



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday, September 25, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

PHOTO RETAKES

Retakes will take place on **Thursday October 5th**.

SPIRITWEAR SALE

Spiritwear sale starts **today, Monday, Sept 25!** Order on-line on our website starting Monday **afternoon** until Oct 31! Do not miss out! Sample sizes available to try on in the office. There are no refunds for wrong sizes.

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

PRACTICE SAT-ONLY 12 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.

2017 RCMP NATIONAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WEEK (DEPOT)

November 7th - 9th in Regina, SK (travel included). Limited Seats FOR BC applicants interested in the RCMP! Students can review the extensive application on the career page. **Applications due to your counsellor: Sept. 27th - APPLY ASAP**

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR LEADERSHIP LAUNCHPAD (GR. 11 & 12 STUDENTS)

Interested in Entrepreneurship, business and mentorship opportunities? Apply today to the YELL program - The Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad offered through Coquitlam Open Learning. Info session at Gleneagle Secondary **Tuesday September 26th @ 6pm**. See the career centre page for details or visit <http://www.yellcanada.org> Applications for the program go through teacher Peter Poka: PPoka@sd43.bc.ca (Space is limited – please email if interested.)

SPORTS

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

Early dismissal tomorrow **Tues Sept 26th** at 2:45 for an away game at Pinetree.

X COUNTRY

There is a practice today for the x country team. Will leave from in front of the office at 3:30.

CHARLES BEST GIRLS BASKETBALL

Any girls (grades 9-12) interested in trying out for the junior and/or senior girls basketball team this year who are not yet on the basketball email list PLEASE COME TO ROOM 102 AND SIGN UP WITH MS.V ANYTIME THIS WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL.

FIELD HOCKEY

Next game is **Tuesday Sept 26th** against Westview on our field.
The team would love some fans to come out and cheer them on!
Thursday Sept 28th game against Gleneagle, early dismissal at 2:45.

TERRY FOX RUN

The leadership 11/12 class will be coming round this week from the 25th -28th to collect money for the Terry Fox run. When you donate money you will be given a pledge sticker on the day of the run (Sept 29) to represent who you are walking/running for.

You can also donate your money towards voting for what teacher you want to see have a pie in the face. The boxes will be in the main foyer from Sept 25th -29th. After the Sept 29th assembly there will be music and snacks.

RUGBY MEETING

Rugby meeting about our trip to Trinidad is on **Tuesday, Sept 26th** at 7:00pm in Room 117.
This meeting is open to all people interested in playing rugby for Charles Best (grades 9-12) boys and girls.
Parents and students are invited to attend.

GRADE 12'S

GRAD CLOTHING LOGO

Any Gr. 12 interested in creating a logo to be considered for Grad clothing please submit it to DThomas@sd43.bc.ca by **Thursday Sept 28th** @ noon.

STUDENT PARKING

Please don't park under or near the basketball hoops that are in the student parking lot as students would like to use the hoops for games. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged.

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/>

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>

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.