

Welcome to

Dr. Charles Best Secondary School

Home of the

Getting Ready for Grade 9!



Outline

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- ❖ The transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9
- ❖ Course programming for Grade 9
- ❖ Clubs and Teams
- ❖ Timeline for 2026
- ❖ Questions & Answers...





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The Transition from Grade 8 to 9

Our goal is to help grade 8's make a smooth transition to high school. To help ease the transition we have planned the following events:

- ❖ Visits to Middle Schools – began last week
- ❖ Tour of Charles Best (January 23rd)
- ❖ Articulation meetings with teachers and student services at middle schools (April-May)
- ❖ Grade 9 Orientation Day (Aug 27th)

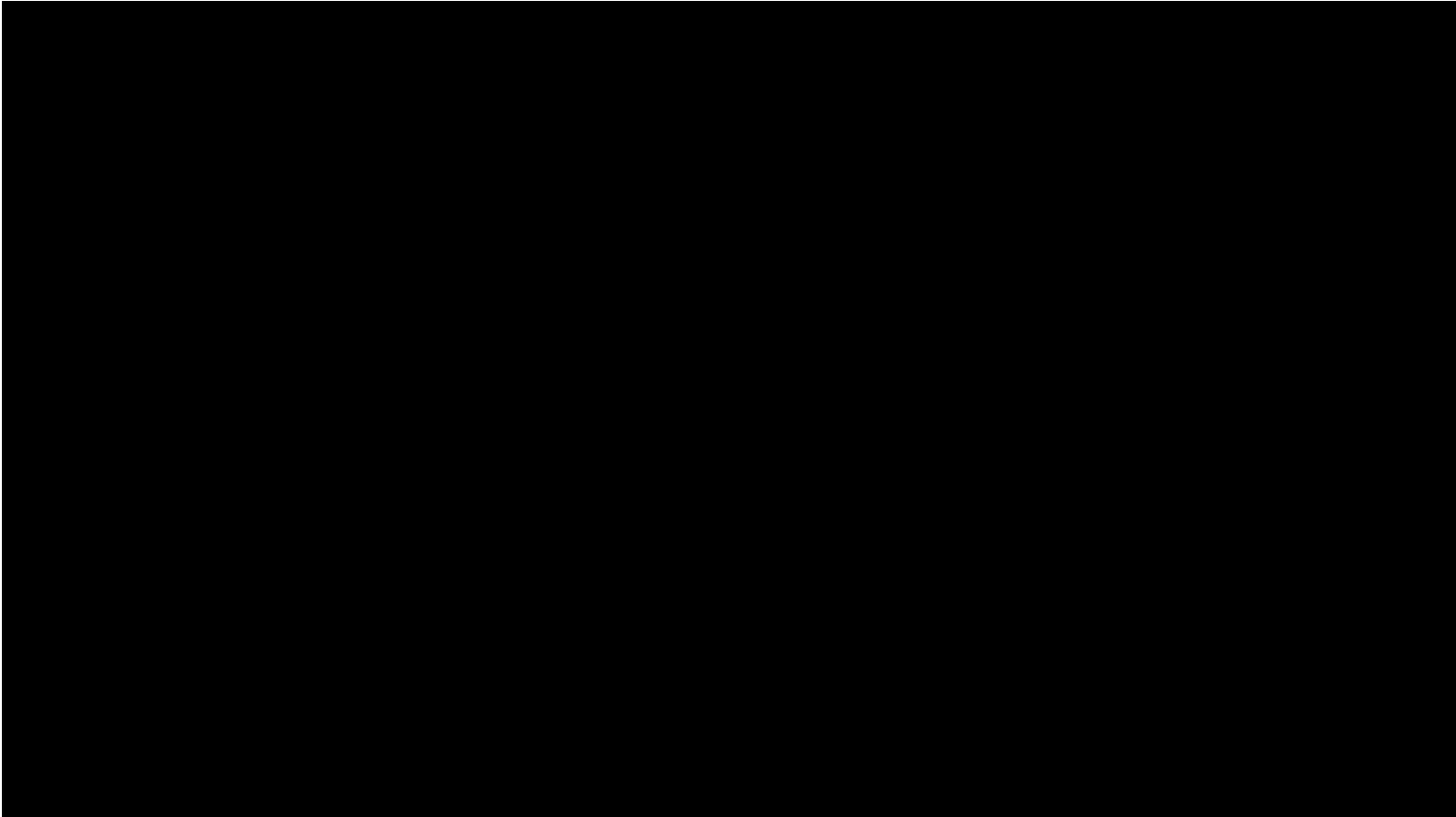


Grade 9 Orientation

- ❖ Grade 10, 11 and 12 students are trained to mentor grade 9's as Best Buddies
- ❖ Teams consist of 12 Grade 9's and 2 Buddy leaders
- ❖ Grade 9's will receive an e-mail in early August inviting them to Grade 9 Orientation Day
- ❖ On **Thursday, August 27th 2026**, only grade 9's come to school for a ½ day orientation of the school with their Buddy leaders.
- ❖ Ongoing communication & teambuilding throughout the year.

