



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**Wednesday, January 04, 2017**

Today is **Day 1**

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

## GENERAL

### SEMESTER BREAK SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, January 23</b>  <i>Regular Day</i> <i>(Periods 1 to 5)</i>	<b>Tuesday, January 24</b> <b>ENG 12 (9am)</b> <i>GT – Exit interviews</i> <i>( 10-11's NOT in building am)</i> <b>9's CE Presentation</b> <b>10:45-12:00</b> <i>Period 1 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i>	<b>Wednesday, January 25</b> <i>Period 2 (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i> <i>Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</i>  <b>FRAL 12 (1pm)</b> <i>Period 3 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i>	<b>Thursday, January 26</b> <i>Period 4 (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i> <i>Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</i>  <i>Period 5 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i>	<b>Friday, January 27</b> <i>(Best students not in attendance all day - Tutorials available)</i> <b>Grade 8</b> <b>Walkabout pm</b>
<b>Monday, January 30</b> <i>School Pro-D Day</i>	<b>Tuesday, January 31</b> <b>Semester 2 begins</b> <i>Regular Day</i>	<b>Wednesday, February 1</b>  <i>Regular Day</i>	<b>Thursday, February 2</b> <b>Report Cards</b> <i>Regular Day</i>	<b>Friday, February 3</b>  <i>Regular Day</i>

### BYE-BYE BIRDIE REHEARSALS

First read through of Act 1 is today after school. Please be there no later than 3:20 PM.

### YEARBOOK DEADLINE

Last chance to order!! If you want a yearbook you need to order it by **January 13<sup>th</sup>**!!  
Final Sale!!

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A huge Thank You to all who contributed to the Christmas Hampers.

### POETRY IN VOICE

*3 important points for all competitors*

1. All students who have signed up for Poetry in Voice-please meet in the library briefly tomorrow (Wed) at 3:20
2. If you haven't signed up, you can still participate. Attend the meeting tomorrow for details.
3. Remember that the school wide competition is Thursday, February 16. Plan ahead!

### IN THE OFFICE

If you have misplaced a pair of prescription glasses, please come to the office to identify

### PICK UP REPORT CARDS

If you haven't picked up your Report Card please come to the office ASAP to get it.

### OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOK AND LIBRARY BOOKS

If you have any outstanding Textbooks or Library books please return them ASAP. If you can't find them, come to the office and pay the outstanding fee to clear your account.

If you are in Grade 12 you need to have a clear account to get your Grad tickets, don't leave it to the last minute.

### TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Open to students of all abilities. Value \$28,000

Are you a student who has faced the odds but remains a true humanitarian with good academic standing?

To be considered for the Award, applicants must meet be:

- In good academic standing.
- Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.
- Students graduating from secondary (high) school or students completing their first year of CÉGEP or students who have completed secondary (high) school
- Involved in voluntary humanitarian activities (for which they have not been compensated).
- Planning to or are already studying towards their first university degree or diploma at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

<http://apply.terryfoxawards.ca/> Value \$28,000 **Deadline Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** each year at midnight

## GRADE 12'S

### **BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

One nomination per school. See your counsellor if you wish to be considered. You must be well-rounded and have had a "B" Average in Grades 11 & 12, and meet additional eligibility requirements along with written statement and resumé. Review at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>

### **GRAD WRITE-UPS**

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

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkSwlbbp3bN0NAkHioquagdVdUN1cyMDFHUFJIVElFRVo2RFhZMkNWTU5QQy4u>

### **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/>

## 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.

### **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.