



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

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

****BE KIND, BE CALM AND BE SAFE****

GENERAL



YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are selling FAST! Purchase yours now for **\$55 (online only)** on the Charles Best website:
Quick Links/Student Fees

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT

Chat with university representatives from across Canada! Student events start on September 28! See website for registration and info!
<https://cuebc.org/events/>

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE:

Izabella V., Belem V.O., **Duriel Moy**

THE FOLLOWING GRADE 12 STUDENTS HAVE A PARKING PASS READY TO BE PICKED UP:

Alex D-W., Ethem G.

FOODSAFE

Students who took FoodSafe last year in February can come see Ms. Nembhard in the Home Ec. Office to get your certificate.

BLANK TIMETABLE

Below is an example of a blank timetable you may find helpful to track your schedule and can be found on our school website under PROGRAMS & SERVICES, COUNSELLING.

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
0 7:00 - 8:00				
1 8:05 - 10:35	Q. 1(1)	Q. 2(4)	Q. 3(1)	Q. 4(4)
2 11:05- 1:35	Q.1(2)	Q. 2(5)	Q. 3(2)	Q. 4(5)
3 1:40 - 3:00	S1 (3)		S2 (3)	
X 3:05 - 4:20				

LIBRARY BOOKS

Still have a library book from last year? Look under your bed, in your closets, and on your shelves! If you find one, please bring it back to the library ASAP. And if you thought it was a great book, please let Ms. Silzer know. 😊

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOKS

Gr. 10, 11 & 12's, if you have any outstanding textbooks from last year, please return them to the office ASAP.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Please avoid the construction site at the back of the building and at the back of the top parking lot until further notice. Also, there will be no exit by Room 108 to the back of the building with the exception of emergencies.

STUDENT DRIVERS

If you are an 'N' driver and plan on driving a car to school this year, you must register your vehicle with the office. Please come by the office for a registration form.

STUDENT PICK UPS

Please do not loiter on school grounds once you have finished your class(es) for the day. The new location for ride pick-up is in the top parking lot near the fields. Do NOT wait in the drive through for your ride.
***NEW for 2020: Pick up area after school is now in the top parking lot near the fields.

GRADE 12'S

JOIN THE CHARLES BEST CAREER CENTRE TEAM

For information on scholarships, bursaries, post-secondary information sessions and learning opportunities, join the Charles Best Career Centre Team on Teams!

Team Code: gvrymg1

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 12'S

The updated outline for CLC 12 is now on TEAMS so please take a look. Remember, TEAMS is our main mode of communication with you, so make sure you are on your CLC Team regularly. Thanks!

LORAN SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS

Grade 12 students if you would like to be nominated for the Loran Scholarship, please submit 'brag sheet' on Teams once you join the Charles Best Career Team! It is under assignments-**Team Code: gvrymg1**. Brag sheets are due September 28 at 3pm. See Charles Best Career Centre Team and website for details:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ssxacn>

Charles Best can nominate up to 3 students

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Grade 12 students if you would like to be nominated for the National Book award, please submit 'brag sheet' on Teams once you join the Charles Best Career Team! It is under assignments-**Team Code: gvrymg1**. Brag sheets are due September 28 at 3pm. See Charles Best Career Centre Team and website for details:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ssxacn>

Charles Best can nominate 1 student

SPORTS

T.B.D.

CLUBS

FORCE OF NATURE CLUB

Do you care about the environment? Do you want to participate in or lead local environmental initiatives? Do you want to meet like-minded students? Join Force of Nature Environmental Club. We will be having our first meeting on Wednesday October 14, 2020 via TEAMS. If you were not a member last year please email Ms. Viswanathan at sviswanathan@sd43.bc.ca so you can be added to our team or join our team using code **4zrma33**

DIVERSITY CLUB

The Diversity Club is a new addition to Charles Best this year. We will be focusing on fostering an equitable and inclusive community here at Charles Best. Follow @bestdiversity on Instagram if you are interested. Contact Ms. Leslie for details

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******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 near the fenced off area in the upper parking lot. This is a designated area for our construction crew working on the school addition. 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.

******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.