



THE "BEST" INFORMER



**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022
TODAY IS DAY 1**

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED DRESS CEREMONY

There will be a red dress drum procession today at 1pm to honour the red dresses that are hanging outside the school and along Como Lake Avenue. Thank you in advance for respecting this ceremony.

OPENING NIGHT! - FRANKENSTEIN 1930

Opening night is tonight!

Don't miss out on watching Charles Best's first live production in over 2 years.

Tickets available at the door or via the school website homepage.

Tickets are only \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Other dates include May 6, 7, 12-14.

SPRING FOOD DRIVE MAY 10-12

From May 10-12, our leadership students will be collecting donations before and after school in the courtyard.

Non-perishable food items and cash donations will be accepted. All proceeds donated SHARE.

TOMORROW! - DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Come dressed in your school spirit wear, grad wear or wear school colours tomorrow!

PAC MEETING

All Charles Best parents are welcome to join our School PAC for their first in person meeting in over two years.

The meeting is on Monday, May 9, 2022 starting at 7:30pm in the school library. Hope to see you there!

GRAD 2023 FUNDRAISER

Online 50/50 raffle will be running from May 1st until May 20. Only 2,710 tickets available!

All proceeds go towards subsidizing the cost of graduation activities for the Class of 2023.

<https://trellis.org/dr-charles-best-grad-2023-5050-fundraiser>

RED DRESSES

Red dresses are now hung along Como Lake Avenue outside our school.

These dresses are to raise awareness about the ongoing crisis of murdered and missing Indigenous women in Canada. Please treat the dresses with reverence and respect and read the information attached to them to learn more about the project.

SUMMER LEARNING

Registration opens **Wednesday May 11, 2022 for full credit Secondary school level classes.**

For more information visit www.sd43summerlearning.ca

or call 604-936-4261.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

If you know someone who has made a positive impact on our school community that you think deserves recognition, find the form in the school Instagram bio to nominate their name.

LOST AIRPODS

A set of AirPods were lost at school between April 19-25.

If you have found them, please bring to the office so we can return them to Drew Cavanagh.

JEWELRY

Missing some jewelry? Forget it in a bathroom? Many pieces have been turned in to the office in the last while.

Please come to the office asap to claim. Must be able to fully describe what your piece(s) look like.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST AND FOUND

Good news! We're giving everyone a second chance to claim any missing water bottles, clothing and miscellaneous items. All items (with the exception of jewelry/electronics) are on display in the main hallway near the counselling offices. Any unclaimed items will be either recycled or taken to SHARE.

STUDENT PARKING

Reminder, once you have passed your 'N' test and will be parking a car on school property, you are required to display a Charles Best parking pass.

Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

SPORTS

JUNIOR/SENIOR BOYS RUGBY

The Junior and Senior teams head out to Burnaby Lake for double headers this afternoon.

Good luck to both teams!

BADMINTON

The Junior team kick off district playoffs today and tomorrow at Port Moody Secondary. Best of luck!

GRADE 12'S

DINNER/DANCE & AFTER GRAD TICKETS

Don't miss out on the first dinner/dance and after grad celebrations since 2019!

Tickets are on sale **NOW** and will be available through your School Cash online account.

REMINDER: outstanding school cash online fees must be paid in order to purchase a ticket.

DUE TOMORROW! - COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE

Grade 12's it's time to write your commencement message. These are the comments that will be read out as you cross the stage for Graduation. The link was emailed to all Grade 12's or find the link on our school website homepage. **Please have completed by Friday, May 6th.**

GRADS 2022 – HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS OR BURSARIES?

We want to celebrate your hard work and achievement by recognizing you in this year's commencement program. Please share the good news by [submitting this form](#).

GRADUATION TIMELINE

Click on the link below or find it on our website homepage to access the updated Graduation Timeline document.

There have been some changes as of April 19th so please take a look!

[Timeline for Grad 2022-Dates edited version.pdf](#)

CLUBS

We will not be starting any new clubs at this time. Clubs are encouraged to meet virtually but can meet in person if they are under the direct supervision of their sponsor teacher for the entire meeting.

