



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**Friday, June 16, 2017**

Today is **Day 1**

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

<b>GENERAL</b>
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**ALTERED BELL SCHEDULES**

**Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>-Locker clean out**

Block 1	8:20-9:30
Block 2	9:35-10:45
Block 3	10:50-12:00
Advisory	12:05-12:35
Block 4	12:40-1:50
Block 5	1:55-3:10

**Tuesday June 20-Timetable distribution-SEE ATTACHED LETTER**

Block 1	8:20-9:40
Block 2	9:44-11:03
Block 3	11:07-12:20
Advisory	12:24-12:32
Block 4	12:36-1:49
Block 5	1:53-3:12

**Wednesday June 21-Year Book distribution**

Block 1	8:20-9:25
Block 2	9:30-10:35
Block 3	10:40-11:45
Block 4	11:50-12:55
Block 5	1:00-2:00
2:00	Yearbook Distribution

**Thursday June 22-Last day of classes**

Regular Bell Schedule

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TIMETABLE DISTRIBUTION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>:**

Student timetables will be distributed to all grade 9, 10, 11 students during advisory on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Counselors have worked diligently at providing requested courses, and at the same time meeting the new restrictions on class composition that have been mandated by the Ministry of Education. Please find attached a letter from the District Superintendent that explains new restrictions for course change request at Secondary.

It is important for students to note that course changes will not be made unless they meet strict conditions and are necessary.

**SEE ATTACHED LETTER.**

**OUTSTANDING FEES, TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS**

Please make sure your account is clear of all charges ie textbooks that haven't been returned or paid for, library books that haven't been returned or paid for, any fees that haven't been paid etc.

If you owe **anything** you will **not** get your yearbook.

**PLEASE GET THIS DONE ASAP!**

At this late date, you must either purchase it on line or bring in exact cash only.

**CAKE POP SALE**

Cake pop sale June 20<sup>th</sup> in the front foyer during blocks 1-4. There will be cake pops, brownies, and cookies and all money raised goes towards cancer research.

**COAST SALISH STORIES**

This Saturday, celebrate the third biannual All Nations Festival at the Coquitlam Public Library. This event will be showcasing the amazing contributions and resilience of indigenous writers and artists. Everyone is welcome and registration is not required for this free event.

**ALL LIBRARY BOOKS NOW OVERDUE**

All library books are now overdue. Please return them as soon as possible.

### AWARDS NIGHT JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

Our Awards Night is on **June 21<sup>st</sup>**. They is a great night to celebrate the accomplishments of Best students. Invitations were sent out by email so please check with your parents if you got an invitation. There is a list of Awards invitees in the main hallway too so you can check to see if you should have gotten an invite. If you have been on the honor roll and or Super G all year and your name is not on the list please talk to Mrs. John in the counselling office

### "YEARBOOKS GOING FAST" – LESS THAN 7 LEFT-DON'T MISS OUT!

If you want to purchase a yearbook, make sure to get yours ordered ASAP!  
At this late date, you must either purchase it on line or bring in exact cash only.

There are LESS THAN **7** left so don't miss out!!!

### STUDENTS: PLEASE DONATE YOUR USED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

During the next couple of weeks, students will be cleaning out their lockers to end the school year. If you have ANY school supplies: paper; binders; pencils; pens; erasers; dividers; scissors; glue; felts; pencil crayons, etc. that you don't want.

**PLEASE PLEASE** PUT IN THE BOX IN YOUTH WORKER ROOM, to be used for needy students in September.

### STUDENT DROP OFFS

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are not permitted to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

## **GRADE 12'S**

### ENGLISH 12 PROVINCIAL EXAM

Students who are not currently taking English 12 but have registered to retake the exam with your counsellor....please note the following...

You will be writing your ENG 12 Provincial electronically in Room 214  
Please be there by 8:50am on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> with student ID.

Rojeen Abedini

Nancy Emma

Lucas Evoy

Kate Greenwood

Jane Konradova

Riley Stanley

### PIEDMONT SHEET METAL

If you are a graduating student interested in information about an apprenticeship in sheet metal (Burnaby area) contact Tyler Knowles at [tyler@piedmontsheetmetal.ca](mailto:tyler@piedmontsheetmetal.ca) or [778-227-7396](tel:778-227-7396).

### LUKE SANTI AWARDS FOR PHYSICS

Are you an excellent physics student with community service? \$1500 award available at <http://www.lukesantiaward.ca> or visit the career centre page.

### 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.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### \*\*\*\*\*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.

### 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.

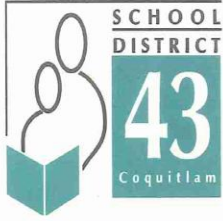
### LITTER IN THE HALLWAYS

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!

### \*\*\*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.



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Learning for a Lifetime

June 9, 2017

Dear parents and guardians of SD43 secondary students,

I am writing to inform you that as a result of the new class size and composition requirements an adjustment will be made to some of the processes of how secondary student schedule change requests will be made and how courses will be adjusted for September.

It is important to understand that both mandatory course requirements and student choice drive how secondary schools organize their courses. This is why schools work with their students and their parents/guardians so diligently in the spring to ensure the correct courses are selected for the following year. It is a complicated endeavor, but we are committed to helping students fulfill their academic goals and career aspirations.

Managing the multitude of requests, when students change their initial course selections, can be quite an undertaking. We understand that this is a natural occurrence in the changing lives of adolescents, but limiting these changes is necessary in order to organize the school for September startup.

To provide better service to students and to allow for a smoother start to the school year in September we are moving the timeline for course verification and changes to June. We are requesting your assistance in helping your children adhere to the revised processes.

#### Course Change Process Overview

- Course change priorities will only be given to students who require a full course load to meet academic requirements or who require a course for graduation and/or entry into a post-secondary program.
- It will be very important to inform the school counsellor about credit courses to be taken in summer school, to allow for appropriate planning for the following year.
- Students will receive their 2017/2018 timetable soon and are required to review it carefully
- Students seeking a course change must submit a course change request in the manner and timeline the school has determined. A more detailed description of this process will be forthcoming from each school.
- The counselling and administrative team at each school will consider each request while attempting to maintain the appropriate class size and composition numbers. Once course changes are completed and the deadline has passed, no further changes will be permitted.
- Once counsellors have completed course changes, they will email an updated schedule to the student or family.
- Few course changes will be permitted in September as only registrants, new to the district, will be accommodated at this time.
- Changes may be made for extenuating circumstances only. However, no course changes will be made for the following reasons:
  - Students wishing a class in a different block
  - Students wanting to change to a different elective
  - Students wishing for a different teacher
  - Students needing a class with a friend

We appreciate your assistance in helping your child adhere to the process your school will outline, in order to ensure fairness, equity and a positive school start-up in September for all students.

If you have any questions please contact your son or daughter's school for more information.

Sincerely

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent

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