



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

****CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLES BEST GRAD LARKYN AUSTMAN****

Congratulations to our Charles Best 2016 Grad, Larkyn Austman, who qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympics next month in Pyeongchang, Korea.

Larkyn earned her place on the Olympic team by placing third this weekend at the Canadian National Figure Skating Championships.

TIMETABLE DISTRIBUTION AND COURSE CHANGE SCHEDULE

Timetables distributed - Thursday, January 18th
Grade 12 Course changes – Friday, January 19th
Grade 9 Course changes – Monday, January 23rd
Grade 10 Course Changes – Tuesday, January 24th
Grade 11 Course Changes – Wednesday, January 25th

FINE ARTS NIGHT

Come one-come all to Fine Arts night tonight from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be showing our Jazz Band, Drama, and Visual Arts stuff in the small gym. It's free and a great way to support the arts community here at Best.

POETRY IN VOICE

Participants, remember that the competition takes place February 15, 4 short weeks from now. Please e-mail your poetry selections to Ms. Silzer ASAP!

5th ANNUAL GREEN COLLARS CAREER CONFERENCE

Green Bricks is very pleased to offer to grade 10-12 students FREE participation in the event on Saturday Feb 24, 2018 at the Hilton Metrotown, Burnaby. Space is VERY LIMITED (and a school limit may apply) so students can register at <http://www.greenbricks.ca/futures/register.php>. Students **MUST** be registered by **February 21, 2018**

VANCOUVER FILM SCHOOL

VFS is offering 2 or 4 day sessions in a variety of programs. Spots fill quickly – see link <https://vfs.edu/programs/creative-break>

HOT CHOCOLATE

Peer Counselling is giving away hot chocolate this week. Date TBD.

ROTARY ADVENTURE IN CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for students 16 -18 years. This funded program will be held in Ottawa Apr 29 – May 2, 2018, Applications **must** be sent to our Coquitlam Rotary representative. Visit the career site/Opportunities for details.

ICE CREAM FLOAT SALE

Do you hate seeing helpless lonely puppies in Sarah McLaughlin's arms and you want to make a difference. Please come to the front foyer today, Tuesday where there will be ice cream floats for only \$2, all proceeds will be going to the SPCA to help animals in need, there will be a puppy during blocks 3 & 4. Come and see the puppy and buy a float.

PINK SHIRT DAY 2018

"It's Cool to be Kind" t-shirts are available to purchase from the school website. Money from the sales will go to Kid sport Tri Cities to help youth get involved in organized sport. If you would like to purchase a pink or black shirt to wear on **February 28th** you can pay through the School Fees link under Quick Links or pick up a form from the office. Deadline for ordering is Friday January 26th.

PEER TUTORING 11/12

All those students who have registered for peer tutoring 11/12 in the second semester, please take the time to visit Mr. Papillo in room 215 during your off block. He will interview each of you and perhaps place you in a sponsor teacher's classroom as well.

SPORTS

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Senior Boys play home games against Port Moody, Thursday and Friday this week at 7:30 pm... please come out and cheer on your Blue Devils

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

This is a friendly reminder of our first trip to Whistler this coming Sunday January 21. Students must be at school for 6:00am, bus will leave at 6:15am. There are two spots available, first come, first served.
There are still 3 spots available for March 11th

GRADE 12's

YEARBOOK GRAD WRITE-UPS DUE FEB 2ND

Students are to submit their Grad Write-Ups for Yearbook on the Charles Best Website. If students do not submit this in time, the Yearbook group will assign a quote for you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xI2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS4SPG9bmwhJlhmD6oL5WY3NURE8wTFNMMUpOMzA2QlZCQzFRVTIMM1QyVi4u>

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO – VARIOUS APPLICATION DEADLINES EXTENDED

Visit the website for details and information (OUAC 105 applicants)

<https://www.future.utoronto.ca/apply/important-application-dates>

REMAX OF CANADA “QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE” BURSARY

16 x \$1,000 bursaries available for students in Western Canada in regards to leadership and community contribution initiatives. Students can enter online at www.remax.ca.

U OF WESTERN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Students who have **applied to Western** and have a 90% + average should explore this scholarship. Consult with your counsellor (school nominated) if you are eligible and meet all criteria.

http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html

GRADE 12 GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM

If you still have not handed in your form for your grad gown size please complete and return to Mrs. Zanatta in the office. Please don't fill out a duplicate form. Blank forms are available in the office.

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.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTSNO 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.

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.

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.

JANUARY EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15 Regular Day	Tuesday, January 16 Regular Day	Wed., January 17 <i>Regular Day</i>	Thursday, January 18 <i>Regular Day</i>	Friday, January 19 <i>Last Day of Regular Classes for Semester One</i>
Monday, January 22 9's CE Presentation 10:45-12:00 (all grade 9's to attend) <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Tuesday, January 23 Numeracy Exam for Grade 10's am – Students A to L pm – Students M to Z <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Wed., January 24 Numeracy Exam for Grade 11's am – Students A to Le pm – Students Li to Z <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Thursday, January 25 ENG 12 (9am) <i>GT – Exit interviews</i> <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Friday, January 26 Grade 8 Walkabout COMM 12 (9am) FRAL 12 (1pm)
Monday, January 29 <i>School Pro-D Day</i>	Tuesday, January 30 <i>Semester 2 begins Regular Day</i>	Wed., January 31	Thursday, February 1 <i>Report Cards home</i>	Friday, February 2

JANUARY PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Please review this announcement carefully for important information regarding the upcoming Provincial Exams, January 23 – 26).

-Numeracy Exam

All students enrolled in **Math 10** Semester 1, will be writing the Numeracy Exam on **Tuesday, January 23**. All students enrolled in **Math 11** Semester 1, will be writing the Numeracy Exam on **Wednesday, January 24**. Please look for your name, exam time (morning or afternoon), and room allocation posted in the front foyer and the library **PRIOR** to exam week.

All students must write in their designated time slot, so make sure you know when you are writing. If you are registered in Math 10 or Math 11 and your name is not on the list, please see Mrs. Young or Mrs. McKay as soon as possible.

-ENGLISH 12, Communications 12, and French Immersion 12

All students writing **English 12, Thursday, January 25 at 8:30 am**, should check their room allocation posted in the front foyer and the library **PRIOR** to exam week.

Communications 12 students will be writing **Friday, January 26 at 8:30 am**. Students writing **FRAL 12** will also write on **Friday, Jan 26 at 12:30 pm**.

Please check the posted lists to confirm your room allocation. If your name is not on the list, please see Mrs. Young or Mrs. McKay as soon as possible.

It is extremely important that you know the date and time of your exam(s) and the room you are allocated too. All students are asked to arrive 30 minutes before the exam starts to allow for registration and computer log in.