Everyone is to wear their masks, space out appropriately and follow all covid protocols.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

CHAMP: HIGH SCHOOL ACTION & MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Youth4Action's CHAMP Program will equip high school youth (Grade 9-11) with knowledge, skills, inspiration, and support to influence sustainability in their school communities and beyond. Through skill-based learning, community building, and participation in regional Youth4Action leadership clinics and events, CHAMP participants from across Metro Vancouver will learn more about regional sustainability, exchange ideas, and receive support for collaborative action projects. Students will gain volunteer service hours and a certificate of participation. Successful applicants must commit to participate in all online and in-person sessions from May 2022 to November 2022, details on [website](#). **Apply by May 16, 2022.**

SD43 SUMMER LEARNING VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Coquitlam School District's Summer Learning program is looking for approximately 30 student volunteers to help out in local elementary or middle school classrooms. Earn necessary volunteer hours as well as a letter of reference. Total commitment: 45 hours, July 11-29 (A.M. sessions only!). [Apply online](#) by **May 20**.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

STEM SPEAKER SERIES - MEDICAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Saturday, May 28, 2022. 1-2 pm. Open to Grade 9-12 students. Free. [Register here.](#)

SUMMER OF IMPACT: FREE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMP

Interested in entrepreneurship, innovation or making a difference? An opportunity to win prizes for your next pitch? Weekly trivia games? Collaborating with fellow peers? Or exciting networking opportunities with impact entrepreneurs? **July 5th - 28th:** Weekly 2 hour webinar on Tuesdays at 2pm PST and 1 hour group mentorship hour on Thursdays at 2pm PST. You can also participate in an optional Innovation Challenge. [More info here](#)

BCIT M.R.I DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI) Diploma at BCIT is now available to High School students and the application deadline has been extended. This full-time, 24-month diploma program provides access to a state-of-the-art MRI simulator and labs, so students are ready to start their career the moment they graduate. Find out how to apply or watch the latest info session [here](#).

CAMP IGNITE

Camp Ignite is a four-day overnight camp (starting in the afternoon of Aug 4th) consisting of three full days of firefighting activities at assorted locations in the lower mainland. The camp is **open to girls in grades 11-12 (ages 15-18)** living in British Columbia. The camp offers an introduction to the exciting world of firefighting. All participants are sponsored by their local fire departments, but parents are responsible for transportation to/ from the camp. Complete [Camp Ignite Participant Application Form](#) and email to info@campignite.com by **June 1st, 2022.**

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

Please visit the Career Centre TEAMS, Career Centre Instagram page, or visit our school website for the most up to date events.

DISCOVER UVIC

Info Session for Grade 11s. **Wed, May 11, 5 pm.** [Register here.](#)

RYERSON UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS

Top 5 Reasons to join The Creative School. Monday, May 9, 4-5 pm PST. [Register here.](#)

Top 5 Reasons to join the Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science. **Monday, May 16,** 4-5 pm PST. [Register here.](#)

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

Visit virtually with counsellors, admission officers, and faculty of art and design school members to discuss your portfolio before applying to university or college. Last session for this school year: **Saturday, May 21.** [Register here.](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Career Centre TEAMS, Career Centre Instagram page, or visit our school website for the most up to date events.

AVIATION & AEROSPACE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are designed to assist post-secondary students in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) areas of study who are planning future careers in the fields of either Aviation or Aerospace. 50 x \$1,000 are available. [Apply by May 9th.](#)

COQUITLAM RETIRED TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION BURSARIES

3 x \$750 will be awarded to three graduating SD43 students who are relatives of either a current or deceased CRTA member and have demonstrated acceptable academic achievement for future entry into a teacher training program at an accredited institute of higher learning in BC, demonstrated leadership, citizenship, and compassion. Must have financial need. [Apply by May 12.](#)

MINDSHARE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY AWARD

5 x \$500 will be awarded to 5 graduating SD43 students who will be pursuing a post-secondary education in college or university and showed excellence and leadership in the area of arts, athletics, or technology. [Apply by May 12.](#)

STEPHEN FAORO ATHLETIC AWARD

1 x \$1,000 will be awarded to one graduating SD43 student who intends to enroll in post-secondary. Demonstrated love for sport and showed exemplary level of sportsmanship & competitiveness. Invested in their athletic performance, service, and leadership through their sport. Generated energy, participation, ambassadorship. Contributed to the development of school spirit, school pride. [Apply by May 12.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******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.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

******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 crosswalks 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.

******VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS******

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances.

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.

******WINTER WEATHER******

Winter weather is coming. Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.