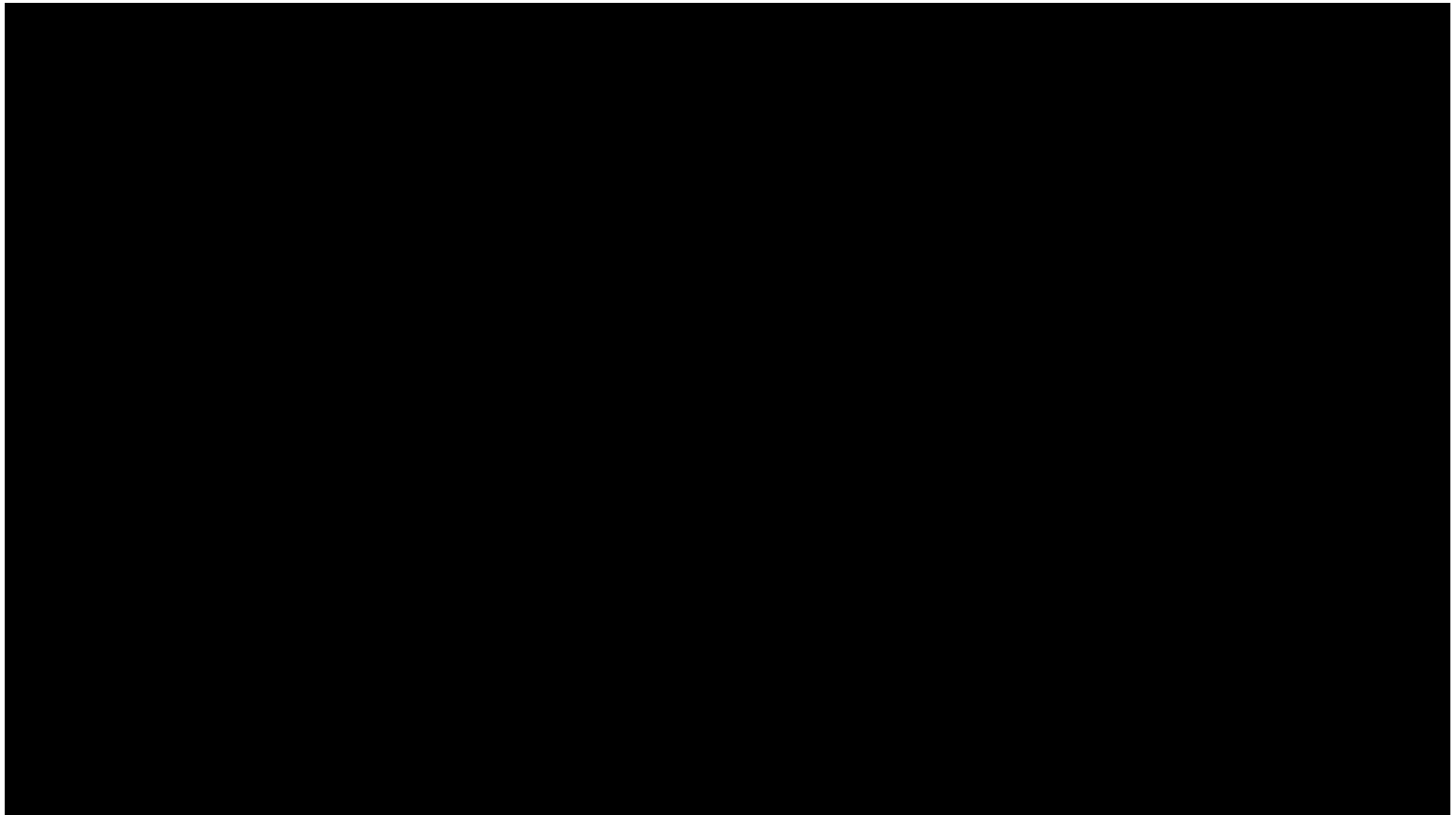


French Immersion





High school vs Middle school





Charles Best Timetable

- ❖ Period 1 8:16 - 9:35
- ❖ Period 2 9:40 - 10:59
- ❖ Period 3 (Lunch) 11:05 - 12:24
- ❖ Period 4 12:29 - 1:49
- ❖ Period 5 1:54 - 3:13



- ❖ *All grade 9 students will have period 1,2,4,5, classes, and lunch in period 3*



Course Programming

Grade 9

English 9

Socials 9

Science 9

Math 9

PHE 9

3 electives

Grade 9- French Immersion

English 9

Science Humaines 9

Science 9

Math 9

Education Physique et Sante 9

Francais 9

Communications 9

1 elective



Choosing Courses:

The Programming Process

1. Take time to learn about courses *before* you choose
2. Read the course calendar descriptions carefully
