



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday, October 23, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

PEER COUNSELLING MEETING

The next counselling meeting will be on Wed Oct 25th after school in the Career Centre. New members are welcome to attend.

SPIRITWEAR SALE

Order on-line on our website until **Nov 2nd**! Do not miss out! Sample sizes available to try on in the office. There are no refunds for wrong sizes.

HOODY COLLECTION FOR COVENANT HOUSE

We are hoping to collect some **new or gently used sized adult hoodies** to be distributed through Covenant House to homeless and at risk youth. For two weeks from **October 23rd to Nov 4th** there will be a box in the lobby of the school. Thank you in advance to anyone who decides to donate. If you have any questions you can contact Sandyt@telus.net

UPCOMING (BC & out of province) POST SECONDARY VISITS TO CHARLES BEST

Mark your calendars!

TODAY Mon. Oct 23rd - **University of Western** 9:30 - 10:30 (foyer)
Monday Nov 6th - **UBC (International students only)** 3:30 (library)
Wednesday Nov. 8th - **UBC** 3:30 (library)
Friday Nov. 17th - **McGill University** 10:30 - 11:30 (foyer)
Monday Nov. 27th - **University of Alberta** 9:15 - 10:30 (foyer)

2018 RCMP POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

The RCMP is offering a "Police Youth Academy" for grade 11 & 12 students from **March 28 - April 5, 2018**. Application packages can be picked up from Mrs. Healey Wright or the Career Resource Room. Applications are due back no later than: **Friday, December 8, 2017**

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS

This is a reminder to students who are interested in writing a Language Challenge Exam your application is due today, **Monday, October 23rd** by 3:30. Please submit your application directly to Mr. Areshenko in the counselling office

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

The team played well thru the first half of play staying at 1-1. The game went into overtime and was eventually lost with a shootout. The team goes into the Fraser Valleys in Delta in the #2 position. Players please let your teachers know that you will be away all day Wednesday and Thursday.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB-

Registrations need to be filled out ASAP!!

There are only 10 places left for **March 11th**. Don't miss out, if you are interested to join, you must sign up **before Oct 31st**.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

All Grade 9 and 10's interested in trying out for basketball, need to attend practices on Wed and Friday mornings from 6:30am -8:00am. Practices starts on **Wednesday October 25th**. Please bring a dark and a white practice shirt.

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.