



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday, December 07, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE FOR A PICK UP

Hamish Ogden and Braeden Burasee
Sabrina Bailey, Samuel Bastow, Liam Boon, Nicole Blaber, Tyler Byrne, Paula Chen, Madison D'Amelio Hinde, David Dawson, Zander De Marinis, Rhia Dhesi, Naathaniel Ferraris and Tahjinn Ford

SPIRIT WEAR HAS ARRIVED

If you placed an order for Spirit Wear, please go to the Conference Room during your free block to pick up.

GRADE 9 IMMUNIZATIONS TOMORROW

All Grade 9 students with last names from T–Z will be getting their immunizations tomorrow Dec 8 in the morning. Please remember to wear short sleeves

CLUB AND TEAM PHOTOS

Photos will be happening tomorrow in the Cafeteria.
Please see the list for times, posted on the office window and on the TV screen later today.

T SHIRT SALE

The Best drama department is having a T Shirt sale today, **Thurs Dec 7th and Fri Dec 8th**. \$5.00 for one or \$12.00 for three. All proceeds go to Best's Empty Stocking Fund.

CAREER CENTRE

The career centre will be closed tomorrow, Friday Dec 8, due to Grade 9 Immunizations.

POETRY IN VOICE

Plan ahead for the Poetry in Voice Competition. The school wide competition takes place mid-February. Come to a brief information meeting today, **Thurs Dec 7th** in the Library @ 3:20. This is a great chance for anyone interested in performance and public speaking. National finals are in Toronto this year. See Ms. Silzer for more info.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

The Charles Best Entrepreneurship Club presents school wide Secret Santa! If you or your friends would like to do a secret santa, come to the foyer today, **Thurs Dec 7** during blocks 2-4 to sign up. No wrapping is necessary and we will deliver the gifts. Entry fee is \$2 and more information will be at the foyer tomorrow. Bring a gift to get a gift.

BRING A TOY AND GET PANCAKES AND HOT CHOCOLATE

Come one come all to Heather's room on **Friday Dec 8th** between 7:15-8:15 am for pancakes and hot chocolate. The only catch is you need to bring an unwrapped toy. No toy, No food

SPONSOR A SENIOR – ONLY 7 SPOTS LEFT!

Come on down to the Main Office this week and choose a senior to sponsor! We have a list of Senior's from a local Senior's Centre, each with their own wish list for Christmas. We will then deliver the gifts that you bring back for them before Christmas so that they have something to open on Christmas day (approximately \$30 in value, received by December 15). In some cases, these will be the only gifts these members of our community will receive on Christmas. Thank-you for thinking of our Seniors. If you wish to participate, please see Ms. Lynn in the office as soon as possible.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Hey Charles Best! Want to show off your talent? Come audition for the talent show after school on **Dec 8, 11 and 12**. The sign up sheet is outside the Music Room. Here's your opportunity to show off what you do Best!!!

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

CAPE HORN ELEMENTARY needs volunteers this **Saturday December 9TH** from 8:15 - 12:15 to help with their BREAKFAST WITH SANTA event! Please email Jamie Spencer at spence_pj@hotmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES – APPLICATION DEADLINES APPROACHING

RCMP Youth Academy (Internal) – **Dec. 9th**:

SPORTS

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Mandatory meeting for all club members on **Mon Dec 11th**, right after school in our main gym. We will be talking about safety on the mountain, levels of ability as well as our club expectations and policies. If you can't attend, please see Mr. Major in the PE office.

GRADE 12's

STEAM HORIZON AWARDS

\$25,000 awards – This award was created in 2016. There are five awards (including 2 for indigenous students) for outstanding student achievers, innovators or leaders **entering a STEAM program in Canada.**

Visit <http://www.steamhorizonawards.ca>

RCMP Youth Academy Applicants (District)

Deadline to submit application is tomorrow, Friday, December 8.

SFU DEADLINES AND INFORMATION

January 2, 2018 – Self-reporting opens (for BC high school applicants)

January 15, 2018 – Deadline to apply for Entrance Scholarships

February 28, 2018 – Deadline to apply for admission, Beedie supplemental application and Beedie interim grades (BC 12 students self-report their grades)

April 30, 2018 – Deadline to self-report grades (BC 12 students), Distributed learning/online courses must be 100% complete

UBC APPLICATIONS

January 15, 2018 – Deadline to apply

January 31, 2018 – Document deadline for official interim transcripts

February 1, 2018 – Final course completion date for distance and distributed online courses

DOUGLAS COLLEGE

January 15, 2018 – Deadline for Veterinary Technology

CAREER CENTRE

Scholarships are added regularly. Be sure to visit the online career centre for new listings, information and links!

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.

JANUARY EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15 Regular Day	Tuesday, January 16 Regular Day	Wed., January 17 <i>Regular Day</i>	Thursday, January 18 <i>Regular Day</i>	Friday, January 19 <i>Last Day of Regular Classes for Semester One</i>
Monday, January 22 9's CE Presentation 10:45-12:00 (all grade 9's to attend) <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Tuesday, January 23 Numeracy Exam for Grade 10's am – Students A to L pm – Students M to Z <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Wed., January 24 Numeracy Exam for Grade 11's am – Students A to Le pm – Students Li to Z <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Thursday, January 25 ENG 12 (9am) <i>GT – Exit interviews</i> <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Friday, January 26 Grade 8 Walkabout COMM 12 (9am) FRAL 12 (1pm)
Monday, January 29 <i>School Pro-D Day</i>	Tuesday, January 30 <i>Semester 2 begins Regular Day</i>	Wed., January 31	Thursday, February 1 <i>Report Cards home</i>	Friday, February 2

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.

****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.

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.