CANNOT be removed from your assigned locker and used on the small blue PE lockers. You are more than welcome to bring a personal lock for PE lockers.

Are you a new student? Please come to the office if you would like a locker this semester.

COURSE CHANGE REQUESTS

Counsellors will consider requests in the following priority:

- 1) Grade 11 and 12 students needing a course for graduation or needing a course for post-secondary.
- 2) Grade 9-10 students who have failed a course and need to change their timetable as a result of the failure.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Do you have any gently used winter coats you can donate?

With the recent cold snap, the RCMP in partnership with a former Best student and local homeless shelter are looking for winter coats for men and women. If you or anyone you know has extra coats, please drop them off at the office (attention Heather Bjornson). Thank you.

S2 PHOTO DAY

Artona will be in the cafeteria on **Monday, February 10th** to photograph Grade 12's that need a photo for the yearbook/composite as well as any staff and students that are new to the school.

Photos will be taking place in the morning and students will be called down over the PA.

PAINT NIGHT FEBRUARY 7

This event is open to all students, families, friends, and neighbours! Come join us in the cafeteria at 7:00pm and create your own masterpiece. Tickets are \$40 and available on School CashOnline accounts.

Only 48 spots available so reserve your spot now! <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>

PARENT DANCE MARCH 8th

Early bird ticket pricing ends soon!

Dr. Charles Best's tradition of Grade 11 parents hosting a parent dance continues!

Parents, round up your friends, family, or neighbours for a great night out right here at school.

This year's theme is The Roaring 20's so get your tickets early.

Early bird price is \$65pp and available until February 1st.

Visit <https://buytickets.at/charlesbestpac> for more info/purchase tickets or contact bestgrad2026@gmail.com

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

TOMORROW - SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 29, 2025**. SD43 Trades Programs will be hosting an open house at Heritage Woods Secondary School featuring 25+ tuition-free level 1 programs. There will be a Panel Presentation at 6pm to open the evening. At 6:45pm meet with the panel and level 1 program instructors from BCIT, KPU, VCC and SD43 Trades programs.

For more information email careerprograms@sd43.bc.ca or google 43careers.com

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER - NEW WESTMINSTER STUDENT POLICE ACADEMY

Are you aged 16-18 and are considering a career in policing? This week-long program will provide you with unforgettable educational experiences in law enforcement. Participate in hands-on activities, learn from experienced professionals and get a behind the scenes look at all aspects of policing: Physical conditioning, self-defense, scenario-based simulations, etc. **March 24-28**, 8am-4pm. \$150 upon acceptance. Open to domestic students only. **Apply by January 29**, before 8 am.

UBC: ARCHIMEDES TALKS

UBC Math is once again hosting a STEM speaker series for high school students. Hear from researchers about the topics they specialize in and consider topics you might want to study in university. Archimedes Talks 2025 will take place over three Sundays, 10 am – 1.30 pm, on campus: **Feb 2 | March 2 | April 6**.

There is a \$20 fee (incl. lunches). [More info.](#)

DREAM IT! BE IT! CAREER CONFERENCE

Young women, transgender, and non-binary youth aged 13 – 18 are invited to explore their dreams and discover their potential. Through interactive workshops, engaging speakers, and empowering activities, the Soroptimist International organization aims to inspire and support girls in pursuing their passions and achieving their goals. Expect door prizes and free lunch. **Sat, February 8th**, 10 am – 3 pm, K.P.U., Surrey. [Register.](#)

SAUDER BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

High School students will get introduced to business frameworks through interactive workshops and will have the chance to apply their learnings by solving a case in a supportive environment. Students are invited to sign up in groups of 4. **Sunday, March 2**, 9 am – 3.30 pm, UBC Vancouver. [Sign up](#) by **February 8**.

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

This unique program will introduce female high school students to diverse and exciting employment opportunities in the safety and security sector. Hope is to inspire young women to take a leadership role in their communities and pursue a meaningful and exciting career in areas of public safety such as border security, corrections, correctional investigation, community safety, information and intelligence, policy development and more! Priority will be given to grade 11 students. July 7-11, full-time paid “employment” (\$18.27/ hour). **Deadline is February 12**. [Details and application here.](#)

YOUTH4ACTION LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP

Think Global, Lead and Act Local – From Source to Sea. This Spring Break (March 17-19), join high school youth from across Metro Vancouver who are interested in making a positive impact and acting for sustainability for a fun, experience-based, leadership program. [Apply by Wed, February 26](#) for a spot at this program to develop your leadership skills and learn about sustainability issues!

YMCA SUMMER WORK STUDENT EXCHANGE

If you are 16 or 17 this Summer and want to improve your French while making some money and traveling, keep reading. YMCA is offering the Summer Work Student Exchange once again, **from June 28 – August 9, 2025**. Registration cost is \$200 only and includes transportation to Quebec, accommodation, food, and activities. As this is an exchange, your family is expected to host a youth from another community during this time. [More info.](#)

GRADE 12 INFORMATION

TOMORROW - GRAD GROUP PHOTOS

Grad Group Sessions will be taking place on **January 29th and 30th**. Use the link or QR code to book your session.

