



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Tuesday, March 06, 2018

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

LIBRARY CLOSURE

The library will be closed today from 11:30 to 2:00pm for a Special French Immersion Event.

AP EXAM REGISTRATIONS

AP exam registration is open until Friday March 9th.

UNHCR

Distribution and sale of Krispy Crème donuts will be happening tomorrow, not today. Don't forget to buy some!

SPIRIT WEEK NEXT WEEK

Attention students, it's time to show your spirit. All of next week is spirit week.

Monday is colour day: Gr 9 is red, Gr 10 is green, Gr 11 is purple, Gr 12 is blue and Staff are yellow.

Tuesday is Canadian Day, Wednesday is PJ day, Thursday is superhero/villain and Friday is Hawaiian day.

LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES INFO SESSION AT THE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Interested in a career in law enforcement and public safety? Discover what it takes at an upcoming information session for the Law Enforcement Studies Diploma and the Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies programs. Learn about the education, applied skills and specialized knowledge required to become a superior candidate in the recruiting process. **This Thursday, March 8th 7pm – 8:30pm @ JIBC.** Register and learn more: <http://www.jibc.ca/lesd>

YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM (Canada)

If you are 15 to 18 years old with at least 4 months of high school (*not graduating June 2018*), have CDN Citizenship, have interest in the United States and have a commitment to implement a community service project, then you are eligible to apply for a 3-week exchange in the US. This intensive program takes place from July 16 through August 4, 2018 and is carried out in Ottawa, New York State, and Washington, D.C. Participants have all travel, meal and accommodation costs during the exchange covered by the program, in addition to health benefits with limitations provided in the USA. To apply and for more information visit:

<http://www.plattsburgh.edu/cesca/youthleadership.php> Deadline to apply is March 31, 2018.

SUPER G AND HONOR ROLL LISTS

A **draft** copy of Semester 1 Super G and Honor Roll lists have been posted across from the Career Centre.

Any questions please see your counsellor.

SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD:

We are practicing today at Town Centre! Please meet by the gyms at 3:20 so we can arrange transportation to the track.

ICE HOCKEY

Attention Charles Best students in grades 10-12 mandatory important meeting about tryouts today, March 6th in Room 206 at 3:20. Please see Mr. Last or Ms. Jenkins.

TENNIS

Attention to all Charles Best Aces, are you ready to get served? The tennis team will be having a brief meeting after school on Thursday March 8th in Room 206. If you are interested, please come to the meeting or see Mr. Choi.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Now **FULL** for March 11th. Still waiting on a couple registrations and payments, get them in ASAP.

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Try outs March 9th at Hillcrest are still on. Listen to the announcements for any changes.

GRADE 12

2018 GRADS PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Spring is almost here and so is grad season. Grads of 2018 please save the dates:

April 4th- Valedictorian nominations available in the office. Do you want to represent your grad class at commencement? If so, you need to fill out the nomination form and hand it in by April 11

April 19th- Mandatory Grad Assembly, period 2, in the large gym where you will get important grad information, choose your valedictorian and grad song. Grad guest forms will also become available

June 8th-Commencement rehearsal, period 5, large gym

June 9th-Commencement

June 23rd – Grad Dinner and Dance followed by After grad

BCIT VISITS BEST

BCIT will be in the foyer Wednesday March 7th from 11:45 – 12:45.
Bring your questions and speak directly to a recruiter!!

COAST CAPITAL YOUTH GET IT INTERN PROGRAM

Info and links available on the career centre page applications opened March 1st
<http://www.coastcapitalsavings.com/youthteam>

GRACE FAMILY NETWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

The Grace Family Network awards are intended to encourage students who are pursuing a post-secondary education and who have demonstrated not only academic achievement but also interest in their communities. Scholarships will be awarded to three students in the amount of \$500. As well, the winning essays submitted by the scholarship recipients will be featured on the website. Visit the online career centre.

UBC SELF-REPORTING

Applicants – the self-reporting window at UBC is now OPEN. The final day to self-report is Friday, March 16th.
<http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/blog/after-you-apply/bc-yukon-self-reporting/>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

WHEN CROSSING COMO LAKE

To all students:

Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake.

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 or ice patches, face traffic, unplug, be aware, be safe and wear appropriate clothing for the weather with reflectors if possible.

*******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.