



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Tuesday January 07, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL

HOT CHOCOLATE SALE

Tomorrow, from Blocks 2-4, there will be a hot chocolate, brownies and cookies sale. Everything will be \$2 or less. All proceeds will be donated to Amazon Watch. We hope to see you there!

GRAD COUNCIL 2020

There will be an important Grad Council meeting on Thursday, January 16th after school in Room 101.

EVENING OF THE ARTS

On Tuesday, January 14th the Dr. Charles Best Secondary Fine and Performing Arts Department will be holding our annual fine arts night, titled "ARTS! *The Pillars of Our Community*". The evening will be a celebration of ALL the arts here at Charles Best. Including selections from the drama, music and visual arts departments, the show will be presented in our small gymnasium which we lovingly transform into an art gallery/theatre. This venue will be set so that students, their families and friends can enjoy presentations by drama, band, choir, ceramics, painting, drawing, animation, graphic arts and photography classes. It is sure to be a great evening. Whether your son or daughter is involved in these electives or not, be sure to save the date. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. and seating will be cabaret style.

CANADIAN COAST GUARD COLLEGE

Is setting up an information table on Monday, January 13th at 2:30 p.m. in the main foyer.

ROTARY ADVENTURES

Citizenship applications are opened for students between the ages of 16 and 18. Please see career centre website under opportunities for details and application. Please email completed applications to Ms. Tsang by Tuesday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m.

BOARDING UALBERTA

Is a chance for grade 11 students to see the University of Alberta.
Applications deadline: February 17, 2020. See website for details and application: uab.ca/boarding

SPRING AND SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Volunteer opportunity is available with Ocean Wise, Youth to Sea spring and summer leadership program. Please see website for details and application. Spring placement applications close on Thursday, January 30th.

<https://vanaqua.tiged.org/youth/assignments/folder/1403>

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 30th** 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 11 & 12

A final reminder to pick up your Vision Boards from the Humanities Office before Friday. Sadly, they will have to be recycled after that

GRADE 11 & 12 WINTER BALL JAN 20TH

Ticket sales open **Now until Wed Jan 15th** @ 9:00pm. Cost covers pizza, refreshments, DJ and photobooth. No refunds. Tickets are for Grade 11 & 12 students only, no outside guests permitted. Grade 10's can come as a guest. Guest forms must be filled out and are available in the office. Students must have photo ID.

GRADE 12

If you are interested in being nominated for the BC excellence scholarships- please submit bragsheet to Mr. Chang or Ms. Tsang by Wednesday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m.

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

FOR THE FINAL TRIP, APRIL 18TH only 5 spaces are still available.

One spot has now opened for the MARCH 8TH date!!

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.