3. Don't worry about what your friends are taking, instead focus on your skills & abilities.
4. Discuss your choices with your parents and teachers.
5. Contact your counsellor if you have questions.

French Bridge/FRIM

French 9 Bridge (in Lunch block in S1)

*Teacher Recommendation





Course Programming

Art Electives

❖ Visual Arts 9

❖ Ceramics 9

❖ Graphics 9





Course Programming

Business Education Electives



❖Entrep. & Marketing 9

❖Info Tech 9





Course Programming: Drama Electives



Drama 9



Course Programming: Home Economics Electives

Textiles 9



❖ Foods 9



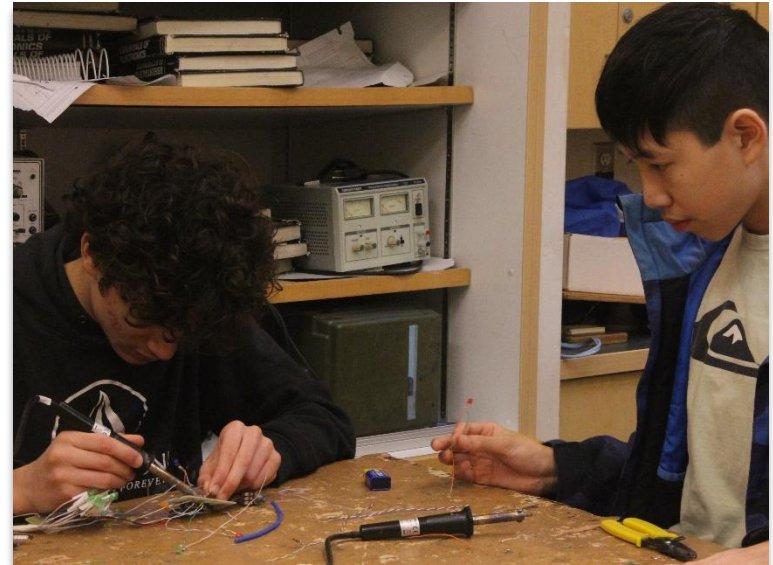


Course Programming:

Tech Ed Electives



- ❖ Drafting 9
- ❖ Electronics / Robotics 9
- ❖ General Trades Explorations 9
- ❖ Woodwork 9





