



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Friday, September 15, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

PRACTICE SAT

Students who want to attend an American University must write the SAT Exam. We are holding a sitting of the Practice SAT (PSAT) **on Wed, Oct.11** from 12:30 -3:30. This is designed for grade 10 and grade 11's but grade 12's are welcome, as well. There is an \$25.00 fee. Please see Mrs. John in the counselling office for more information and sign up. There are a limited amount of spaces so it will be first come, first serve. Once you have seen Mrs. John please go to the office and see Ms. Lynn to pay for it and receive your booklet.

FRENCH CLUB

Are you interested in experiencing French culture and fundraising for causes in Francophone communities? If the answer is yes, then come join French Club! Our first meeting is Monday Sept 18th after school in Room 108. Hope to see you there.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The Environmental Club is having their first meeting of the year on Monday Sept 18 after school in Room 203. If you love nature and want to have fun cleaning up the beaches, please come out and support the club.

WWF CLUB

Are you passionate about protecting animals and the environment? If so, come by our weekly World Wildlife Fund meetings on Wednesdays starting on Sept 20th, after school in room 108.

WORLD CLUB

The World Club is having their first event of the year on Wed Sept 20th after school in the International classroom. If you are interested in helping new Canadians and new international students then this is the club for you.

.VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Coquitlam Farmers Market - email events@makebakegrow.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Jobs and/or work experience opportunities available at Joeys Coquitlam, Sears, and Royal City Cheer. See the Career Resource Website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/default.aspx>

MENTORSHIP FOR GIRLS IN GRADE 11 & 12

The YWCA is holding an info session on Oct 14th in Vancouver visit <https://ywcavan.org/programs/mentorship/high-school-mentorship>

PHOTO DAY RESCHEDULED

As there was a problem with the photography equipment, the photo day has been rescheduled to **Thurs Sept 21st**.

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION PICNIC LUNCH

Grade 's9 French Immersion, you are invited today, **Friday, September 15** for a picnic lunch behind the school during block 3. We are hoping to see you all!

STUDENT PASSWORDS

Any new students to the school, who have not received their passwords please see Ms. Silzer or Mrs. Holmgren in the Library.

GRADE 9 LUNCH

Just a reminder that all Grade 9's have lunch during block 3, which is 11:07 – 12:26, you must remain on campus during this time.

SPORTS

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

Any grade 9 or 10 boy interested in trying out for the Junior Soccer Team will need to meet on our turf field **today, Friday at 3:20**, ready to participate in full gear. If you cannot make it please see Mr. Napoletano.

GR. 9 VOLLEYBALL TRY-OUTS

Gr. 9 Volleyball try-outs continue on Friday at 3:15 - 4:30. We will have our final try-out on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 3:15-4:45. See Ms. Howell if you have any questions.

GRADE 12'S

******SENIOR SAIL 2017-ONLY 86 TICKETS LEFT******

******FINAL DAY TO BUY TICKETS IS MON SEPT 18TH******

Senior Sail 2017 will take place on Thursday, September 21. Tickets are **on sale, online only**, on the school website under Quick Links, Student Fees. Deadline to purchase tickets is **Monday, September 18. Only 86 tickets are left, don't miss out, buy yours today!!**

LORAN AWARD

Students (85%+) interested in being considered one of the 3 school sponsored applicants MUST fill out a brag sheet and submit to Mr. Chang by October 4th. Selected students will then submit the application by October 18th. Direct Pool applications are due Oct 25th. <http://www.loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/>

GRAD COUNCIL 2018

Any grade 12's wanting to join Grad council, please attend a meeting in room 101 on **Wednesday September 20th**. First order of business is grad clothing. Bring your ideas and your friends! If you are unable to attend please see Ms.Thomas or Mr.House for more info.

STUDY AND GO ABROAD FAIR

Saturday Sept 24th at the Vancouver Convention Centre. A FREE event with information and sessions about Education, Volunteering and Travel Abroad.

<http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/vancouver/>

DOUGLAS COLLEGE NURSING APPLICANTS

A reminder to apply on October 2nd as close to 8:30 am as possible. ******This is a very competitive program!******

SAVE THE DATE! SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #1

In the library after school on **Wednesday October 4th**. This informative meeting should be attended by all grade 12's.

BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MINI MED SEMINAR

Any grade 12 science students who are interested in attending the BC Children's Hospital Mini Med Seminar sessions on Surgery, please see Ms. Cowie or email her (tcowie@sd43.bc.ca) by **Wednesday September 20th**. There are only 2 spaces available and students need to be able to get to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver for 6 Wednesday evenings (Oct 18-Nov 22) from 7-9pm.

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. Gibson's desk.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

******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.

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 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.