



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Tuesday, December 06, 2016

Today is **Day 1**

****Please note: All new items or any item with changes will be in **Red******

GENERAL

POETRY IN VOICE

Poetry in Voice competition will take place February 16. Plan ahead – memorize your poems early. Attend a short info meeting in the library tomorrow at 3:15 pm. You could win \$5,000.

TEAM PHOTO DAY

Thursday, December 8th is Team Photo Day.

FOUND

If you have lost a house key recently, please check with the office.

QUEBEC EXCHANGE

French Immersion Grade 9's and 10's, if you are interested in participating in spending 3 months in Quebec on an exchange, please contact Mme. Touré for more information.

PEER COUNSELLOR TRAINING

Last call for any students who would like to participate in peer counselling this year. Our next training will be this Friday, December 9th after school. Please see Mr. Chang for more details.

CANDY CANE GRAM AND SINGING GRAM

On December 7, 8 and 9 Me2We is selling candy cane grams for \$1 and singing grams for \$2 in the foyer.

SUGAR SHACK

If you have been patiently waiting for the "best" kept secret wait no longer. On Thursday, December 8 the SUGAR SHACK will return. Come to room 105 from blocks 2 – 4 for delicious carrot cake, peppermint brownies, shortbread, scones and candy apples. We hope to see you there.

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Centennial Business Club is holding a Christmas Market this Friday, December 9th at 570 Poirier Street and would like to invite our student body, along with our families to come and visit. The event is from 3:15 – 7:30 pm. Vendors will be there to sell their merchandise, food and crafts. All proceeds will be donated the BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

KINDLER'S BOOK DRIVE

From now until this Friday, December 9, Kindler's Society will be hosting a book drive. All books donated will be sent to provide less fortunate children with English resources. Please drop by the front foyer and leave any books you don't need in our book box.

12 DAYS OF GIVING FOOD DRIVE

This year we are doing a food drive again and our theme is twelve days of giving! Each day between Dec 1 and Dec 16th, we have a specific theme in order to give. You can drop off any donations between Blocks 1 and 3 in the front foyer.

Here are the following days and their theme:

- Dec 5 3 cans = free cookie
 - Dec 6 Bring some more!
 - Dec 7 Day Five, Take a Trip to the Beyhive
 - Dec 8 Day Six, Get your Fix (sour keys to whoever donates)
 - Dec 9 Day Seven, Get a pic in the Clouds
- Other days themes will follow, stay tuned!

SPIRIT WEAR AND GRAD WEAR

Delivery of both clothing orders will arrive at Best approximately **mid-December**.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SENIORS

In the spirit of giving, any students or staff interested in helping colour Christmas cards for senior citizens who otherwise would receive none, please come to Heather's (Youth Worker) room until **Monday, December 12th**.
Class sets are available

FANCY HOT CHOCOLATE SALE

We will be selling hot chocolate with multiple toppings including whip cream and candy canes next Wednesday, December 7 during blocks 3 and 5. Prices vary from \$1 to \$2. Don't miss out.

SENIOR SANTA GIFTS

If you signed up to be a Secret Santa for a Senior, please bring your wrapped gifts to the office **now until Dec 7th**.

Make sure that the tag you were given is with the gift.

AUDITIONS FOR THE SPRING MUSICAL

Auditions for the Spring Musical, Bye Bye Birdie are this week – Tuesday and Wednesday in the Music Room. If you would like to audition for this show make sure to sign-up for an audition spot. The link to the sign-up and all of the audition material is on Mr. Hughes' sharepoint site. If you have any questions please see Mr. Case or Mr. Hughes.

SPORTS

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! Please register before Christmas Break! See Mr. Major at the PE office in order to get your club t-shirt.

RUGBY

Any new players interested in playing rugby in the spring need to bring \$100 (cash or cheque) to Mr. Startin to get their kit order in. Mr. Startin will be placing this order on December 9th.

GRADE 11 & 12

GRAD WRITE-UPS

Reminder: please submit your grad write-ups for the yearbook from the website.

GRADE 12'S

LOOKING FOR A GRAD DRESS?

Are you starting to look for your Grad Dress? Check this site out, <https://twitter.com/Dressew>

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.

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.

STUDENTS THAT ARE LATE OR LEAVING EARLY

Please remember that when you are late (even for a minute) you **MUST** sign in at the office. This also applies to those students whose parents have phoned them in late. Also if you need to leave the school early for any reason,

YOU MUST sign out at the office with parents' permission – a note, phone call or email.

*****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.