



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday December 02, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

Would Jaydean Jackson please come to the office.

SPIRIT & GRAD WEAR

The following students need to see Ms. Thomas in Room 101 **after school or between 8:05 and 8:15 am** this week to pick up their clothing order.

Michelle Mozel, Ariel Hu, Evelyn Lee, Sarah Lee, Thomas Last, Mariah Padlosky, Sara Adams, Karen Tatham and Najin Nikpay

EBSCO AT HOME

Trouble connecting to the EBSCO databases at home?

See Ms. Silzer in the Library for help.

BIG BROTHERS TEEN MENTORING PROGRAM

The Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Teen Mentoring Program is a partnership between Dr. Charles Best Secondary and Ranch Park Elementary. This opportunity is open to students in grade 10 to grade 12 who will be matched with a child at the elementary school from grades 1 to grade 7. The Teen Mentoring Program is ideal for a teen that can make a commitment for the whole school year and for someone who can take time to meet at the elementary school for one hour afterschool. The Teen Mentoring program is a play-based program where the match spends 1:1 time together doing various different activities such as playing board games, playing on the playground, doing arts and crafts, playing in the gym, or just spending time together talking. This opportunity allows teens to achieve volunteer credit or to use the experience for their resume! Students do require parent consent to participate, references, they will need to attend an interview, and participate in a Mentor Training session. The link to apply online is:
<https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/get-involved/volunteer/teen-mentor/>

WORLD AIDS AWARENESS DAY TODAY

Today, Monday Dec 2nd is world AIDS awareness day. During blocks 2-4 in the front foyer, we will be selling Skittles and Ally buttons for a minimum donation of \$1 for the LOUD scholarship fund of LGBTQ+ youth.

RUGBY MERCHANDISE

Last day to order your hoodie, pants, jacket or kit for Rugby is on **Tuesday, December 3rd**. Please see Mr. Startin to put in your order or for more information.

WINTER TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

The winter talent show auditions will be held in Portable 2 after school on **December 4th and 5th**. Come prepared. Sign up sheets are located outside of the drama room, music room and tech support center.

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Encounters With Canada offers youths aged **14 to 17** the chance to stay in Ottawa for one action-packed week. For **\$750**, accommodation, travel, meals and all program costs are covered.

They are now accepting registrations for 2020. Early birds who register by **December 20, 2019** can receive a **\$100 rebate!** Act now – funds are limited!

Please visit their website or see Mr. Chang for more information.

DONATIONS TO THE UNION GOSPEL MISSION

Pick up here will be on Wednesday December 4th so if you have any donations please bring them in before then.

Do you have spare toiletries that you aren't using? Is it time to clean out your bathroom cabinet? Youth workers are taking donations for distributing to needy people at the Union Gospel Mission, **Sunday December 8th** and will kindly donate them on your behalf to those in need. Examples: unused soaps, lotions, conditioners, toothpaste, combs/brushes, travel-size/hotel items, feminine products etc. We are also looking for clothing, boots, blankets, tarps, and coats.

GRADE 12

WIN DINNER DANCE TICKETS

G20! Want to win your dinner dance ticket? Come and guess the number of M&M's in the front foyer for \$2 a guess!

Grade 9, 10 & 11's, come by and guess for your chance to win the entire jar of M&M's! Closest guess wins!

There is a jar in the office to put your guess and money in.

GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM

A reminder to all Grade 12s to please fill out and hand in the Grad Gown Size form to the office.

SPORTS

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB - DON'T MISS OUT

FEBRUARY 28TH AND MARCH 8TH ARE BOTH SOLD OUT, and April 18th has only 15 spaces still available.

Registration is online only. Limited to 50 students per trip. Please go to the Charles Best Website then Quick Links then Student Fees to register. First come, first served.

WINTER RUN CLUB

Charles Best Winter Run Club: If you are looking to improve your fitness for the winter or spring sports season, or just want to get a head start on running off all the turkey and dessert you will eat over Winter Break, come out to Charles Best's Winter Run Club. We will meet on **Wednesdays** outside the gym entrances at 3:25!

YEARBOOKS FROM LAST YEAR THAT STILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP

Please come to the office to pick up.

TEACHERS, IF ANY OF THESE STUDENTS ARE IN YOUR CLASS PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE OFFICE.

LAST YEARS

GRADE		Student names
grade 10	594358	Davis, John
grade 11	481698	Seward, Jack

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.

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.