



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

Today is **Day 1**

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

## GENERAL

### **PINK SHIRT DAY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22**

#### **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

It is anti-bullying day on Wednesday, February 22.

Let's put a stop to all kinds of bullying, -rumors, teasing, lies, name calling, threats cyber bullying etc.

Please show your support and wear PINK!!!!

#### **PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO SEE MRS PORTELANCE**

Would Sunday Serjohn please come to the office.

#### **PEER COUNSELLORS:**

There will be a meeting this Thursday after school in Room 202.

#### **PERU TRIP 2018**

There are a few spots left on the Spring Break 2018 Peru trip, there will be an informational meeting about the trip on Thursday during blocks 1-5 in the Spanish classes. If you are interested in the trip but are not in Spanish this semester then please come see Ms. V ( room 102) before Thursday so we can arrange a time for your to hear the presentation.

#### **DID YOU MISS WORLD CLUB'S FIRST EVENT?**

If so, don't worry. This new club's second event is from 3:20-4:20 this Thursday in the International classroom (beside 207).

Come and explore the Panagbenga Festival, which is celebrated during February in the Philippines.

#### **YEARBOOKS - THERE IS A LIMITED QUANTITY LEFT**

If you want to purchase a yearbook, make sure to get yours ordered ASAP! There is a limited quantity left so don't miss out. If you are not sure if you already bought one, see the list that is posted on the Cafeteria windows.

#### **POETRY IN VOICE**

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Poetry in Voice contest Thursday. It was a great afternoon of poetry.

Special congrats to Juliana Nunes, Inaya Bhimani and Max Botsis who placed one, two, three in the English stream, and to Claire Song, Saba Saberi and Jung Hee Park, top three placers in the Bilingual stream. Claire and Juliana now qualify for the national on-line semi-finals.

Also, Juliana, Inaya and Claire qualify for the regional championship; they will perform one English poem each to compete against 9 other schools in March at Prince of Wales Secondary.

Finally, a special thanks to all of the judges who volunteered their time to make the contest possible.

#### **VARIOUS POST SECONDARY INFO SESSIONS**

**EXPLORE CAPILANO INFO NIGHT** We invite any Grade 10, 11, and 12 High School students, along with your family and friends, to attend Explore Capilano Info Night - a fun, interactive Open House event - on **Thursday, March 2, 2017** from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at our North Vancouver campus. Visit [explorecapilano.ca](http://explorecapilano.ca).

**BOSA FILM AND ANIMATION OPEN HOUSE** CapU - Learn about filmmaking, animation, costuming, visual effects, and summer programs - **Saturday Feb. 25th** 11 am - 3 pm [www.capilanou.ca/film](http://www.capilanou.ca/film)

**DOUGLAS COLLEGE INFO SESSION** - Coquitlam campus - **Feb 21st, 2017** at 5 pm. Register at <http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/information-sessions>

#### **AP EXAMS**

Students who want to write the AP exam please pay \$140.00 per exam by cheque in the office by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **GRADWEAR AND SPIRITWEAR**

Final sale for this school year **Feb 1-28** on our website under Quick Links, don't miss out, last chance!

#### **GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER IS HERE AT BEST!**

Buy gift cards for birthday presents, Mother's/Father's Day, coaches gifts, Grad gifts or where you like to shop and the school will receive the profits! Help us buy another picnic table, bulletin boards and silk flowers for Graduation and Awards night and other projects around the school. All you have to do is go to the school website under Quick Links and look for the Gift Card Tab.

## SPORTS

### ICE HOCKEY

Any Grade 10-12 students interested in playing non-contact ice hockey this year for BEST, there is a mandatory meeting Thursday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. at 3:15 Room 206. If you cannot attend, please see Mr. Last or Mr. Lederer.

### BADMINTON

The senior badminton team will practice today, Wednesday and Thursday right after school and the Junior badminton team will practice Tuesday right after school and Thursday after school.

### JUNIOR AND SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The first Junior and Senior Girls Soccer tryouts will be held this **Thurs Feb 23** at 3:15 on our school field. Any Grade 9-12 student interested in trying out for either the Junior or Senior Girls teams must first sign up today or tomorrow on the appropriate sheets posted outside the PE office. This can be done after school or on your free block. Attendance at tryouts is very important. See Mr. Napoletano if you have any concerns.

### ATTENTION GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:

Our Wrap-Up party will be tomorrow, **Wednesday, Feb 22** from 3:30-4:45 in the small gym. If you have any questions, see Ms. Lundgren or Ms. Fewer in the Math Wing.

### SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

This is a friendly reminder about our next trip to Whistler on **March 5**. There are 10 spaces available. Please see Mr. Major for registration.

### TRACK AND FIELD

Reminder to the athletes that are interested in participating in the Track and Field. You need to send an email to Mrs. Harding or Mr. Gant. There is a meeting today, **Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30** in the Small Gym.

### RUGBY

Any players interested in rugby, we will have our first practice today, **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** on our Turf field. Returning players please bring your ball. All players please make sure you dress for the weather. Looking forward to the start of a great season.

## GRADE 12'S

### AFTER GRAD TICKETS

Please pay all fees ASAP, return library books and textbooks After Grad tickets are going on sale soon!

### GRAD COUNCIL 2017

There will be an important meeting Thurs Feb 23 after school in room 101. All members please ensure you attend as our deadlines are nearing and there are many important things to discuss. See you there!

### RBC STUDENTS LEADING CHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Criteria:** This scholarship recognizes students committed to making a difference by being a leader of positive change in their community. Applicant must be a Cdn. citizen or permanent resident, intending on pursuing a full-time diploma or degree program at a publicly funded Cdn. post-secondary institution. Must have a **min. 75% academic avg.** in the last year of completed study. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28, 2017 at 3pm

### 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.bigsasquatch.com> to complete your grad write ups.

## 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.

**\*\*\*\*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 a social gathering place.

**LITTER IN THE HALLWAYS**

Students are reminded to clean up after themselves. It is a continual challenge to keep our school clean for all of us given that lunch hours take place all day long. Please pick up after yourself and your friends. Remember, we have garbage, bottle recycle, paper recycle and organics bins in regular locations throughout the building. Let's all PITCH IN together!