



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday May 22, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

GENERAL

SUGAR SHACK IS BACK

Sugar shack is back this **Friday May 24th!** Make sure not to miss out on all of our delicious treats during blocks 2-5 in Room 105 (Skill Development Room). Tell your friends! Cash only please.

OPERATION GRANDPARENT

There's a NEW CLUB in town, **OPERATION GRANDPARENT** and we need you as a member. We are holding a meeting on Wed. May 29th at 315 in Heather's room (Youth Worker) across from Home Ec room. Bring a friend and get a treat, hope to see all of you there.

COLLECTING ART SUPPLIES

Heather (Youth Worker) is collecting art supplies (crayons, pencil crayons, felts) for the Lakeshore Care Home. If you have any that you can donate it would be very much appreciated.

BEST EURO TOUR 2020

Grade 11s interested in travelling to Europe next Spring Break, there will be a parent information meeting next Monday evening, **May 27th**. Stay tuned for more details!

YEARBOOKS GOING FAST – GET YOURS TODAY!

There are only **40** yearbooks left! Don't miss out. Purchase yours online today! If you have any outstanding fees, textbooks, library books etc you won't get your yearbook until your account is clear.

MINI WE DAY AT CHARLES BEST

Me to We will be hosting a mini we day in the small gym, half of Block 2, all of Block 3 and half of Block 4 from 10-1:30 pm on **Friday May 24th**. Our theme this year is Discrimination and Marginalization! Very important and fun presentations will happen!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Even though Orange Shirt Day is next October, Dr Charles Best is proud to lead the way by offering custom made Orange Shirts to all staff and students for \$10. They can be purchased online from the quick links section on our website. This great price is available until **May 31!** Get your t-shirts and be a part of the Reconciliation process to honor the 150,000 students that attended Residential Schools in our country. Our goal is to create a sea of Orange at our assembly!

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 23rd**

TUNE IN FOR MIRACLES - FRIDAY, MAY 31ST

Hey Charles Best, BC Children's Hospital needs YOUR help! On **Friday, May 31st**, show your support for local kids by showing up for *Tune in for Miracles*. From 3:30 to 6:00 pm, you'll get to enjoy sweet treats and live music in the school cafeteria. Admission is 100% free!

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.**

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 BOYS RUGBY

Junior boys rugby have a game today, Wednesday, at Semiahmoo Secondary. Kickoff is at 4:30pm.
Early dismissal at 2:45, please be on the bus by 2:56.

GRADE 11 &12

DELFT EXAM CERTIFICATES

All grade 11 and 12 students who wrote their DELFT exam in November need to pick up their certificate from Mme Kadhim in portable 404.

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD/BURSARY

Grade 12 students who received scholarships/awards/bursaries, please see your counsellor or Ms. Tsang by **Monday, May 27**. Please provide the name of the award and the amount.

GRAD DINNER DANCE TICKETS

Grad Dinner Dance tickets are on sale now **until Sunday, May 26th on-line only!**
If you don't see the Dance Tickets on the website that means you still have fees outstanding/Grad Transitions to finish etc.
Please come to the office to check and see what you need to finish or pay.
Table reservations are on **May 27-29**.

BUS TO AFTER GRAD IS NOW SOLD OUT

If you are interested in taking the bus to After Grad you can come to the office and put your name on a wait list.

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

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.