



# THE "BEST" INFORMER

Monday December 16, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

**\*\*KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD\*\***



## GENERAL

### SPIRIT WEEK THIS WEEK

Monday December 16	Color Day
Grade 9	Red
Grade 10	Green
Grade 11	White
Grade 12	Blue
Staff -	Best Wear
Tuesday December 17	80's Day
Wednesday December 18	Plaid Day
Thursday December 19	Ugly Sweater Day
Friday December 20	PJ Day

### THROWBACK THURSDAY

Follow us on Instagram @charlsbestscho

Every Thursday, sometime during the day a photo of a staff member, from their high school days, will be posted. The first student to identify the staff member to one of the Administration (Ms. Murphy, Mr. Jones, Ms. McKay, or Mr. Nelson) will win a weekly prize.

Winners to date:

Teacher	Winning Student
Mme. Manolis	Ben Sheedy
Ms. Graf	Elli White
Mr. Bruxelle	Venus Seyedi
Senorita Thomas	Megan Archbold & Annika Kovacs
Ms. Turpin	Tim Baker
Mr. Startin	Jayden Jackson & Deniz Tur
Mr. Eccles	Claire Tatham

**Congratulations** Claire #bluedevilpride #schoolspirit

### HAMPER ITEMS

Any staff with hamper items please bring to the youth workers office (Heather), by Tuesday before noon.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Students please make sure you renew your library books. Come and see us before the break to borrow books for the holidays.

### LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found. Any items not picked up will be donated to share this Wednesday.

### YOUTH WORKERS OFFICE

The Youth Worker's room will be closed on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** this week from Blocks 1 to 5.

### STUDENTS WHO SPONSORED A SENIOR

Reminder to all students who have sponsored a Senior Citizen, remember to purchase the presents and have them ready to go for today, **Monday, Dec 16**.

### WIN DINNER/DANCE TICKETS OR THE WHOLE JAR-DRAW THIS FRIDAY

**GRADE 12'S**, want to win your dinner dance ticket (**worth over \$100.00**)? Come and guess the number of M&M's in the jar in the front foyer display case 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! Hurry in to make your guess, winners will be drawn on **Fri Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**. There is a jar in the office to put your guess and money in.

### ATTENTION ALL CLUBS AND SPORT TEAMS!

We need photos of you in action in our yearbook. Please send any pictures you have to [mrogula@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:mrogula@sd43.bc.ca) with the name of the club or sports team. For clubs, please include a description of what the club is about, e.g. what is the purpose of the club and what activities you do? Deadline: **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, email the address above or see Mr. Rogula in room 216.

### 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.

### **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. This happens **every Thursday starting Jan 30<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30-4:30 at Ranch Park Elementary. The link to apply online is:

<https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/get-involved/volunteer/teen-mentor/>

## **GRADE 12**

### **GRADE 12 BUDDY PHOTOS**

Buddy Photos have now arrived in the office. The following students please come and pick up their photos. Ana Lopez, Adriana Neveu, Adriana Palmieri, Saba Saberi, Mia Sorensen x2, Annika Sutton, Megan Woerler, Zhina Yasiini and Isaac Yeung.

### **SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIP**

If you are interested in being nominated for the Schulich Leader Scholarship, please submit a brag sheet to Ms. Tsang or Mr. Chang by **Thursday, December 19** at 3pm.

### **WESTERN UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

If you would like to be considered for a nomination for the Western University National Scholarship program, please submit a brag sheet to Ms. Tsang or Mr. Chang by **Thursday, December 19** at 3pm. International students can also be considered.

### **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**

### **GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION ONLY - SKI AND SNOWBOARD**

Att: Grade 9 FRIM students only!

Mt Seymour Ski and Snowboard day **Jan 23/2020**, only 50 spots available, get yours on-line today.

### **SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB - DON'T MISS OUT**

**FOR THE FINAL TRIP, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> only 7 spaces are still available.**

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

## **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.