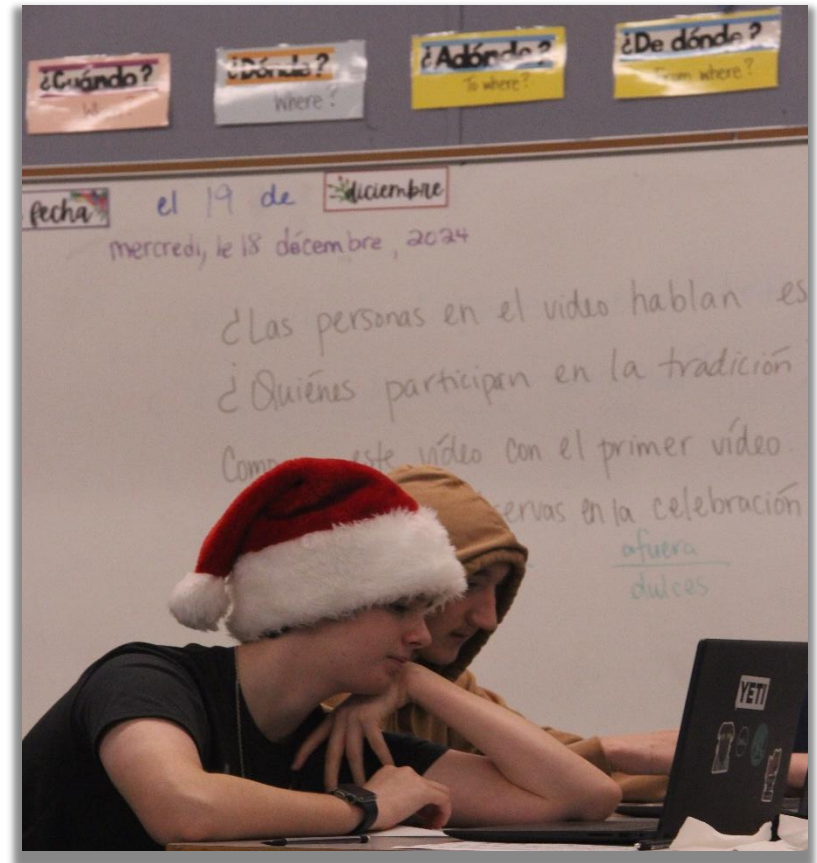
Course Programming

Language Electives

❖ Spanish 9



❖ French 9





Language Considerations

French 9 → French 10 → French 11

Spanish 9 → Spanish 10 → Spanish 11

or

Beginners Spanish 11 → Spanish 11



Music Electives



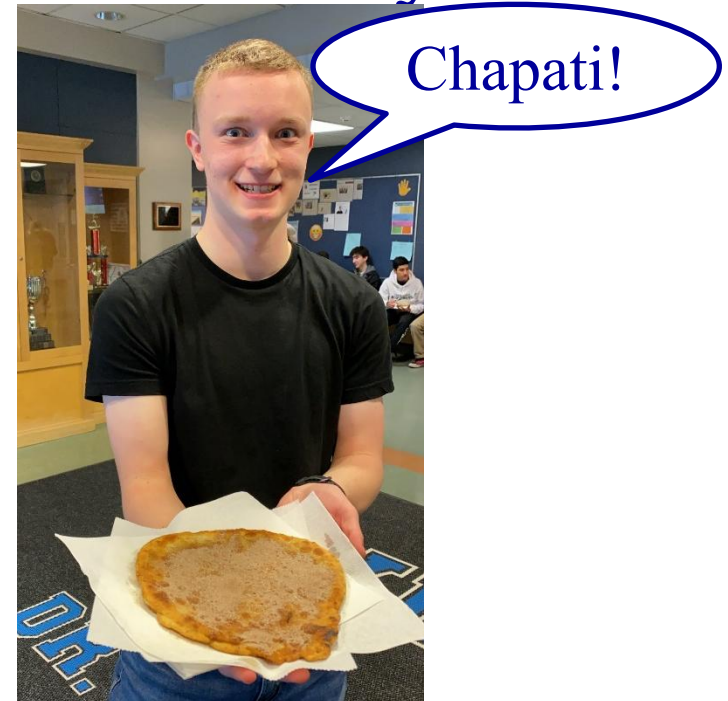
- ❖ Choir 9 (before school)
- ❖ Vocal Jazz 9 (before school)
- ❖ Band 9 (during lunch)
- ❖ Jazz Band 9 (during lunch)
- ❖ Guitar 9 (*semestered*)





