



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

PHOTO DAY RESCHEDULED

As there was a problem with the photography equipment, the photo day has been rescheduled to **Thurs Sept 21st**.

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION PICNIC LUNCH

Grade 's9 French Immersion, you are invited this **Friday, September 15** for a picnic lunch behind the school during block 3.
We are hoping to see you all!

WORLD CLUB

Students interested in being a buddy to a new Canadian or international student, please meet in Mrs. Joba's room at 3:20 today **Wednesday (Sept. 13th)**.
This new club will also coordinate monthly activities focusing on different cultures found in our diverse school population. Since it's student led, we need your help! Everyone is welcome!

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Anyone who is interested in helping out at Meet the Teacher Night this **Thursday (Sept 14)**, 6:30pm - 8:30 pm, please see Ms. Wiskar in the LRC (Rm 214) to put down your name. Tasks include set up/take down and helping parents find classrooms

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Coquitlam Farmers Market - email events@makebakegrow.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Jobs and/or work experience opportunities available at Joeys Coquitlam, Sears, and Royal City Cheer. See the Career Resource Website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/default.aspx>

MENTORSHIP FOR GIRLS IN GRADE 11 & 12

The YWCA is holding an info session on Oct 14th in Vancouver visit <https://ywcavan.org/programs/mentorship/high-school-mentorship>

STUDENT PASSWORDS

Any new students to the school, who have not received their passwords please see Ms. Silzer or Mrs. Holmgren in the Library.

GRADE 9 LUNCH

Just a reminder that all Grade 9's have lunch during block 3, which is 11:07 – 12:26, you must remain on campus during this time.

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The cross country team's second practice will be **today at 3:30**. Be in the main office foyer ready to run. All students are welcome!

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

Any grade 9 or 10 boy interested in trying out for the Junior Soccer Team will need to meet on our turf field **today and Fri at 3:20**, ready to participate in full gear. If you cannot make it please see Mr. Napoletano.

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER

Tryouts **Thursday** this week at 3:30 on the field.

GR. 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SIGN-UP

Sign up for the Grade 9 Girls Volleyball team in the gym today, **Wednesday** after school. See Ms. Howell prior to Wednesday if you will not be available for the sign-up.
Our first try-out will take place on Thursday morning at 6:45 in the main gym.

FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Please come to assessments on our field **today and Thursday** after school this week.

GRADE 12'S

*****SENIOR SAIL 2017-FINAL DAY TO BUY TICKETS IS MON SEPT 18TH*****

Senior Sail 2017 will take place on Thursday, September 21. Tickets are **on sale, online only**, on the school website under Quick Links, Student Fees. Deadline to purchase tickets is **Monday, September 18**. Over half of the tickets have been purchased, don't miss out, buy yours today!!

LORAN AWARD

Students (85%+) interested in being considered one of the 3 school sponsored applicants MUST fill out a brag sheet and submit to Mr. Chang by October 4th. Selected students will then submit the application by October 18th. Direct Pool applications are due Oct 25th. <http://www.loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar/>

GRAD COUNCIL 2018

Any grade 12's wanting to join Grad council, please attend a meeting in room 101 on **Wednesday September 20th**. First order of business is grad clothing. Bring your ideas and your friends! If you are unable to attend please see Ms.Thomas or Mr.House for more info.

STUDY AND GO ABROAD FAIR

Saturday Sept 24th at the Vancouver Convention Centre. A FREE event with information and sessions about Education, Volunteering and Travel Abroad.

<http://www.studyandgoabroad.com/vancouver/>

DOUGLAS COLLEGE NURSING APPLICANTS

A reminder to apply on October 2nd as close to 8:30 am as possible. ******This is a very competitive program!******

SAVE THE DATE! SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #1

In the library after school. This informative meeting should be attended to all grade 12's.

BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MINI MED SEMINAR

Any grade 12 science students who are interested in attending the BC Children's Hospital Mini Med Seminar sessions on Surgery, please see Ms. Cowie or email her (tcowie@sd43.bc.ca) by Wednesday September 20th. There are only 2 spaces available and students need to be able to get to BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver for 6 Wednesday evenings (Oct 18-Nov 22) from 7-9pm.

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. Gibson'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.

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.

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.