



# THE "BEST" INFORMER

**Wednesday May 1, 2019**

**TODAY IS DAY 2**

\*\*\*\*Please note: All new items and any changed items are in red.\*\*\*\*

## GENERAL

### GSA MEETING TODAY AFTER SCHOOL

There is a GSA meeting today at 3:30 in room 305. All students welcome!

### MARCUS BARBER

Please attend the LRC in your off block TODAY to write a test that you missed.

### JEANS DAY TOMORROW – THURSDAY MAY 2nd

Jeans Day is **TOMORROW** and we need your support for the BC Children's Hospital Jeans Day fundraiser. All monies raised go towards urgently needed equipment and research for childhood illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, etc. The buttons are available in the office for \$5.00 each. Please support BC Children's Hospital and wear your jeans and your button on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your support.



### POETRY EXCELLENCE

A big congratulations to Chandra Miller and Troy Cheah for their fantastic performances at the National Finals of Poetry in Voice last week in Winnipeg. They nailed their recitations and made a strong impression on the audiences. For anyone planning to compete next year, our school level competition will take place again in February 2020. National Finals take place in Montreal next year. Check out the details at [www.poetryinvoice.com](http://www.poetryinvoice.com).

### TRAIN IN TRADES PLUMBING PROGRAM

Grade 11 or 12 students interested in the TRAIN in Trades plumbing program? There's a free program at Piping Industry College on Annacis Island. If interested, contact Mr. MacLean [DMacLean@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:DMacLean@sd43.bc.ca)  
For more information, see <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/Plumber.aspx>

### PARADISE AT BEST DANCE MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM

Ticket sales are open **until Monday May 13**. No refunds. Tropical casual dress theme. There will be a concession for snacks. Tickets are for Charles Best students only. No guests are permitted at this school event. Students must have picture ID.

### MIRACLE MOVEMENT: EVENT FEATURES!

Miracle Movement's annual celebration is coming up in May! This year's free, beach-themed event will feature amazing performances and awesome activities. Show up with your friends to support BC Children's Hospital. More info to come!

### ATTENTION: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

This is a reminder to be cautious of any emails, phone calls or text messages that you may receive.

All of our district emails end with [sd43.bc.ca](http://sd43.bc.ca) NOT [gmail.com](http://gmail.com), [yahoo.ca](http://yahoo.ca), etc.

If you receive anything suspicious, please forward the message to [internationaleled@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:internationaleled@sd43.bc.ca) or see Mrs. Joba.

### 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 your answer is "Yes" and you have permission from your parents, please see Mr. Chang (counsellor) 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](https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en/theme_week)

### YEARBOOKS GOING FAST-GET YOURS TODAY!

There are only 58 yearbooks left! Don't miss out. Purchase yours online 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](mailto:080-iwilson@sd43.bc.ca) for more information.

## SPORTS

### JUNIOR GIRLS' SOCCER

Thursday's game @ 3pm here at Best vs. Maple Ridge. Dismissal at 2:15pm. **\*\*Please make sure you let one of the coaches know if you can't make it!\*\***

### ALL BOY'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS, GRADE 9-12.

The year end wrap up party is to be at Me n Ed's Pizza in Port Coquitlam on May 15th at 4 pm. It is \$15 for all you can eat pizza 'n' pop. See Mr. Sokol to confirm your attendance as I need to know exact numbers.

## GRADE 12

### BUS TO AFTER GRAD – SOLD OUT BUT OPPORTUNITY STILL OPEN

If you still want to go on the bus, please see Ms. Lynn in the office to put your name on the wait list. If enough students sign up for the wait list, we may order another bus!

### TRANSCRIPTS NOT SENT TO POST SECONDARY – SEE LIST POSTED

A list has been posted on the Career Centre bulletin board of grade 12 students who **HAVE NOT** sent their transcripts to post-secondary schools yet. Please see Ms. Tsang if you have questions. Transcripts should be sent by **MAY 3, 2019!**

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

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. Remember 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.

### GRAD 2019 SLIDESHOW

Attention all grads! Please send your "school days" pictures of you and your friends to [bestpictures2019@gmail.com](mailto:bestpictures2019@gmail.com) by **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. These photos will be displayed at After Grad.

### SNAPCHAT FILTER CONTEST FOR GRAD DINNER/DANCE AND AFTER GRAD

Ms. Thomas is collecting submissions for Snapchat filters for Grad Dinner/Dance and After Grad. The winner of each will receive a FREE After Grad ticket. All submissions are due **FRIDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**. Please email [DThomas@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:DThomas@sd43.bc.ca) with your filter idea. The theme for After Grad is "Hollywood".

### OUTSTANDING FEES, TEXTBOOK, LIBRARY BOOKS, ETC CHECKLIST

There are two lists posted, one in the foyer and one by the Grade 12 table. **Please check for your name.** If your name appears, you have outstanding items that need to be cleared up in order to purchase Grad Dinner Dance Tickets on **May 7.**

### GRAD DINNER/DANCE PLAYLIST

Attention all grads! Ensure that you and your friends have an amazing dance party this year at Grad Dinner/Dance. Please email your music requests to Ms. Thomas by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Only the "radio edit" versions will be played. [DThomas@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:DThomas@sd43.bc.ca)

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Emily Carr's "Headstart in Art" course will be available to current grade 11 or 12 students or recent graduates. For more information and for an application form, please see Career Centre website under Opportunities.

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.

## 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.