Social Responsibility

❖ This is an independent study course where students investigate topics of their own personal interest or volunteer activities and connect on-line with students in Kenya



NEW: Digital Learning 10



GOALS OF DIGITAL LEARNING



- ✓ Prepare students for the digital world
- ✓ Develop Positive Digital Citizens
- ✓ Ensure that students are safe online
- ✓ Build community, participation, and belonging

WE WILL EXPLORE



- ❖ You will need to bring a laptop (personal electronic device with a keyboard) to school next year



Student Support Services

Learning Centre

Peer Tutors

Youth Worker

EAL/International Program

Library

Career Resource Centre

Counselling





Course Selection Forms

- ❖ Choose courses thoughtfully
- ❖ Discover your passions
- ❖ Only minimal changes in September

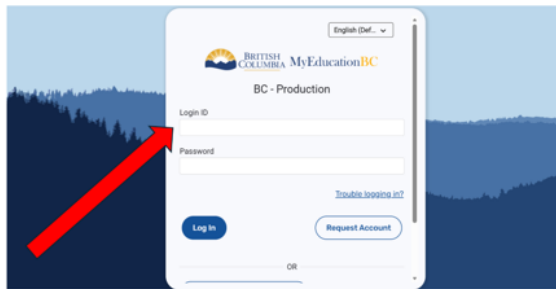


NEW: On-Line Programming

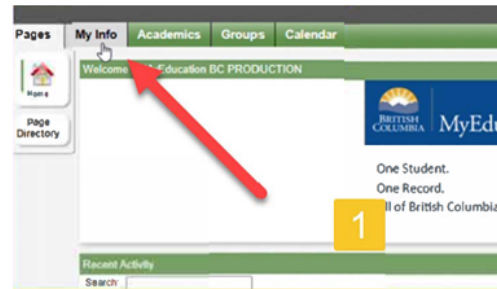
- ❖ Done at your middle school during the week of **January 26th to 30th**
- ❖ You must be able to login to your MyEd Portal in order to make course selections – Your teacher or the counsellor will be able to assist you with this if needed. Log-In Information will also be available on the **Charles Best Web Site**.
- ❖ **Please leave your course selection form with your teacher or counsellor once you have entered your courses**

Dr. Charles Best Secondary – Gr. 9 Course Selection (English)

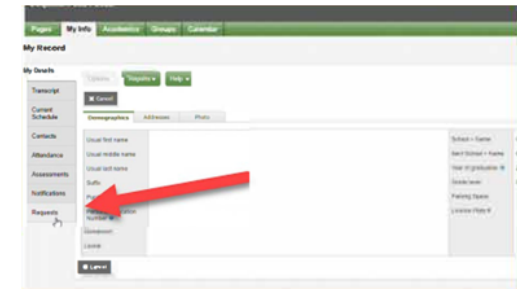
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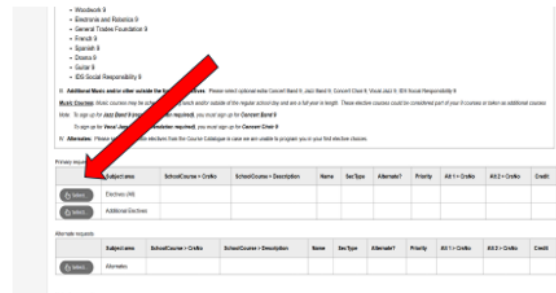
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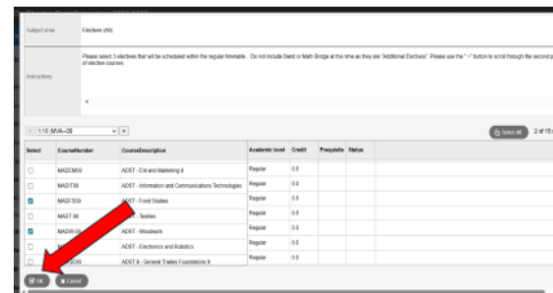
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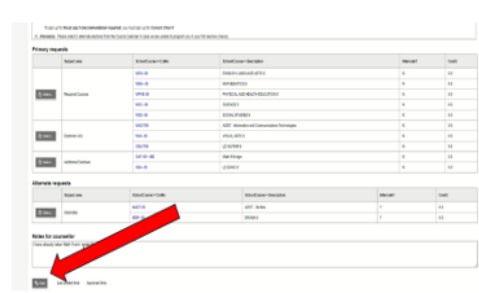
3. Click "**Requests**" from the bottom of the sidebar.



