



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

SPIRIT WEEK THIS WEEK

Attention students, it's time to show your spirit. All this week is spirit week. **Today** is PJ day, **Thursday** is superhero/villan day and **Friday** is Hawaiian day.

EMPLOYMENT – HASTINGS RACECOURSE

<http://www.hastingsracecourse.com/careers/> Seasonal part time employment April – October (weekends)

LIGHTS OUT FOR MIRACLES

Hey Charles Best! Listen up for this fantabulous event coming up in May! Lights Out for Miracles is a five hour long event that challenges you and your friends to stay on your feet for the entire time and participate in activities and competitions in support of sick children at BC Children's Hospital. Activities include: Rave Hour, Giant Obstacle Courses, Awesome Prizes, So Much Food and more! Keep your eyes open for ticket sales starting after Spring Break!

SPORTS

SENIOR BADMINTON

Congrats to the senior badminton team on their win against Heritage Woods on Tuesday. Doubles teams of Amy Zeng/Manami Sekine, Claire Song/Emily Lam, Chris Cheng/Leo Peng, Jim Liu/Michael Cheng all won matches and Jimmy Cheng and Rannie Xiong won in singles and mixed doubles. The senior team did lose their 2nd tie against Port Moody but Jimmy Cheng won his hard fought singles match which went to a 3rd game tie-breaker and showed his incredible mental toughness. Chris/Leo also won a doubles match. A big thank you to Joyce Dai and Braidyn Chang for helping out at the score table. Great effort team!

CHARLES BEST CHESS CLUB

Do you enjoy playing Chess? Have you ever wanted to try? Drop by Room 208 on Thursdays after school to try it out with the Chess Club. Absolutely all skill levels are welcome!

TRACK & FIELD

Thursday's practice will be at Mundy Park.

MOUNTAIN WEST FLAG FOOTBALL

We are looking for girls interested in playing flag football. If you are unsure, come and try it out. Practice is today March 14. If you are unable to attend or want more information contact Audrey Heath or go to: mwflaginfo@gmail.com

GRADE 12

GRAD COUNCIL 2018

Attention all grad council members: there will be a meeting **Thursday March 15th** at 3:15 in room 101. We have many important topics to discuss as Grad is approaching. Please see Ms.Thomas or Mr.House if you cannot attend or for more info.

2018 GRADS PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Spring is almost here and so is grad season. Grads of 2018 please save the dates:
April 4th- Valedictorian nominations available in the office. Do you want to represent your grad class at commencement? If so, you need to fill out the nomination form and hand it in by April 11
April 19th- Mandatory Grad Assembly, period 2, in the large gym where you will get important grad information, choose your valedictorian and grad song. Grad guest forms will also become available
June 8th-Commencement rehearsal, period 5, large gym
June 9th-Commencement
June 23rd – Grad Dinner and Dance followed by After grad

UBC SELF-REPORTING

Applicants – the self-reporting window will close on **Friday, March 16th**.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGES

The deadline to submit COMPLETED applications is **Friday, April 6th, 2018** by 3:30 pm. Late applications will not be accepted. Ensure to request a letter from your reference ASAP! Application posted under documents on link above.

****COQUITLAM ROTARY CLUB BURSARY AWARD****

One \$1,250 award available to each **Coquitlam** High School. This award is coordinated with the Coquitlam Foundation. Application and additional criteria (resume, 2 letters of support, transcript etc.) Deadline: **April 6th** (same day as local package) **Email Application and attachments** to Mrs. Healey Wright or Mr. C for submission to Rotary by April 10th. Application on career centre page.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO – YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

High school students may enroll in modules from one to six weeks in either the Faculty of Law (grades 10-12) or the Faculty of Medicine (grades 10 & 11). Tuition fees apply. All modules are taught at the St. George Campus in Toronto. Accommodation, meals and transport are not included. Spaces fill quickly! Visit: <http://yvsp.utoronto.ca/>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

WHEN CROSSING COMO LAKE

To all students:

Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake.

SAFETY CONCERNS

During snow days, even if the sidewalks have not been cleared, please remember to stay on the sidewalks. By walking on the road your are jeopardizing your safety.

Remember:

Don't walk on the road or ice patches, face traffic, unplug, be aware, be safe and wear appropriate clothing for the weather with reflectors if possible.

*******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.