



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

BYE BYE BIRDIE TICKET SALES

Ticket sales for our Spring Play "Bye Bye Birdie" start tomorrow Thursday April 20th in the front foyer.
\$15.00 for Adults and \$12.00 for students and seniors.

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.

FORTIS WORKING ON COMO LAKE

Fortis will be working on Como Lake Ave, where the crosswalk is located at the front of the school, for the next week. The main crosswalk will be closed to all pedestrian use. Please use the crosswalks at Baker Drive/Como Lake and/or also Mariner/Como Lake.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Relay for Life, SFU camps, Place des Arts, Pedalheads, Hyde Creek Watershed Society, BMO Vancouver Marathon.

TODAY AT BEST

YMCA Work Student Exchange Info table will be in the foyer at lunch.

THE WORLD CLUB

The World Club is hosting a movie after school today, (Wednesday)!

This new club's third event begins at 3:15 in the International classroom (beside 207).

Enjoy this subtitled movie with us! Snacks will be provided for free.

SOAR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On May 27, 2017 SOAR will be holding their annual SOAR Summit Conference at SFU Surrey, a one day leadership conference, along with workshops for local high school students. Experience keynote speakers from various backgrounds, including representatives from universities, law enforcement officers, TedTalks and more. More information @ www.soarps.org/summit. Over 200 students from all across the Lower Mainland attend this event. High school students can register at www.soarps.org. Registration closes in early June. REGISTER EARLY

YEARBOOKS – LESS THAN 30 LEFT

If you want to purchase a yearbook, make sure to get yours ordered ASAP!
There are LESS THAN 30 left so don't miss out!!!

CHARLES BEST MIRACLE MOVEMENT - THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Want to have some fun while supporting a great cause? Charles Best Miracle Movement is hosting its second annual event on **Thursday, April 20 from 3:30-8:30pm!** This year's cultural theme features food, performances, music, dancing, prizes and more. Tickets are now on sale for only \$3/person, which includes FREE food. Last chance to get your tickets this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the front foyer in blocks 2-4. Help us support the BC Children's Hospital!

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA:

Would you like to spend a week next school year in Ottawa (including transportation, lodging, meals and more) for only **\$675**? If your answer is "Yes" and you have permission from your parents, please see Mr. Chang (counselor) a.s.a.p. Spaces are limited so acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 14 different theme weeks available.

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.

GRADE 12'S

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Coquitlam Optimist Club- April 24th, Readers Choice Awards-April 27th, Ladies Auxiliary (RCL)-April 28th, EPR Accounting Bursary-April 30th, Joint Diversity Scholarships-April 30th. See Details on the Career Centre website.

YVR ART FOUNDATION

Up to \$500 for five aspiring First Nations Aspiring Artists! See Career Centre website for details.

SOAR SCHOLARSHIPS

SOAR Philanthropic Society will be giving out over \$25,000 in scholarship funds for the categories of academics, adversity, athletics, community engagement, culinary arts, entrepreneurship & innovation, health & mindfulness, leadership, skilled trades, social justice & law, visual & performing arts. Each scholarship is \$1,000. Lower mainland students graduating from high school are eligible to apply (to ONE only) at www.soarps.org. The deadline is June 30/17

GRAD TICKET SALES ARE 4 WEEKS AWAY!!!

Grade 12's please clear up fees, textbooks, library books and Grad Transitions by **April 28!**
Grad ticket sales are in 5 weeks!!!

REMINDER: DUE TODAY!!!!

Grade 12 Valedictorian Nominee forms are due back into Mrs. Buteau by Today, Wednesday April 19th 3:00pm.

NOMINATION FORMS FOR VALEDICTORIAN FOR 2017

The nomination forms for valedictorian of the 2017 grad class **will be available April 4th** and will be **due April 19th**. The valedictorian gives the final address to his or her peers at the commencement Ceremony on June 10. Forms can be picked up at the office. For additional information, please see Mrs. Buteau, Ms. John or Ms. Thomas

GRADE 12 COMMENCEMENT SONGS

Attention all 2017 Grads, each year you are responsible for choosing "commencement songs". Should you wish to nominate songs for your commencement ceremony, please come to room 101 and write down your ideas. There will be a list outside of room 101. We suggest that these songs should be "timeless", rather than something that is popular right now. The songs will be chosen by the grad council once ideas are provided.

GRAD DINNER DANCE PLAYLIST

Attention all 2017 Grads, are there songs you would like to hear at Grad dinner/dance in June? If so, please come by room 101 and outside the door you will find a song request sheet. If you don't request songs, you may end up with TOP 40 only. Request songs you know will get you and your fellow classmates out on the dance floor!

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.

*****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!

*****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.