



THE “BEST” INFORMER



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLES BEST SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE

Our school store is now open! Click on the link below or scan the QR code to check out what's new.

Order deadline is 11:59pm December 16.

<https://best2021spiritstore.itemorder.com/sale>



LITTER ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students, please respect school property by using our recycling, organic and garbage bins.

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Attention students in **grade 10-12** in search of volunteer hours! If you can commit to 2-3 evenings in our gym between December and February, you are a great candidate to be a basketball scorekeeper and timekeeper. Please contact Ms. Fournier at ofournier@sd43.bc.ca for more information on how to get involved with this. Games start next week so don't delay!

DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Friday, December 3 is the next 'Dress your Best' day. Dress in school colours or your spirit wear!

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLUB FUNDRAISER

On Dec 7 and Dec 8, Social Responsibility is having a fundraiser selling goodie bags with PA-MOJA bracelets in the front foyer. All money raised will go towards paying for the tuition needed for a Kenyan student to attend school! Come to the booth (wearing your mask) in Blocks 1 to 5 and pick up a goodie bag for \$2. Donations are also accepted.

CANDYGRAMS

R.A.C (Real Acts of Caring Club) is selling candygrams in the front foyer of the school this week from Nov. 29 - Dec. 3. Candy canes are \$1 and treat bags are \$3. Get yours soon, selling fast!

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a car at Charles Best are required to display a parking pass. Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

GRADE 12'S that means you too 😊

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GRAD PHOTOS

Grad photos were shipped to home addresses on November 12th.
It is possible delivery has been delayed due to the floods/road closures but should be arriving soon.
Thank you for your patience.

Any grads who have NOT had their grad photo taken, sign up begins December 1.

<https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

GRAD PHOTO RETAKES

Starting Dec 3rd those Grads who wish to have Grad Photo retakes can click on the link below to book an appointment January 7, 8, 9th.

<https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

GRAD FRIENDSHIP PHOTOS JANUARY 7 & 8

Each person will pay \$2 and receive a 4x6 print. **Exact change only please.
Each photo group requires a separate appointment.

Sign up online at:



SPORTS

CLUBS

PROJECT HELLO

Help the homeless feel connected and heard in our community. Come to our first meeting on **December 9th**!
Meetings are in room 602 every Thursday at 3:20pm. For more information, check out our Instagram @Projecthello.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SFU – SCHOOL OF INTERACTIVE ART & TECHNOLOGY

Info Session for prospective students. **Grade 12s, Grade 11s welcome.**
Friday, December 3, 6 pm. [Register here.](#)

WOMEN IN TRADES EVENT

The BC Centre for Women in Trade (BCCWITT), in partnership with SD43, will be hosting a virtual event **for all female high school students** who are interested in trades or taking a trades class. Connect with other female tradespeople, grow your network, learn about scholarships and employment opportunities, and get your questions answered by experts.

Monday, December 6, 6.30-8 pm. [Register here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

SFU SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS INFO SESSION

Q&A session about the SCA: **Thu, December 2nd, 6 pm.** [Join Zoom Meeting](#) | Meeting ID: 692 4270 3508

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INFO SESSIONS

SD43 specific presentation: **Thursday, December 2, 6 pm** [Register here.](#)

LANGARA JOURNALISM DIPLOMA

Info session on **Fri, December 3, 12:30pm - 1:30pm.** [Register here](#)

UBC – ENGINEERING VS. SCIENCE. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

You've taken science courses in high school, but whether it is biology, chemistry, or physics, did you know you can also focus on these areas in engineering? Whether your interests are in sustainability, design and technology, or preserving our earth, engineering can open up doors for you. **Dec 7, 2021, 5 pm.** [Register here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WESTERN UNIVERSITY - NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By nomination only. We can nominate up to 4 students (plus one additional international student). Submit your Western Brag Sheet to the Career Centre (skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca) by **Mon, December 13, 9 am**.
Criteria: 90%+ average in Grade 12, creative and innovative thought, exceptional achievement in extracurricular activities. [More info](#)

STEAM HORIZON AWARDS

5 \$25,000 scholarships are available to the next generation of scientists and engineers. The award will be given to individuals who demonstrate inspiring achievements in these fields by applying their passion to have an impact on their community and who show strong potential to become ambassadors for STEAM fields for younger generations. [More info here](#). **Deadline is January 14, 2022.**

U. OF GUELPH ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino President's Scholarships recognize top international students who have made significant contributions to their school and their community and demonstrate the potential to become a leader in society. Scholarships are \$8,250/year, plus one \$9,500 stipend for a full-time summer research assistantship position after first year. Applicants will be automatically considered for Guelph's Academic Leadership International Entrance Scholarships, worth \$20,000. **Applications are due January 25, 2022**

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.

*******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 crosswalks 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.

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.