



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday, December 08, 2016

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL



HONOUR ROLL LISTS

Honour Roll and Super "G" lists are posted in the hallway across from the Career Resource Centre. Students who think they may have been left off the lists are invited to come and see Mrs. Coulson or Mrs. Portelance in the office.

LIVES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE ESSAY CONTEST

Students in Grade 9-12 may enter by writing an essay, based on someone they think made the biggest impact on Canadian society in 2016. Two winners will be selected. (Value \$2,000 & 3,000) Deadline **Dec. 9, 2016**
visit: <http://www.livesthatmakeadifference>

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 **today Thurs Dec 8th**, at 3:15 pm. You could win \$5,000.

TEAM PHOTO DAY TODAY

Thursday, December 8th is Team Photo Day. Please check the schedule posted on the office window for your time.

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 8 and 9** Me2We is selling candy cane grams for \$1 and singing grams for \$2 in the foyer.

SUGAR SHACK TODAY

If you have been patiently waiting for the "best" kept secret wait no longer. Today, **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.

CHAPATI SALE

On **Friday, December 9th** come to the front foyer anytime throughout the day to buy a chapatti for \$2.00. Come help send students in Kenya to school and make sure to say hi to Denis and Allan.

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 until **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 8 Day Six, Get your Fix (sour keys to whoever donates)

Dec 9 Day Seven, Get a pic in the Clouds

Dec 12 Day Eight, "Lets Celebrate!" free mini cupcake

Dec 13 Day Nine Be kind-receive a compliment in a cup

Dec 14 Day Ten, Get a Candy Cane)

Dec 15 Day Eleven, Get a Christmas Card

Dec 16 Day Twelve, Fill the Shelves! Free for all!

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

SPORTS

XCOUNTRY TEAM

XCountry team photo is at 11:25 in the cafeteria. Please come on time.

JR BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Jr. Boys Basketball Team in their decisive league opening victory over Port Moody. A solid team effort contributed to the 37-point victory.

RUGBY

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

GRADE 12'S

QUEENS UNIVERSITY

Info Session with Charles Best Alumni

Learn about the Smith School of Business at Queen's University from one of our former graduates!

Date	Friday Dec 16
Time	11:05 (Block 4) Adjusted Timetable
Location	Library

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN A TECHNICAL ENGINEERING RELATED FIELD

The Society of Punjabi Engineers and Technologists of BC is offering scholarships for students in a technical engineering related field of study at a recognized university, college, or technical school in BC. Value: \$1000.

Follow the link for details and information.

- **ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP**
- **WOMAN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**
- **NEW IMMIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP**
- ***NEW* – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Deadline **January 6, 2017** Visit <http://speatbc.org/services/scholarship/>

GRAD WRITE-UPS

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

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xI2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkSwlbbp3bN0NAKHioquggdVdUN1cyMDFHUFJIVEIFRVo2RFhZMkNWTU5QQy4u>

GRADS

Grads participating in Gaspard's Grad Gown rental program for high schools can enter this online contest and compete to win either one of the 2 Grand Prize Scholarships of \$2,500 nationally, or one of the 2 BC Scholarships of \$1,000. Deadline Apr. 7/16 To enter visit www.keepcanadagreencontest.ca

LOOKING FOR A GRAD DRESS?

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.