

THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday, December 21, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL



BELL SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY DECEMBER 22

Block 1	8:20-9:10
Block 2	9:15-10:05
Block 3	10:10-11:00
Block 4	11:05-11:55
Block 5	12:00-12:50
Talent Show	1:00-2:00

SPIRIT WEEK!

It is time to get in the Christmas spirit and dress up every day!! Here are the days:

Thursday: Flannel Day

Friday: Christmas/Ugly Sweater Day

POETRY IN VOICE PARTICIPANTS

Don't forget to select poems and send the links to the poems to Mrs. Silzer. And if you are interested in competing but haven't signed up.....no worries!! Just see Mrs. Silzer, and add your name to the list.

HOLIDAY READING

If you are finished your library book come in and get something to read or get your book renewed so you can have something to read over the holidays.

TALENT SHOW

Best's Annual Talent Show will be on **Dec 22** from 1:00-2:00 in the small gym.
Come out to see a variety of performers.

LOST AND FOUND

If you have misplaced anything recently please check the lost and found. After Friday it will be donated to Share.

WWF WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

This **Friday**, walk, ride your bike, or take the bus to school and get a free candy cane! Be Green!

LOCAL YOUTH (12 – 18 yrs) PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Monetary prizes up to \$350. The Steps Together Foundation Youth Foundation Contest is accepting applications for participants. Applications on the Career Centre site or www.stepstogetherfoundation.com

PSAT EXAM RESULTS

Students who wrote the PSAT can get their results from Mrs. John in the counselling office.

SPORTS

SKI AND SNOWBOARD-3 SPOTS HAVE OPENED UP

A couple spots have become available, one is for March 4/18 and two spots opened up for March 11/18 these can only be paid by cheque to Charles Best for \$110.00. Please see Mr. Major to pick up a registration form.

GRADE 12's

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA VISITS BEST

Mark you calendars. Students in Grade 11 and 12 are invited to attend a **UVIC info session** in room 202 on **MONDAY FEBRUARY 5th** at 3:20 in room 202.

BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Twenty \$500 awards for BC students who are involved in their community and are planning to enter STEM or Trades in the fall of 2018. Visit the career centre page for criteria, information & link to application. Deadline March 31st, 2018.

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

