



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Friday, January 20, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

SEMESTER BREAK SCHEDULE

Monday, January 23 Regular Day <i>(Periods 1 to 5)</i>	Tuesday, January 24 ENG 12 (9am) <i>GT – Exit interviews (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 School Pro-D Day	Tuesday, January 31 Semester 2 begins Regular Day	Wednesday, February 1 Regular Day	Thursday, February 2 Report Cards Regular Day	Friday, February 3 Regular Day



Mrs. O'Neill's last day as our Acting Vice-Principal will be on January 31st. Please take the time to thank her for generously coming out of retirement to fill the vacancy created at Best. We thank her for the expertise, kindness and care she has shown all of us for the past five months.

We will miss you Mrs. O'Neill!

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Grade 12's	Friday January 20
Grade 9's	Monday January 23
Grade 10/11's	Tuesday January 24

Only go during your off block, you are not to miss a class to do a schedule change.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found will be taken to SHARE today, Friday Jan 20th. Please look over the Lost and Found table today to see if anything belongs to you

WWF FANCY HOT CHOCOLATE SALE

Come to the front foyer for a cup of delicious hot chocolate on **Monday Jan 23rd**. White, Milk and Dark Chocolate available as well as a wide variety of toppings! Hope to see you there!

FINAL DAY TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK TODAY, FRIDAY JANUARY 20!!

Check the list on the outside of the cafeteria windows for your name. If your name is not on the list you have not purchased one yet and the **deadline to purchase is today Friday, January 20, DON'T MISS OUT!**

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

The following students need to come to the office and see Mrs. Zanatta
Kenia Gutierrez Portillo, Faith Holt, Michael Orallo, Nick Torresan and Wendy Zhang, .

INTERESTED IN FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES?

Students in grades 10 -12 who are interested in **Forestry & Environmental Studies** can apply to a Rotary Club sponsored program May 10 – 14th in Prince George. See Mrs. HW in the career centre for details ASAP!
<http://www.adventuresinforestry.ca/>

2017 CANADA DAY CHALLENGE

Three categories: Draw it, Snap it, Write it! Every year, young Canadians 8 - 18 years old across Canada submit their best, most dynamic drawings, photos or pieces of creative writing. Join in and share with us your vision of the future for yourself and for Canada! Win great prizes! Details [here](#).

DID YOU SIGN OUT A LIBRARY BOOK THIS SEMESTER?

Make sure it's not overdue or you will get an assessment for it. So **Return or Renew** your library books before the end of this semester.

PROJECT HELLO CLOTHING DRIVE

Project Hello will be collecting any gently used winter clothing in Room 213 for the local homeless population. Please bring what you can!

SPREAD GOOD VIBES

Family Studies 11/12 challenges you to "Spread Good Vibes" for this week, starting Monday January 16. Fri Jan 20, Day 5 -- wear red!
Our mission is to promote a closer bond within our school, spreading good vibes and kindness. So what are you waiting for? Let's do this together!

SPORTS

ARCHERY CLUB

Anyone interested in joining the Archery Club please see Mr. Jaeggle. No equipment needed.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!!

This is a friendly reminder to our club members that our next trip to Whistler will be this Sunday, January 22nd. Be at school for 6:00 am. This is a sold out trip as we have 50 students attending.

GRADE 11'S

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA IS JUST THE TICKET!

Fasten your seatbelts and get ready to take flight to a Top 5 university in Canada. Your ticket will include flights, accommodations, and a whirlwind weekend of exciting events. **Who:** Open to Grade 11 students outside of Alberta **When:** May 12 - 14, 2017 **Apply by February 26, 2017** Don't delay, this trip only has 20 seats!
<http://www.admissions.ualberta.ca/recruitment-events/boarding-ualberta>

GRADE 12'S

SIGN UP FOR GT INTERVIEWS THIS WEEK

Grade 12 students who are not writing their English 12 exam need to sign up for their GT Interviews-the sign up book is in the Library on the counter beside the printer.

YVR ART FOUNDATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

YVR Art Foundation Youth Scholarship amount \$5,000 - (7 per year)- Deadline **January 27, 2017**. More details at www.yvraf.com/programs

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.

GRAD WRITE-UPS

Please go to <http://www.bigasquatch.com> to complete your grad write ups.

TWEET TO WIN A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP –

Tell us who your favorite female hero is by January 30th, 2017.
TWEET who she is and why to #HiddenFiguresHeroesc <http://www.togetherfamilies.com/>

DAVID C. LAM SCHOLARSHIP –

Applicant must be documented permanent residents of Canada. Int'l students on student visas are not eligible for this award. (\$2,500)

1. Must be a BC Grade 12 student who wishes to attend a BC post-secondary institution.
2. English language coursework at the secondary level (Grades 9 to 12)
3. Consistent improvement in academic courses at the secondary level
4. School or community service

<http://www.bctea.org/tcf/awards-scholarships/david-c-lam-bc-teal-esl-scholarships/> for additional application requirements. **Deadline January 31st, 2017**

THE TCF REFUGEE AWARD

This award is for a refugee who has shown courage and determination while adapting to a new language and culture in Canada. Value \$2,500.

1. Is graduating from a BC Secondary School
2. Has acquired English as an additional language
3. **Entered Canada as a refugee**
4. Wishes to study in a vocational or academic program at a post-secondary institution in British Columbia

<http://www.bctéal.org/tcf/awards-scholarships/teal-charitable-foundation-refugee-award/> for additional application requirements. **Deadline January 31st, 2017**

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.