



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Friday, February 16, 2018

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

SAFETY CONCERNS

During snow days, even if the sidewalks have not been cleared, please remember to stay on the sidewalks. By walking on the road you are jeopardizing your safety.

Remember:

Don't walk on the road, face traffic, unplug, be aware, be safe and wear appropriate clothing for the weather with reflectors if possible.

POETRY IN VOICE WINNERS

Congratulations to everyone who competed in Poetry in Voice this year. The afternoon was filled with powerful recitations. Juliana Nunes, Chandra Miller and Max Botsis placed 1, 2, 3 in the English stream, and Isabel Wilson, Christina Lam and Saba Seberi placed 1, 2, 3 in the Bilingual stream. Juliana and Isabel now move on to the national semi-finals. Additionally, Juliana, Chandra and Max had top scores for recitation of an individual English poem, and will represent Charles Best as a team in the regional English stream competition, taking place here at Best, **Friday, April 6th**. Mark your calendars!

PLEASE GO TO LRC ROOM 215

Would the following students come to the LRC in room 215 to pick up your semester 1 art work from Mr. Eccles: Tova Belsher, Ellie Neufeld, Talia Mazzachio, Zachary Padmore, Kristina Emelyanova, Michelle Dent, Olivia Wynn-Dulvy and Shaelyn Vocat,

BUBBLE TEA SALE

Students 4 Students is having a bubble tea pre sale on **Mon Feb 19th**, pick up is on **Feb 22nd** during blocks 2-5 for both days. We now accept debit and cash, all proceeds go towards sending kids to school.

FRANCE TRIP SPRING BREAK 2019

Applications for the France/Belgium 2019 trip are due on **Feb. 19**. These applications are necessary to secure your spot on the trip. So don't miss out! Applications can be picked up at the main office, at the language office and from Mme Bruneau or Mme Manolis.

AP EXAMS AT BEST

Grade 11 and 12 Students can register to write the AP Exams at Best. Please register by paying \$160/exam in the office by **Feb. 28th**. For further information, please contact Mrs. John in the counselling office.

GRADE 11 FEMALE STUDENTS – INVENT THE FUTURE SUMMER AI SCHOLARS PROGRAM – AT SFU

Do you love robots and AI? Invent the Future is a 2-week summer AI scholars program for high-potential Canadian young women in 11th grade taking English 11, Math 11, and at least one Science 11. July 8th –20th, 2018 Cost: \$500 Food and on-campus accommodation included. Bursaries available. LEARN MORE + APPLY www.sfu.ca/computing/inventthefuture Info Session Feb 28th @ 7:30 SFU Burnaby. RSVP here <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/invent-the-future-info-night-tickets-42249759167>

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the career centre – Westwood Plateau Golf Club is hiring! Place des Arts needs Spring Break Volunteers! SFU Camps will visit Best on Feb. 19th (info table with volunteer and paid position information)

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

If you are new to the school as of Nov 1/17 or didn't have your picture taken and want your picture in the yearbook. Please see Mr. O'Reilly in Room 216 in the mornings.

SPORTS

SENIOR AND JUNIOR BADMINTON

Tryouts will take place today after school. Please bring your own racquet and dress appropriately.

SOCCER TRYOUTS FOR GRADE 9 & 10 GIRLS

Soccer tryouts for girls in grades 9 and 10 will be held **Tuesday, February 27th**, at Hillcrest grass field, and Friday, March 9th at our turf field. Please attend a brief information meeting in the small gym on **Tuesday February 20th** right after school if you are interested in attending tryouts. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please see Mrs. Burnham or Mme Fournier to sign up for tryouts.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Charles Best now advance to the next round today, Friday against Heritage Woods at Semiahmoo.

ICE HOCKEY

Attn: Grades 10-12 Charles Best Ice Hockey is starting soon. Meeting **Thurs Feb 22**. See Mr. Last in Room 206.

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Today's try out session has been cancelled due to snow on the field. First try out will be on Tuesday Feb 20th.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Three spots are still available for March 11th

GRADE 12

SFU VISITS CHARLES BEST TODAY, FRIDAY FEB 16TH.

This Friday at **3:20 pm in the library**. Not to be missed! Attend a presentation with a recruiter from SFU and get your questions answered about self-reporting, admissions, residence and program information!

BOSA CENTRE FOR FILM & ANIMATION OPEN HOUSE - CAPILANO U

Saturday, February 24, 2018 11:00 AM to 3:00 pm. Campus: North Vancouver Website: [School of Motion Picture Arts](http://www.capilanou.ca/smpa/)
<http://www.capilanou.ca/smpa/>

STUDY AND GO ABROAD FAIR

<http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/vancouver/> Register in advance for this popular event to be held in Vancouver on Sunday **February 25th 1 - 5 pm**

JOINT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Overwaite Foods and UFCW Local 1518 are offering up to ten \$1,000 scholarships are available and will be awarded to applicants who have promoted diversity awareness and acceptance in their in their community. Details on the career centre page.

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 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.

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.