



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday, November 01, 2018

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

GENERAL

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO PICK UP YOUR PHOTOS AND/OR GO CARDS

Any student that still has not picked up their go card AND/OR photo package please come to the office and do so.

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

Would the following students please come to the office.

Taya Bonkowski, Jacob Fehr, Jade Flaman, Jordan Klaebo, Celeste Morin, Callum Panter and Pablo Rico.

A BIG THANK YOU

Ms. McKay would like to thank the students and staff for being good sports participating in the Spirit Assembly Events yesterday. Special thanks to Ms. Deck, the Best Buddies, Ms. John, the Student Council, Mr. Wiskar, Leadership, and our MC's Neshat, Kristina, & Venus for preparation and set up of the assembly. #schoolspirit #bestpride #godevilsgo

COLLECTING WARM CLOTHING FOR THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

During the week of Nov 5-8th our Youth Worker (Heather) will be collecting blankets, warm coats, socks, gloves sweatshirts and tarps etc for residents of the Downtown Eastside. If you would like to donate please bring items to the Youth Workers room.

NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

A list of students registered to complete the Numeracy Assessment in January 2019 has been posted outside the office. Students currently in a Math 10 course (FOMPCal or WP10) should be on the list. Students in grade 11 and 12 who have not written the assessment are listed along with students that completed Math 10 in Summer school. If your name is not on the list and you believe it should be please see your counsellor or Ms. McKay in the Office.

The Numeracy Assessment is a graduation requirement for all students. If you do not register for the January sitting, you will have to write the assessment in June.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Poppy Campaign at Coquitlam Legion 263. Duties include assisting with set up of the hall the day before Remembrance Day. Please let Ms. Tsang know if you are interested in volunteering.

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Congratulations to the field hockey team for their solid effort in the Fraser Valley championships over the past two days. The team finished in fifth place (two wins and two losses) and qualified for the Provincial Championships that take place in two weeks (November 14 to 16). Players, please be prepared for two practices next week. The practice days will be set once we know field availability.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB TICKETS GOING FAST!!

Apr 7th is the only date that still has availability, only **17** spots left and times are going fast, don't miss out! Once you have paid for a trip make sure to complete the registration form available at the PE office and hand in to the office asap!
Participants please hand in your completed ski and snowboard registration forms to the office asap!

GRADE 10 – 12

FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY

The Coquitlam Firefighter Academy will take place on **March 15 to 22, 2019**. Interested current grade 11 and 12 students, please pick up and return applications to the tech and career centre. Applications are due by 3pm on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**.

ALSO

POLICE ACADEMY

The RCMP Police Academy will take place on **April 15 -23, 2019**. Interested current grade 10 to 12 students, please pick up and return applications to the tech and career centre. Applications are due by 3pm on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**.

For more information regarding the RCMP Police Academy and Coquitlam Firefighter Academy, please see website.

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/OtherLearningOpportunities.aspx>

GRADE 12

GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM

There are still several Grade 12 students that have not handed in their Grad Gown Size form. If you haven't done so please come to the office and fill out the form.

BABY PHOTO AND GRAD WRITE UPS

Please submit your baby photos to Mr. Fernandez in Room 216 w/ your first and last name or Instagram @charlesbestseniors

Also, please submit your writeup for the yearbook on our school website – under [Quick Link>Gr 12 Grade Yearbook Write Up link](#)

Due date for above items: **December 12th**

INFORMATION SESSIONS

1. **University of Toronto** is hosting an information session at 3:30pm today, **Thurs, Nov 1** in the library.
2. **Sasamat Outdoor Centre** is hosting an information table about their leadership programs on **Mon, Nov 5** at 1:30 to 2:30pm in the foyer.
3. **SFU's Faculty of Applied Sciences** is presenting about opportunities in Computing Science, Engineering Science, Mechatronics Systems Engineering and Sustainable Energy Engineering, on **Tues, Nov 6** at 3:30pm in the library.
4. **McGill University** is hosting an information session on **Wed, Nov 7** at 7 to 8:30pm at Heritage Woods Secondary. Please see career centre website calendar for registration details.

GRAD TRANSITIONS

Attention all Grade 12s! You can now access the materials needed to complete your Grad Transitions. They are available on the school website under "Programs & Services" then "Grad Transitions". Please subscribe to the Grad Transitions channel on our school app to receive notifications about Grad Transitions!

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.