



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday April 15, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

GENERAL

CONGRATULATIONS - ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

On Saturday April 13, Best's two Odyssey of the Mind teams took home **Gold and Silver** medals at the provincial competition! Congratulations!

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Would you like to spend a week next school year in Ottawa (including transportation, lodging, meals and more) for only **\$750**? If you answer is "Yes" and you have permission from your parents, please see Mr. Chang (counselor) a.s.a.p. Spaces are limited so acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 14 different theme weeks available. More information is available at https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en/theme_week

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE STARTING SOON

Attention all students the first meeting of the gay-straight alliance club is this **Wednesday, April 17**. If you are interested in being a member, or if you have any questions about the club, you can talk to Mr. Mogensen in the Learning Center during blocks 4/5; or, see Ms. Leslie in room 305 for further details.

YEARBOOKS GOING FAST-GET YOURS TODAY!

Notice to all students there are only 75 yearbooks left for the whole school! Don't miss out, purchase yours on-line today!

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you love kids? Do you care about our planet? The Environmental Club needs YOU to help lead a Pro-D Day workshop at Baker Drive Elementary on **May 6th**! You'll gain volunteer hours and valuable leadership experience. Email 080-iwilson@sd43.bc.ca for more information.

LISTEN UP! MIRACLE MOVEMENT PRESENTS

Coming up in May... Miracle Movement will be hosting its annual big year-end event in support of BC Children's Hospital. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting occasion!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Ranch Park Elementary is looking for volunteers to help with their fun fair on **Thursday, April 25th**. Please see Ms. Tsang if interested.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check your library book to see if it is due to be renewed or returned.

APRIL IS DAFFODIL MONTH

April is Daffodil Month join the fight to conquer Cancer and support those living with Cancer. Come to the office to donate and pick up your Daffodil Pin show everyone you care!



NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM AT BEST

Please be prepared to use the new bins that have been placed around the school and do your part to keep the school clean by putting your garbage in the CORRECT recycle bin!
We thank you for your co-operations!!

SPORTS

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Please congratulate the players for fantastic performances as the team WON the 13th Annual Argyle Junior Tournament. This was the first time in the tournament's history that a team from off the North Shore won the trophy. We were short players on Thursday and played in some horribly wet and cold weather, but the girls gutted it out to stay undefeated. Friday was gloriously sunny and they shined like the weather with a strong morning game to take 1st in our pool. Our afternoon game was against a small but mighty Argyle team and the girls came out with the 3-0 win. MVP honours to Mia Pietramala, with strong defensive play all tournament by Caroline Lovei. Sam Hall was outstanding in net saving 2 beautiful penalty kicks during round-robin play.

ALL PLAYERS NEED TO PAY FEES AND FILL OUT MEDICAL FORMS ON KARELO ASAP.

Games this week:

Tuesday 16th : Game vs. Pinetree @ home - Early dismissal at 2:45pm

Thursday 18th: Game @ Centennial - @ Town Centre - Early dismissal at 2:30pm. Let one of the coaches know if you need a ride.

JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY

Junior Boys rugby has a game **today** in Abbotsford. The bus will be leaving promptly at 2:30. We have early dismissal at 2:20 to get changed. Meet out front of the school ASAP.

GRADE 12

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING GRADE 12 GRAD TRANSITIONS AS WE APPROACH THE DEADLINE

Please remember that once your GT documents are uploaded to OneNote, it is essential that you e-mail a confirmation of completion to Mr. MacDonald or Ms. Weeks. Do not forget this important final step or your complete Grad Transition may not get marked. Your GT is NOT complete until you have received confirmation of completion from either Mr. MacDonald or Ms. Weeks.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Any Gr 12 who applied to post secondary schools, please submit your transcripts using the student transcripts website as soon as possible: studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. Coquitlam Ladies Auxiliary and Coquitlam Optimist's scholarship application forms are also available at the career centre. They are due on **April 24**.

2. Emily Carr's "Headstart in Art" course will be available to current grade 11 or 12 students or recent graduates. Please see career centre website under opportunities for more information and for an application form. Applications are due on Friday, **May 17** by 3pm. There are **only up to 20 seats available for the district** and it is on a "**first submitted, first considered**" basis.

PORT MOODY SOCRATIC WEEKEND

The Rotary Club of Port Moody has been awarded a District Grant to hold a Socratic Weekend. Selected students from the Tri-cities will participate June 1 and 2nd in a Port Moody based event. *Students applying need to write an essay in Word, for a maximum of 500 words, and submitted electronically.* Essays should be submitted **no later than April 26th**. Please see Ms. Tsang for essay topic and details.

CALLING ALL 2019 GRADS – BLACK & LEE FORMAL WEAR

Come into Black and Lee's Coquitlam Showroom before **April 30th, 2019** and book your look with us. You will receive \$20.00 off of a **Premium Rental Package** and we will kick back \$20.00 towards your 2019 Grad Fundraising!

GRADE 12's

Reminder to make sure your school fees are paid, textbooks/library books returned, and grad transitions are complete in order to purchase grad tickets in early May.

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.

****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.