



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, September, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

PRO D DAY

Pro D day is this **Friday September 22nd**, school is not in session.

THE 2018 SHAD PROGRAM WILL RUN FROM JULY 1 - 27, 2018

SHAD is a lifelong experience and begins with our month-long summer program, which will show you what you can achieve if you think big and pursue your extraordinary potential.

SHAD exists to empower exceptional youth to make the world a better place.

Each year, **top-performing Grades 10, 11 and 12 students** (Secondaire IV, V, or CEGEP 1 in Quebec) or the international equivalent, compete for a place in the month-long program, which is focused on **STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & math)** disciplines. Approximately 900 students are accepted annually to participate and live in-residence on one of our host university campuses across Canada during the July program. Visit <https://www.shad.ca/About.htm> for information and application. Tuition based - Many Bursaries available - APPLY ASAP

PHOTO DAY TOMORROW

Photo day is scheduled for tomorrow **Thursday September 21**. Students will be called down by grade by alpha.

PRACTICE SAT-ONLY 15 SPOTS LEFT

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 a \$25.00 fee. Please see Mrs. John in the counselling office for more information and sign up. There is 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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO SEE MRS. JOBA BEFORE SCHOOL THIS THURSDAY AT 8:00AM

Andrea, Kayla, Marc, Sina, Paula, Christina, Hannah, Jocelyn, Mercury, Yi, Kelly, Star, Bruce, Rachel, Silver, Selena, Jerry, Hanson, and Vanessa

WWF CLUB

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

WORLD CLUB

This new club is having its second meeting after school today, **Wednesday** in the EAL/International classroom (next to 207).

Please come and see if you would like to be a member!

BUTTERFLY EFFECT MEETING-THURSDAY SEPT 21

Reminder that Butterfly Effect will be meeting this **Thurs Sept 21** at 7:30am because Friday is a Pro-D Day. If you can't make it, please see Ms. Martin, Ms. Royle or Ms. Stuart.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Atlantis/Pedalheads looking for Certified Aquatic Instructors for children. Two Burnaby locations. Follow the link or visit the career page. <https://www.pedalheads.com/about/join-the-team/Atlantis>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Coquitlam Public Library seeks high school students in grades 9-12 to volunteer for the Reading Buddies program. <http://www.coqlibrary.ca/programs-events/teens/teen-volunteers-at-the-library/reading-buddies>

STUDENT PASSWORDS

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

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

The field hockey team won against Heritage wood last night 3-1, way to go girls. Today's game is against Riverside on our field. The team would love some fans to come out and cheer on the team!

RUGBY MEETING

Rugby meeting about our trip to Trinidad is on **Tuesday, Sept 26th** at 7:00pm in Room 117.
Parents and students are invited to attend.

XCOUNTRY TEAM

Our first meet is today, Wednesday (early dismissal at 2:45) and a recovery run this Thursday (3:30 in the office foyer).

GRADE 12'S

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 today, **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

This **Saturday, Sept 24th** at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Free Event. Learn about overseas and international education, travel, jobs and volunteer opportunities. <http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/vancouver/>

PSI SELECTION FORMS

The portal does not open until November 1st 2017 to be completed prior to April 1st 2018.

MOOREHEAD CAIN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Please read the information link below for Cdn applicants: <http://www.moreheadcain.org/canadian/>The Morehead-Cain is a 4 YR. merit scholarship to the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**. Successful candidates will demonstrate **scholarship, leadership, character** and **physical vigor**. School Sponsored applications only (3 available). Please fill out a BRAG SHEET and submit to Mr. Chang by **October 4th** to be considered.

ONLINE CAREER CENTRE

Grads are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the online page for information about Scholarships, Post-Secondary Information, Info Sessions, Jobs, Volunteering and more!
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/default.aspx>

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.