



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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

Kiara Evans please come to the office for a pick up.

LIBRARY CLOSURE

It's finally here. The Best Poetry in Voice contest takes place tomorrow from 12:30-3:00.

The Library is closed tomorrow from 11:45 on.

IT'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Have you noticed the new ten-dollar bills have a new face on it? Well the woman on it is Viola Desmond, she was a successful businesswoman who was jailed, convicted and fined for refusing to leave a whites-only area of a movie theatre in 1946. Her court case was an inspiration for the pursuit of racial equality across Canada.

PROGRAM AND INFO SESSION AT BCIT TODAY

Big info is the largest program expo and info session at BCIT. Today, **Wednesday, Feb 19** at BCIT's Burnaby campus, 4 to 6:30pm. See website for details. <https://www.bcit.ca/about/visit/big-info/>

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS

Sale on Friday Feb 21 in the front foyer 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

\$1.00 per doughnut.

PROJECT PULSE

Interested in various health science fields? The 6th annual Project Pulse is happening on **February 22**. Please see career website under opportunities for details.

YEARBOOKS GOING FAST!!

Don't miss out, order your yearbook online today. **Less than 45 left!!**

AP EXAMS

Students wanting to write the AP Exam this May, need to register at the office. The exams are \$160 each. The last day to register will be **February 28th**. For further information, please see Mrs. John in the Counselling area.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE UP FOR RENEWAL

The deadline for International students to pay program fees for the 2020-2021 school year is **March 1, 2020**.

Students are not guaranteed their place in our school after this date. Please see Mrs. Joba for more information.

The International Education office at 1100 Winslow Avenue will be open this Friday, February 14, for those wishing to pay their program fees in person.

BUSINESS AND MEDIA

14 to 17 year old students interested in Business and media? BCIT is hosting a 2 week summer program in July and August.

See Career centre website under opportunities for details.

GRADE 11 & 12

DOUGLAS COLLEGE HERE TODAY

Douglas College is hosting a follow up info session today, **Wednesday, Feb 19** at 3:15pm in the library. Topics covered: admissions, financial aid, course registration, orientation, and more!

BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

SFU Beedie School of Business is hosting a drop in one on one advising session on **February 24** at 2:30pm in the Tech & Career Centre.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Fairleigh Dickinson University is setting up an info table in the main foyer on **Feb 25** at 2:30pm.

SPORTS

ALL GRADE 9, 10, AND 11 GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS

There is a short meeting today, **Wednesday, February 19** after school in portable 401 to discuss try-outs and our potential Hawaii trip. If you cannot make it please let Mr. Percevault know, you can find him in the math office during blocks 2 and 3. Please bring your uniforms as they are now due. Thank you.

ICE HOCKEY MEETING TODAY

Any grade 10 -12 students interested in playing ice hockey for Charles Best this year please come to a brief meeting today, **Wednesday, February 19** at 3:15 in room 205. If you can't make the meeting please see Mr. Last or Ms. Jenkins.

JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY TODAY

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at Hillcrest school. More players are needed, new players are welcome! Bring rugby balls, cleats, mouthguards.

GOLF TEAM MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 3:15 IN ROOM 204

Attention all golfers wanting to try out for the Charles Best Senior Golf team. There will be a meeting in room 204 at 3:15pm tomorrow, **Thursday February 20th**. Male and female golfers from all grades are welcome.

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

There is a meeting tomorrow, **Thursday, February 20** after school in room 309 for any students interested in trying out and playing for the Junior Girls soccer team. If you cannot make the meeting please email Mr. Celenza at acelenza@sd43.bc.ca to let him know you are interested. Tryouts will begin next week.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB MEMBERS MEETING TOMORROW

All students who signed up for a day at Whistler, **MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY MEETING** about safety.

The meeting is tomorrow, **Thursday February 20th** at 3:30 in the large gym.

At the end of the meeting, every club member will get a Free Hoodie and a T Shirt.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB - DON'T MISS OUT

FOR THE FINAL TRIP, APRIL 18TH only **3** 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.