4. **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS!** When you are ready, press "**Select**" beside the **Electives** section.



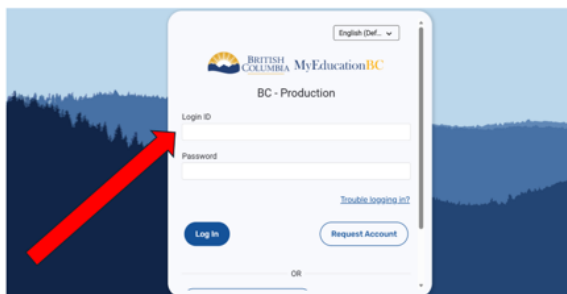
5. Use the < > arrows to go to each page. **Check the box** next to the 3 electives you want and **add your priority ranking** to the right of the course title (1,2, or 3). Once you have chosen and ranked 3 electives, click "OK".



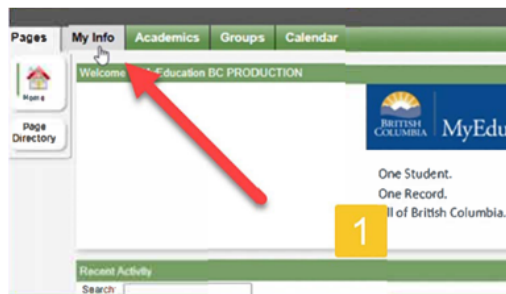
6. Repeat for Alternates section. Be sure to **select and rank 2 alternate choices** and click "OK". IF applicable, repeat for Additional Electives. Then click "**Post**" button at the bottom left when you are all done.

Dr. Charles Best Secondary – Gr. 9 Course Selection (French)

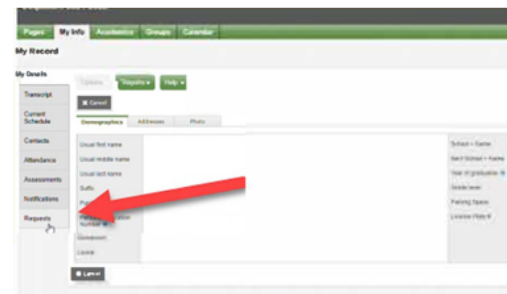
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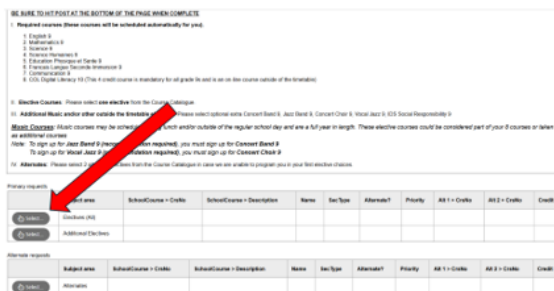
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Clubs at Charles Best

