



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday, January 09, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

****Please note: All new items or any item with changes will be in **Red******

GENERAL

SEMESTER BREAK SCHEDULE

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| Monday, January 23 <i>Regular Day</i> <i>(Periods 1 to 5)</i> | Tuesday, January 24 ENG 12 (9am) <i>GT – Exit interviews</i> <i>(10-11's NOT in building am)</i> 9's CE Presentation 10:45-12:00 <i>Period 1 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i> | Wednesday, January 25 <i>Period 2 (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i> <i>Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</i> FRAL 12 (1pm) <i>Period 3 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i> | Thursday, January 26 <i>Period 4 (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i> <i>Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</i> <i>Period 5 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i> | Friday, January 27 <i>(Best students not in attendance all day - Tutorials available)</i> Grade 8 Walkabout pm |
| Monday, January 30 <i>School Pro-D Day</i> | Tuesday, January 31 Semester 2 begins <i>Regular Day</i> | Wednesday, February 1 <i>Regular Day</i> | Thursday, February 2 Report Cards <i>Regular Day</i> | Friday, February 3 <i>Regular Day</i> |

DON'T MISS OUT!! YEARBOOK DEADLINE

Last chance to order!! If you want a yearbook you need to order it by **January 13th!!**
Final Sale!!

CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE

There will be a follow-up meeting for all those interested in the Concours d'art oratoire on Wednesday after school in Mr. Hakeem's room (Portable 405). Any new French immersion students (grades 9-12) interested are welcome to attend the meeting.

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOK AND LIBRARY BOOKS

If you have any outstanding Textbooks or Library books please return them ASAP. If you can't find them, come to the office and pay the outstanding fee to clear your account.

If you are in Grade 12 you need to have a clear account to get your Grad tickets, don't leave it to the last minute.

TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Open to students of all abilities. Value \$28,000

Are you a student who has faced the odds but remains a true humanitarian with good academic standing?

To be considered for the Award, applicants must meet be:

- In good academic standing.
- Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.
- Students graduating from secondary (high) school or students completing their first year of CÉGEP or students who have completed secondary (high) school
- Involved in voluntary humanitarian activities (for which they have not been compensated).
- Planning to or are already studying towards their first university degree or diploma at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

<http://apply.terryfoxawards.ca/> Value \$28,000 **Deadline Feb. 1st** each year at midnight

GRADE 12'S

ORDERING TRANSCRIPTS

If you require a transcript, please allow 2-3 days for processing. Fill out a pink transcript request form in the office at Ms. Meston's desk.

APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING-

SFU Application Deadline is Feb. 28, 2017

Major Entrance Scholarship applications are due Jan. 31, 2017.

<https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/>

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Applying to an Ontario University?

Early application is recommended (fall application). Students should apply no later than Jan. 11, 2017.

To apply: www.ouac.on.ca/105

SOROPTIMIST TRI CITIES DREAM SINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a young woman (17-25) in the Tri Cities? Do you have a great singing voice and a passion for performance? Are you enrolling in Post-Secondary Studies? Apply by January 18th to the Soroptimist Tri Cities Dream Singer. 1st prize is a \$500 scholarship. Email Sl.DreamSinger@gmail.com www.sooptimisttricitie.org

COAST MENTAL HEALTH'S COURAGE TO COME BACK AWARDS (NOMINATION)

We all know them, the everyday heroes who have overcome illness or adversity and quietly go about making the world a better place for all of us. The Courage to Come Back Awards is your chance to celebrate them! The 6 Awards (Addiction, Mental Health, Social Adversity, Medical, Youth, Physical Rehabilitation) recognize British Columbians who have overcome adversity or illness and have gone on to help others. All residents of British Columbia are eligible for nomination, if they meet the nomination criteria.

Check the website: <http://couragetocomeback.ca/nominations/> Deadline: Feb. 8th, 2017

BCGEU 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for full-time studies are \$3,000 and \$2,000 for part-time studies.

Applicants must be:

A BCGEU member; or related to a current, retired or deceased BCGEU member or staff. A student or prospective post-secondary or higher learning student enrolled, registered or planning to attend an eligible educational institution in 2017. Eligible relatives include spouses, (same or opposite sex and common law spouses); parents; and children and grandchildren (including foster, adopted and step children and grandchildren). Eligible educational institutions must be recognized by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC).

Previous BCGEU scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.

The deadline for submitting your applications is at midnight on **Sunday, March 12, 2017**.

Apply now online at: www.bcgeu.ca/2017scholarships

Email: scholarship@bcgeu.ca

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The deadline for submissions to the 2017 Coquitlam Foundation Awards Cycle is **Feb. 15, 2017 at 4 pm**. Attending SFU? Look into the James Gordon Stewart Scholarship. Interested in Public Service? Check out the RA LeClair Scholarship. <http://www.coquitlamfoundation.com/annual-scholarships>

GRAD WRITE-UPS

Reminder: please submit your grad write-ups for the yearbook from the website.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74x12Z1CUCkZJWRC3iSkSwlbbp3bN0NAkHioqugdVdUN1cyMDFHUFJIVEIFRVo2RFhZMkNWTU5QQy4u>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.

STUDENTS THAT ARE LATE OR LEAVING EARLY

Please remember that when you are late (even for a minute) you MUST sign in at the office. This also applies to those students whose parents have phoned them in late. Also if you need to leave the school early for any reason,

YOU MUST sign out at the office with parents' permission – a note, phone call or email.

*****VAPORIZERS – AN ADDITION TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT*****

VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We have noted an increase in the use of these devices by our student population at Charles Best. While there are documented health concerns associated with vaping, these devices have also become a safety issue. We are using this opportunity to inform students and parents **that 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.