



THE "BEST" INFORMER

Thursday, November 02, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

POETRY READING FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

For all the students who are taking part in the poetry reading for the Remembrance Day assembly next Thursday, there is a rehearsal today, **Thurs Nov 2nd** at 3:10 in portable 401. See you there!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: STUDY PERMIT RENEWAL WORKSHOP

Mrs. Xie, from International Education, will be in the EAL/International classroom this **Friday, Nov. 3rd**, from 3:15 – 4:15 to explain the renewal process necessary for reapplication. All internationals are encouraged to attend. Please bring your passport with your current study permit.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SESSION: THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (UBC)

Grade 11 and 12 international students are encouraged to join a UBC presenter visiting Best in the library after school on **Monday, November 6th**.

SPIRITWEAR SALE TODAY FINAL DAY TO ORDER

Order on-line on our website until **Nov 2nd**! Do not miss out! Sample sizes available to try on in the office. There are no refunds for wrong sizes.

HOODY COLLECTION FOR COVENANT HOUSE

We are hoping to collect some **new or gently used, adult sized hoodies** to be distributed through Covenant House to homeless and at risk youth. For two weeks until **Nov 4th** there will be a box in the lobby of the school. Thank you in advance to anyone who decides to donate. If you have any questions, you can contact Sandyt@telus.net

COLLECTING FOR SPCA AND KATIE'S PLACE

Collecting items for SPCA and Katie's Place from **Nov 14-23**. Items that they would appreciate are:
Blankets, sheets, towels, bowls, leashes and collars. Dog and cat food, beds and toys.
Drop off in Heather's (Youth Worker) room.

FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS

Young Leaders wanted! Experience a week in Ottawa that will change your life. Would you like to contribute to the future of your community and your country? Are you interested in decision-making and **politics**? Do you want to create relationships with people from different places? Forum is for you! Be a part of an incredible week **behind the scenes of the world of federal politics on Parliament Hill**. Three (one-week) sessions to choose from. Youth 15-19 years - Cost \$895 - Bursaries available. Deadline to apply November 24th. <http://www.forum.ca> for criteria and application details.

HUMANITARIANS IN TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Red Cross/SFU/UBC Student Movement "Humanitarians in Training" Conference
Student leaders interested in humanitarian issues are invited to attend on Sat, Nov.18th cost \$15.00 at the door. Spots fill quickly!

The registration link is: <https://goo.gl/forms/t6vTtnNFNx7vRmq1>

The website can be found at: <http://www.humanitariansintraining.com/>

UBC PHARMACY/Health Sciences -DISCOVERY DAY (GRADES 10-12)

We invite you to spread the word about **Discover Pharmacy Day** on **Saturday, November 18, 2017** at the Pharmaceutical Sciences Building, UBC!

An event that gives high school students a sneak-peak into the world of pharmacy. This event is geared towards high school students in **grades 10-12** who are interested in health sciences programs and want to learn more about what it means to be a pharmacist! More info on Career Centre page.

APPLY EARLY! The deadline to apply is Monday, November 13, 2017.

More information can be found on our [event webpage](#). To apply, complete this [application form](#)

UBC APPLIED SCIENCE OPEN HOUSE

Applied science and STEM careers are in-demand and rewarding options for all students, **both girls and boys**. This is the perfect event to explore the options, get exposed to all the amazing choices and perhaps discover something that you never thought you'd be interested in. **10am to 4pm on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at the UBC Vancouver Campus Parents welcome!**

More Information: <http://www.apsc.ubc.ca/openhouse>

EMPLOYMENT

Atlantis is looking for qualified swim instructors. See the Career Centre Employment page for details or complete an online application and upload a resume to: <https://www.jotform.com/AtlantisandPedalheads/atlantis-instructor-application>

BOBCAT CERTIFICATION

Any student who is interested in gaining their Bobcat Certification on Friday Nov 10 can see Mrs. Healey Wright in the Career Office for an application form. The training is from 9:00-3:00 at Thomas Haney Secondary School in Maple Ridge and cost \$185. Only three seats available. For more info students can contact Doug MacLean at dmclean@sd43.bc.ca or 604-341-8977.

SPORTS

GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Please meet in the big gym **today, Thursday November 2nd** for a very brief meeting to collect CLEANED uniforms and plan our season-end party.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: ALL GIRLS WELCOME

(Sorry we had to change one day to accommodate another team)

Tryouts will be next Tuesday, Nov.5th and Wed. Nov. 6th 6:45 am - 8 am

- We expect any girl that is interested in playing on either the junior team (grades 9 and 10) or the senior team (grades 11, 12) to be at **BOTH TRYOUTS**.
- Coaches will be there by 6:30 am, please be in gym with your shoes on ready to start by 6:45 am **AT THE LATEST**
- Wear a reversible jersey if you have one
- We will have information regarding practice/game schedule for season to give to you at the tryouts, we will **NOT HAVE ALL MORNING PRACTICES DURING SEASON THIS IS ONLY FOR TRYOUTS AS VOLLEYBALL IS WINDING DOWN, PLEASE DON'T LET THE EARLY MORNING TIMES SCARE YOU AWAY**

If you have any questions/comments or problems please come talk to Ms. V in room 102 or email me

(sviswanathan@sd43.bc.ca) **BEFORE TUESDAY'S TRYOUT**

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB-

Registrations need to be filled out ASAP!!

See list of names that still need to fill out forms on the office window.

There are only **4** places left for **March 11th**. Don't miss out, if you are interested to join, sign up has been extended to **Nov 9th**

GRADE 12's

GRAD 2018 CLOTHING

Grad wear is now on sale until **Fri Nov 17th**. Please order online @ <http://bestgradwear.com>
Please see Ms.Lynn in the office for sample sizes. See Ms.Thomas or Mr.House if you have questions.

UPCOMING (BC & out of province) POST SECONDARY VISITS TO CHARLES BEST

Mark your calendars!

Monday Nov 6th – **Queen's University** 10:30 – 11:15 (foyer)

Monday Nov 6th – **UBC (International students only)** 3:30 (library)

Wednesday Nov. 8th – **UBC** 3:30 (library)

Tuesday Nov 14th – **Emily Carr University** 9:45 – 11:00 (Room 208)

Friday Nov. 17th - **McGill University** 10:30 - 11:30 (foyer)

Monday Nov. 27th - **University of Alberta** 9:15 – 10:30 (foyer)

GRADE 12 GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM

If you still have not handed in your form for your grad gown size please complete and return to Mrs. Zanatta in the office.

Please don't fill out a duplicate form. Blank forms are available in the office.

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.

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.