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- ❖ 3D Printing Club
 - ❖ Archery Club
 - ❖ Architecture Club
 - ❖ Art Club
 - ❖ ASL Club
 - ❖ Badminton Club
 - ❖ Bead the Change
 - ❖ Best Dance
 - ❖ Best Marine Club
 - ❖ Best MUN
 - ❖ Blood Research Club
 - ❖ Brain Game Club
 - ❖ Business Club
 - ❖ Car Enthusiasts
 - ❖ Card Club
 - ❖ CBSS Badminton Club
 - ❖ CBSS Chess Club
 - ❖ CBSS Christian Club
 - ❖ CBSS Rubik's Cube Club
 - ❖ Charles Best Ethics Club/Team
 - ❖ Charles Best Improv Club
 - ❖ Charles Best Media Club
 - ❖ Charles Best Photography
 - ❖ Charles Best Table Tennis Club
 - ❖ Charles Best Tutoring Services
 - ❖ Companions for A Cause
 - ❖ Conversation Club
 - ❖ Crochet Club
 - ❖ Cultural Food Exploration Club
 - ❖ D&D Club
 - ❖ Environmental Club
 - ❖ Debate Club
 - ❖ Film Analysis Club
 - ❖ Forgotten Orphans
 - ❖ Frisbee Golf Club
 - ❖ Girls Grad Merch Club
 - ❖ Giving Back Through Basketball
 - ❖ Health Sciences Club
 - ❖ Heart2Home
 - ❖ Helping Hearts BC
 - ❖ History and Humanity
 - ❖ Juggling Club
 - ❖ Mahjong Club
 - ❖ Math Contest Club
 - ❖ Military Strategy Club
 - ❖ Miracle Movement
 - ❖ Movie Club
 - ❖ Munchies for Miracles
 - ❖ Ocarina Club
 - ❖ Paws for a Cause
 - ❖ Pop Culture Club
 - ❖ Post Secondary Science Discovery
 - ❖ Pottery Club
 - ❖ Project Hello
 - ❖ Real Acts of Caring
 - ❖ STEM for others
 - ❖ Student Council
 - ❖ Students Against Hunger
 - ❖ Students4 Students
 - ❖ Studio Heart Table Tennis Club
 - ❖ The Shoebox Project
 - ❖ The Volunteer Visionaries Club
 - ❖ Trading Card Investment Club
 - ❖ Truth and Reconciliation Club
 - ❖ Vocaloid Club
 - ❖ Weekly Waggers
 - ❖ Writing Club
 - ❖ Yearbook Club
 - ❖ Yoga Club
 - ❖ Youth in Action

Sports at Charles Best Secondary

Fall

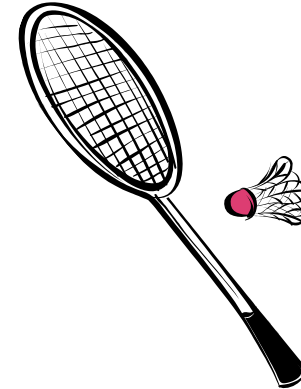
Boys Soccer
Volleyball
Field Hockey
Cross Country
Swimming



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Winter

Basketball
Wrestling
Badminton
Lacrosse
Hockey



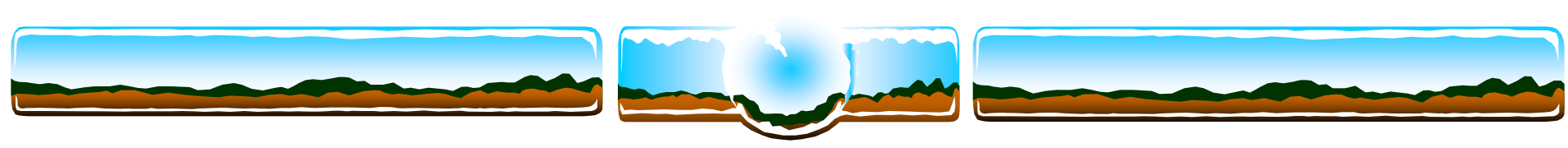


Sports at Charles Best Secondary

Spring

Track & Field
Rugby
Tennis
Golf
Girls Soccer







Timeline for 2026

- ❖ January 21st **Grade 8 Parent Night**
(6 pm – Large Gym)
- ❖ January 23rd **Grade 8 Tour**
- ❖ Jan 26th – Feb 8th **Online Programming**
Sheets due to your teachers after course entry
- ❖ August 27th **Grade 9 Orientation**



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