



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Tuesday, February 06, 2018

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

Would the following students please come to the office for a pick up.
Shaylee Carswell, Mauro Di Francesco, Giorgia Demichina, Michelle Dent, Nyla Sevaras and Sabrina Dhaliwal.

REPORT CARDS

If you haven't picked up your Report Card please come to the office to do so.

FUNDRAISER FOR LARKYN AUSTMAN

Sofia Balogh would like to thank all the students & staff who contributed to the success of the fund-raiser for Larkyn Austman. She managed to collect a total of \$260, which was presented to Larkyn last night during her send-off to Korea by the Coquitlam Skating Club.

SINGING/CANDY GRAMS

The Music Department will be selling singing/candy grams for Valentine's day on Feb 6, 8 and 13th during Block 2-4.

YOUTH VOICE CLUB

What are your opinions on today's education system? What do you love? What needs to change? Voice your thoughts and make a difference at Youth Voice, a club starting at Charles Best this semester! We meet Tuesdays after school in Portable 404 (Mr. Bruxelle's room). If you can't make it to Tuesday Meetings, email us at educationactivism@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CharlesbestYouthVoice/ to get updates.

FRANCE TRIP SPRING BREAK 2019

Applications for the France/Belgium 2019 trip are due on Feb. 19. These applications are necessary to secure your spot on the trip. So don't miss out! Applications can be picked up at the main office, at the language office and from Mme Bruneau or Mme Manolis.

Are you a French Immersion or Senior FSL student and have always dreamed about going to France with your friends? Will you be in grade 11 or 12 next year? IF so, the French Immersion dept has planned a 12 day trip of a lifetime during Spring Break 2019. There are 30 spots available for this trip. A parent night will be held on Monday, Feb. 26 to discuss the cost, fundraising, and other important info.

POETRY IN VOICE-COMING FEB 15

It's not too late to sign up for the Poetry in Voice competition. If you're interested, contact Ms. Silzer by e-mail, or see her in the Library ASAP.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

If you are new to the school as of Nov 1/17 or didn't have your picture taken and want your picture in the yearbook. Please see Mr. O'Reilly in Room 216 in the mornings.

SPORTS

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Four spots are still available for March 11th

GR. 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Team Photo on Thursday February 8th after school.
Please meet in the west gym IMMEDIATELY after school on Thursday in the west gym so we can get a photo done for the yearbook

GRADE 12's

GRADE 12 GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM

Would the following students please come to the office regarding your Grad Gown size form.
Taryn Chang, Maranda Cherry, Taylor Cherry, Megan Chila, Ariona Curiel, Alex DeMarinis, Quintin Desaulniers, Kelvin Doung, Maria Fedyushina, Nathaniel Ferraris and Carson Grant.

GRAD COUNCIL

Attention all Grad Council members: there will be a meeting Thursday, Feb 08th after school in room 101. We have some very important planning to do for after grad. Please see Ms. Thomas or Mr. House if you cannot attend.

UBC APPLICANTS

Students should have received an email regarding self-reporting. Detailed information is included.
Portal opens March 4th.

FINANCIAL AID – AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

New scholarships posted this week- details on the Career Centre page: BC Excellence Scholarship, , Gordon Smith Youth Environmental Stewardship Award, REMAX Quest for Excellence Bursary, BC Hydro Power Pioneers Community Service Awards. <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx>

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION AWARD

\$5,500 Awards for eligible students entering Approved Teacher Education Programs. Deadline via MAIL is **Feb.15th**! Go to the Career Center page or visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>

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.