



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

PINK SHIRT DAY TODAY WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22 SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

It is anti-bullying day today, Wednesday, February 22.
Let's put a stop to all kinds of bullying,- rumors, teasing, lies, name calling, threats cyber bullying etc.
Please show your support and wear PINK!!!!

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

Would the following students please come to the office to see Mrs. Portelance
Kianna McIntyre, Marcus Barber, Tim Baker, Filip Crnogorac, Sophia Evans, Jack Cai, Bryson Georgas
and Arya Golshani.

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA:

Would you like to spend a week next school year in Ottawa (including transportation, lodging, meals and more) for only **\$675**? If you answer is "Yes" and you have permission from your parents, please see Mr. Chang (counselor) a.s.a.p. Spaces are limited so acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 14 different theme weeks available.

PEER COUNSELLORS:

There will be a meeting, Thursday after school in Room 202.

PERU TRIP 2018

There are a few spots left on the Spring Break 2018 Peru trip, there will be an informational meeting about the trip on **Thursday** during blocks 1-5 in the Spanish classes. If you are interested in the trip but are not in Spanish this semester then please come see Ms. V (Room 102) before Thursday so we can arrange a time for you to hear the presentation.

GRADWEAR AND SPIRITWEAR-LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR

Time is running out, if you want to order Gradwear or Spiritwear. Final day to purchase for this school year is **Feb 28**, go to our website under Quick Links, don't miss out, last chance!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer at Camp Goodtimes and make a significant difference in the lives of 400 children affected by cancer. In addition to volunteering, you will also receive training in pediatric oncology and child life development. To register go to campgoodtimes.orgemail or for more info go to gotcamp@bc.cancer.ca

INFO SESSIONS

VCC – Try a Trade – March 1st, 2017. A unique opportunity for over 500 students in grades 9 to 12 to gain hands-on experience with the tools and equipment used in many VCC programs.
U of A INFO NIGHT – Vancouver – Feb 23rd 6pm -9 pm. to RSVP
visit - <http://www.admissions.ualberta.ca/recruitment-events/vancouver-info-night.aspx>

DID YOU MISS WORLD CLUB'S FIRST EVENT?

If so, don't worry. This new club's second event is from 3:20-4:20 this **Thursday Feb 23** in the International classroom (beside 207).

Come and explore the Panagbenga Festival, which is celebrated during February in the Philippines.

YEARBOOKS - THERE IS A LIMITED QUANTITY LEFT

If you want to purchase a yearbook, make sure to get yours ordered ASAP! There is a limited quantity left so don't miss out. If you are not sure if you already bought one, see the list that is posted on the Cafeteria windows.

VARIOUS POST SECONDARY INFO SESSIONS

EXPLORE CAPILANO INFO NIGHT We invite any Grade 10, 11, and 12 High School students, along with your family and friends, to attend Explore Capilano Info Night - a fun, interactive Open House event - on **Thursday, March 2, 2017** from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at our North Vancouver campus. Visit explorecapilano.ca.

BOSA FILM AND ANIMATION OPEN HOUSE CapU - Learn about filmmaking, animation, costuming, visual effects, and summer programs - **Saturday Feb. 25th** 11 am - 3 pm www.capilanou.ca/film

AP EXAMS

Students who want to write the AP exam please pay \$140.00 per exam by cheque in the office by March 5th.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER IS HERE AT BEST!

Buy gift cards for birthday presents, Mother's/Father's Day, coaches gifts, Grad gifts or where you like to shop and the school will receive the profits! Help us buy another picnic table, bulletin boards and silk flowers for Graduation and Awards night and other projects around the school. All you have to do is go to the school website under Quick Links and look for the Gift Card Tab.

SPORTS

ICE HOCKEY

Any Grade 10-12 students interested in playing non-contact ice hockey this year for BEST, there is a mandatory meeting **Thursday Feb 23th** at 3:15 Room 206. If you cannot attend, please see Mr. Last or Mr. Lederer.

BADMINTON

The senior badminton team will practice today, Wednesday and Thursday right after school and the Junior badminton team will practice Thursday after school.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The first Junior and Senior Girls Soccer tryouts will be held this **Thurs Feb 23** at 3:15 on our school field. Any Grade 9-12 student interested in trying out for either the Junior or Senior Girls teams must first sign up today or tomorrow on the appropriate sheets posted outside the PE office. This can be done after school or on your free block. Attendance at tryouts is very important. See Mr. Napoletano if you have any concerns.

ATTENTION GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Our Wrap-Up party will be today, **Wednesday, Feb 22** from 3:30-4:45 in the small gym. If you have any questions, see Ms. Lundgren or Ms. Fewer in the Math Wing.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

This is a friendly reminder about our next trip to Whistler on **March 5**. There are 10 spaces available. Please see Mr. Major for registration.

GRADE 12'S

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Application deadline Feb. 28th

AFTER GRAD TICKETS

Please pay all fees ASAP, return library books and textbooks After Grad tickets are going on sale soon!

GRAD COUNCIL 2017

There will be an important meeting **Thurs Feb 23** after school in room 101. All members please ensure you attend as our deadlines are nearing and there are many important things to discuss. See you there!

RBC STUDENTS LEADING CHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Criteria: This scholarship recognizes students committed to making a difference by being a leader of positive change in their community. Applicant must be a Cdn. citizen or permanent resident, intending on pursuing a full-time diploma or degree program at a publicly funded Cdn. post-secondary institution. Must have a **min. 75% academic avg.** in the last year of completed study. **Deadline to apply:** Feb. 28, 2017 at 3pm

ORDERING TRANSCRIPTS

If you require a transcript, please allow 2-3 days for processing. Fill out a pink transcript request form in the office at Ms. Meston's desk.

GRAD WRITE-UPS

Please go to <http://www.bigsasquatch.com> to complete your grad write ups.

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.

******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 a social gathering place.

LITTER IN THE HALLWAYS

Students are reminded to clean up after themselves. It is a continual challenge to keep our school clean for all of us given that lunch hours take place all day long. Please pick up after yourself and your friends. Remember, we have garbage, bottle recycle, paper recycle and organics bins in regular locations throughout the building. Let's all PITCH IN together!