



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday May 9, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

GENERAL

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

YOU CANNOT MISS THIS! Incredible talent, creativity, and hard work! It runs **Wednesday through Saturday** this week. Tickets: \$12 for students/pensioners, \$15 for adults. Doors open at 7pm. Curtain goes up at 7:30.

ATTENTION GRADE 9s IN DIGITAL LEARNING 10

We will have a short mandatory meeting in the Library **Thursday May 9th** in Block 3. Please attend the time based upon your last name.
A - L - 11:10am
M - Z - 11:45am.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM: LEADERS WANTED

Are you a leader? Do you want to volunteer in a multicultural setting and make new friends? International Education is looking for students going into grade 11 or 12 for its summer program at Riverside and Pinetree. Students will be tutors in EAL classrooms and accompany International students on afternoon activities. See Mrs. Joba for more information.

FRESH ROOTS SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Do you want to get school credits while working in our forest and farm, earning money and friends? If you're entering Grades 10 - 12, join Fresh Roots for unique 6-week summer employment and leadership program where you will earn school credit (Environmental Studies 11) and a \$600 stipend! Based out of the Suwa'lkh Secondary school in Coquitlam. Develop your skills in growing, cooking, and selling food. Become better connected to your community and the local food system. Apply at freshroots.ca/soyl. **Applications close May 31.**

A.P. EXAMS

Students who have registered for A.P. exams, see Mrs. John in the Counselling office for confirmation & instructions.

PARADISE AT BEST DANCE MAY 15 6:30-9:00

Only 55 tickets have been sold. If you are interested in going, please buy your ticket asap or dance may be cancelled. Ticket sales are open now **until Monday May 13**. Tropical casual dress theme. No refunds. 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.

HAVE YOU ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERED AT THE SCHOOL?

We want to recognize you for your service at Best during the Awards Ceremony on June 18th. So please stop by the Counselling Office to pick up the nomination form, fill it out, and return it to Mrs. John by **May 20th**

YEARBOOKS GOING FAST – GET YOURS TODAY!

There are only 49 yearbooks left! Don't miss out. Purchase yours online today!

BEST PRIDE DAY

On **May 17th**, Charles Best will observe the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of Homosexuality in Canada with a Pride Day. Bring your inclusive attitude and wear the colour of the rainbow assigned to your grade.



MAY 17th

@bestgsa

Grade 12s wear **red** ❤️ and **orange** 🍊

Grade 11s wear **yellow** 🟡 and **green** 🟢

Grade 10s wear **blue** 🟡 and **purple** 🟣

Grade 9s wear the **rainbow** 🌈❤️🟡🟢🟣

Staff wear Best gear 😊

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
For more information, see <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/Plumber.aspx>

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, see Mr. Chang. Spaces are limited so acceptance is first come, first served. More info https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en/theme_week

SPORTS

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER:

Our next game is AWAY against Sardis on today THURSDAY so early dismissal is at the end of period 4 and players will miss all of period 5 to give us enough time to get to Chilliwack for warm-up. Please let us one of the coaches know if you need a ride or if you cannot play.

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

GRAD DINNER DANCE TICKETS

Grad Dinner Dance tickets are on sale now **May 7 to May 20** on-line only!
Table reservations are on **May 27-29**.

COMMENCEMENT DEADLINE

Grads, commencement is around the corner and we need Your commencement message by **May 10**. go to the school website and under Quick Links click on "Grade 12 Commencement Message".

11 SEATS LEFT ON THE FINAL BUS TO AFTER GRAD!

Attention grade 12s! It is **first come, first served**. **Pay online ASAP (like today!) on the website under Student Fees**. If you don't pay quickly, you will miss out.

GRAD COUNCIL 2019

There will be a meeting in room 101 this **Thursday May 9th** after school.

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.

GRADE 12 GRAD TRANSITIONS – DEADLINE APPROACHES

Once your GT documents are uploaded to OneNote, you **must** 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 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 1st**. Only the "radio edit" versions will be played. 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 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

*****CROSSING COMO LAKE*****

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

*****STUDENT PARKING*****

Please do not park under or near the basketball hoops in the student parking lot, as students would like to use the hoops for games. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged

*****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 social gathering places.

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.

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.