



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday, March 06, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

LOST AND FOUND

Please come and check the Lost & Found table by Thursday March 9th.
All unclaimed lost and found will be taken to Share Friday March 10.

"COOKIES WITH COULSON"

The inaugural meeting of the Dr. Charles Best Student Forum will be taking place **Wednesday, March 8, 2017** at 3:20 in the cafeteria. All students wanting to discuss any concerns or suggestions regarding their learning experiences at Best are encouraged to come. Meeting will occur on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Cookies will be served.

PLEASE GO TO THE LIBRARY

Could Jane Newberry, Koya Muenala, Mia Sorensen, Aric Lee and Tiffany Jan come to the library to get your USB drives?

HONOR ROLL

A draft copy of the Honor Roll has been posted in the main hallway (across from the Career Resource Centre). Please check the lists and if you think that your name has been missed, come to the office and see Mrs. Portelance.

CENTRE FOR DIGITAL MEDIA – SUMMER CAMP INFO SESSION

April 27th 6 – 8 pm. Open to grade 9 – 12 students interested in exploring the opportunities in games and the digital media industry. Camp limited to 18 students and will fill quickly. See Career Centre page for details.

ROTARY YOUTH IN ACTION SUMMIT

The Rotary Youth in Action Summit is a 3 day opportunity to: hear from professional speakers; have fun with group activities; form lasting friendships and develop and grow as a person and as a leader... all at **no cost to you.** **March 17th - 19th, 2017** at Loon Lake Lodge & Retreat Centre, 14500 Silver Valley Road, Maple Ridge, BC Transportation provided. Designed exclusively for the Youth of the Tri-Cities. <http://rotaryyouthinaction.ca/index.php/ryia-registration-a-application>

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 your 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.

"A STARRY NIGHT" SPRING DANCE – THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Hey Charles Best! We are having our annual Spring Dance on **Thursday, March 30th** from 7 – 9 pm! We are very excited to announce this year's theme "A Starry Night". Tickets will be on sale starting today, and will continue into next week, in the front foyer in blocks 3, 4, and 5. Tickets will cost \$6 per person or \$25 in groups of five! All grades are welcome! Please bring your GoCard when purchasing tickets. Hope to see you all there!

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.

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

The tryout is today, Monday March 6th from 5:15 - 6:15 pm at Burnaby 8 Rinks.

MOUNTAIN BIKING CLUB

Anyone interested in participating in the School District Mountain Biking program, please come to an information meeting right after school on **Tuesday, March 7th** in Room 205.

GRADE 12'S

NOMINATION FORMS FOR VALEDICTORIAN OF THE 2017

The nomination forms for valedictorian of the 2017 grad class **will be available April 4th** and will be due April 19th. The valedictorian gives the final address to his or her peers at the commencement Ceremony on June 10. Forms can be picked up at the office. For additional information, please see Mrs. Buteau, Ms. John or Ms. Thomas

GRADE 12 COMMENCEMENT SONGS

Attention all 2017 Grads, each year you are responsible for choosing "commencement songs". Should you wish to nominate songs for your commencement ceremony, please come to room 101 and write down your ideas. There will be a list outside of room 101. We suggest that these songs should be "timeless", rather than something that is popular right now. The songs will be chosen by the grad council once ideas are provided.

GRAD DINNER DANCE PLAYLIST

Attention all 2017 Grads, are there songs you would like to hear at Grad dinner/dance in June? If so, please come by room 101 and outside the door you will find a song request sheet. If you don't request songs, you may end up with TOP 40 only. Request songs you know will get you and your fellow classmates out on the dance floor!

UP TO DATE SCHOLARSHIP LISTINGS CAN BE FOUND AT

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx>

TREVOR LINDEN COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS

Student (75%+) with strong community service and leadership qualities, financial need and planning to attend post-secondary. Additional criteria and application form at <http://canucks.ice.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=88558> details on the career website. (Apply via mail only by **MARCH 15th 2017**.)

UNION OF NATIONAL EMPLOYEES HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

New \$ 1,000 Regional Scholarship. Student entering post-secondary/financial need/ Essay component Link here http://en.une-sen.org/what_we_do/hea.php or visit the Career Centre.

GRACE FAMILY NETWORK FOUNDATION

3 x \$500 awards available. Students exemplify high financial need and outstanding academic and leadership achievements. Essay component and additional criteria required. <http://www.gfnf.org>

AFTER GRAD TICKETS

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

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 STUDENTSNO 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!