



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday, March 30, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

Humira Rahimi, Fallon Morris and Allen Ovcina Martinez.

GRAD AND SPIRIT WEAR PICK UP TODAY

The Grad and Spirit Wear will be ready for pick up today, March 30th, all day, in the Conference Room.

You are not to miss class to do this, only pick up on your free block.

VISUALS FOR OUR SKILL DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS

You might notice our Skill Development students posting picture visuals around the school this week. These are meant to assist students throughout the day who need support transitioning through the school. Please do not remove these pictures, and if you see one that has fallen down, please give to the classroom teacher to put back up.

YOUTH AT THE BOOTH – ELECTIONS BC

Students (15 – 19 yrs) in good standing with good attendance and who meet all the criteria, can apply, and if selected, earn \$215 per day working for Elections BC!

Applications, job descriptions and criteria are available in the career centre and counselling area. An excellent opportunity! Don't delay! Apply Today! Submit applications to Mr. Chang or Ms. HW.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: STUDY PERMIT RENEWAL SESSION

Mr. Mati Ma will be at Best in the EAL classroom **this Friday from 3:15-4:15** to help students prepare to renew their study permits. Please bring your passports.

STARRY NIGHT SPRING DANCE

Our Student Council would like to remind you that the Starry Night Spring Dance is tonight, Thurs March 30th from 7-9 PM. Doors open at 6:45PM.

Please make note of the following important information:

- There are **NO** in and out privileges. Once a student decides to leave the dance, they will not be permitted to reenter.
- All students will undergo a strict screening process when arriving. Backpacks, large purses or heavy jackets/coats **ARE NOT** permitted.
- All students must bring their **SCHOOL go-card** for check-in. This is the only way to confirm your identity. A reminder that **NO OUTSIDE GUESTS** are allowed and no tickets will be sold at the door.
- All school rules are in effect and will be strictly enforced. Avoid making decisions that will land you in the penalty box. To all grade 12's, your grad/dinner dance is on the line.
- Last but not least, be safe and have a wonderful night!

"COOKIES WITH COULSON"

The next student forum will take place on **Wednesday, April 12th** at 3:20 in the cafeteria. If you have anything you would like to ask or discuss with Mrs. Coulson about the school programs, facilities, events, etc. please feel free to drop by for a cookie and some conversation. As always, if you have any pressing concerns or questions you can drop by the office anytime to meet with Mrs. Coulson.

YEARBOOKS – ONLY 30 LEFT

If you want to purchase a yearbook, make sure to get yours ordered ASAP! There are **ONLY 30** left so don't miss out!!! Yearbooks are available to order until **Friday March 31st**.

FARMERS MARKET - VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Need volunteer hours? Learn about volunteer opportunities with the Coquitlam Farmers Market on **Wednesday, April 12th** at 7 pm at the Coquitlam Public Library, Poirier Branch. RSVP at events@makebakegrow.com

SFU – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Students must be 14+, commit to two weeks. See info and application on the Career Centre Page <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/EmploymentVolunteering.aspx>

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.

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

ATTENTION CHARLES BEST HOCKEY TEAM.

Our game is Monday April 3rd vs Windsor in North Vancouver.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

This is a friendly reminder about our last trip of the season at Whistler on **Sunday April 2nd**. There are a few places still available. Please Mr. Major for registration.

GRADE 12'S

COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS EDUCATION AWARDS

\$2,500 District Rotational Scholarships available to 4 SD43 SCHOOLS - *Charles Best Grads (2017)* Review details and requirements here:

<https://www.coastcapitalsavings.com/SharedContent/documents/Community/2017ApplicationForm.pdf>

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO MR. CHANG BY MARCH 31st for submission to the District for consideration.

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!

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY MARCH 31!

Completed applications must be handed in to MR. CHANG this FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST by 3:30 pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

BC TECH SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the BC Tech Scholarship are now open! Deadline to apply: 11:59PM PT on May 10, 2017. APPLY ONLINE. <http://www.wearebctech.com/talent/educational-institutions/bc-tech-scholarship> *Eligible disciplines include Engineering, Computer Science, Entrepreneurship, Biotech, Cleantech, IT & Applied Technology, Business & Technology Management, Product Management, Digital Media, and other technical programs.* Additional requirements include 3.2 GPA, permanent resident, landed immigrant or citizen of Canada, references, resume and essay.

COQUITLAM OPTIMIST CLUB – ROBERT SIMMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Students intending to apply for this 'External Scholarship' (listed in the Local Scholarship Package) can now pick up an application form from the Career Centre in person or online: Financial Aid/Scholarships. Criteria are: financial need and service to others in the community, church or school or other organization. **Deadline:** submit applications to the Career Centre by noon, **April 24/2017.**

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION LADIES' AUXILIARY BURSARY APPLICATION

Students interested in applying for this \$500 'External Scholarship' (listed in the Local Scholarship Package) can now pick up an application form. Criteria: financial need, good academic achievement, must be resident in Port Moody or Coquitlam to apply. **Due Date: April 28/2017.**

AL GRIST BC HYDRO ENVIRONMENT AWARD

A \$500 scholarship is offered to a School District 43 grad entering a post-secondary environmental stewardship program in the fall of 2017; studies may include forestry, agriculture, fisheries, environmental management, or similar studies. Application details are online at www.pcdhfc.com/notice.htm

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.

******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.

*****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.

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!

PROVINCIAL EXAMS ON THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2017

The following students will be writing provincial exams on Thursday April 6, 2017 from 9-12:00pm in Room 309. Please be at the computer lab by 8:45am ready to start by 9:00am sharp.

Chris	Hintay	AWM 10
Katherine	Zhang	English 12
Xinyu (Doreen)	He	English12
Yi Yi	Du	English 12
Daniel	Deng	English 12
Athena (Yuhong)	An	English 12
Shawna	ZAND	English 12
Zhaoyue (Lillian)	WANG	English 12
Flavia	PORIME	English 12
Weiran (Sydney)	MA	English 12