HOW TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT:

Students can sign up online on the website at: artona.com/bookings or by scanning the QR code.



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POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UBC: STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Missed your chance to apply to UBC? They are still accepting applications to some programs.

Admission is on a rolling basis, so don't delay if you want to have a chance. The system may close at any time.

- UBC Vancouver: International Economics, Media Studies, Applied Biology, Food & Resource Economics, Food – Nutrition – Health, Natural Resources, Urban Forestry.
- UBC Okanagan: All programs except for Nursing

CARLETON ARCHITECTURE OPEN HOUSE

Calling all Grade 11s considering Architecture for post-secondary and all grade 12s who are still working on their portfolios. Join this webinar on **Thu, January 30**, 3 pm (PT) to learn about program options and portfolio requirements, Q&A session, etc. [Sign up here](#).

BCIT BIG INFO NIGHT

Learn about BCIT programs, from business & media, computing & IT, engineering, health sciences, trades, applied & natural sciences. The Big Info/ Open House is BCIT's largest program expo and info session. Burnaby Campus, **Wed, February 19**, 4-7 pm. [Sign up to attend](#).

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY INFO NIGHTS

Curious about CapU's new Squamish campus? Study in small cohorts (Arts, Business, Global Hospitality & Tourism Management, Kinesiology Diploma, Interdisciplinary Studies, and more), and live in amazing on-campus housing. [Sign up for a webinar](#) on **Thu, February 13**, 7-8 pm.

Grade 11 & 12 students and their parents/ guardians are invited to an on-campus event to learn about Capilano's [100+ program options](#) and why CapU could be a great fit for you. Get answers to any questions about the application process, financial aid, and campus life; helping you take the next steps toward joining CapU. **Wed, February 26**, 5.30-8 pm. North Vancouver campus. [Sign up here](#).

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY INFORMATION

CHARLES BEST INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Grade 12s, join Mr Chang and Ms Kaufmann in the library on **Wed, February 12**, after school. We will introduce the scholarships available to Charles Best grads, as well as the SD43 scholarships, and we will walk you through the application process. Save the date!

FRASER HEALTH VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS

Active volunteers at Fraser Health (i.e. students volunteering with Eagle Ridge Hospital, Eagle Ridge manor and associated programs) who plan to attend any Canadian post-secondary or training institution can apply for \$500 bursaries. **Deadline is February 15**. [More info](#).

BE THE LIGHT BURSARIES

20 x \$2,500 are available to girls of South Asian descent who are graduating from a B.C. high school and are planning to pursue post-secondary studies. Must have demonstrated community involvement/ volunteer hours and demonstrated financial need. **Deadline is February 21**. [More info](#).

BCSTA STUDENT CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Three \$750 scholarships, recognizing outstanding contributions to school or community, will be awarded to students who are going into post-secondary or a skills and careers training. **Deadline is Sun, March 2**. [More info](#).

UFV ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you applying to the University of the Fraser Valley? You may qualify for a UFV Entrance Scholarship - based on academic excellence, community/school involvement, volunteer experience, and leadership endeavors. [Apply here](#) by **March 10, 2025**

CLUB EVENTS

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON

ATHLETICS



Dr. Charles Best Secondary Athletics
Home of the Blue Devils
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For secondary sport updates and information...



@cssaasd43

[Follow Charles Best Athletics on Instagram here](#)

TODAY - JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS

The First Day of Tryouts will be **Tuesday January 28th** on the Turf field from 3:30-4:45pm. Bring boots and appropriate attire to run around. Dress warm!

Please be available **Wednesday Jan. 29th**, or **Friday Jan. 31st** for the second tryout as well. The Soccer coaches are still waiting to hear about field availability for Wednesday or Friday so we are not fully confirmed yet which day the second day of tryout will be.

SENIORS NIGHT FOR OUR GRADUATING BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Please come join us on **Thursday, January 30th** to celebrate our graduating players.

Senior Girls play at 6:00pm, there will be a ceremony at 7:30pm and the Senior Boys finish the night with their game at 8:00pm. Don't miss out-there will be prizes!!!

RUGBY MEETING FOR NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS

Rugby meeting for Jr and Sr Boys and Girls on **Thursday, Jan 30th** in Room 117 after school.

New players are welcome! Looking forward to seeing all of you out, especially people that are new to the sport!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

DATE AND/OR TIME	TEAM NAME	EVENT/OPPONENT/VENUE
Tues. Jan. 28	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	AWAY game vs. Terry Fox Sec.
Tues. Jan. 28	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Port Moody Sec.
Wed. Jan. 29 – Fri. Jan. 31	JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	Killarney Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 30	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game vs. Pinetree Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 30	SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Pinetree Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 30 SENIORS NIGHT!	SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	HOME game vs. Heritage Woods Sec.
Thurs. Jan. 30 – Sat. Feb. 1	JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL	G.W. Graham Sec. Tournament
Sat. Feb. 1	GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL	AWAY game at Terry Fox
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