



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, September 26, 2018

TODAY IS DAY 1

****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 regarding your orange shirt order.
Sydney Boidman, Catherine Eckman, Aleena Samji, Brianna Stockton, Barbara Tetu and Maya Willing-Sato.

PLEASE SEE THE YOUTH WORKER, HEATHER IN HER OFFICE.

Would the following students please see Heather in her office before the end of the day.
Natalie Chan, Philippe Martins-Alho, Diego Melendez, Jasmine Paduraru and Ava Piluso

CLUBS DAY

Are you interested in getting involved in the school community? Why not join a club? **Today, Wed Sept 26th** is Clubs Day. The different clubs in our school community will have tables set up in the front foyer and the courtyard from block 2 to the beginning of block 5! Take a wander through and check it out! You'll be sure to find something to match your interests, and an opportunity to join in.

ALL GRADE 9 STUDENTS – DIGITAL LITERACY MEETINGS

There will be a **mandatory 30 min** meeting for all grade 9 students on **Thursday, September 27th**. Please see the schedule below, organized alphabetically by first name. You will meet in the Library or Rm 218 at the times indicated.

Session 1 Library: (11:10 – 11:40 am) - Choi's group (Aaliyah – Dayton)

Rm. 218: Exley's group (Derek – Joshua Koke)

Session 2 Library - (11:45- 12:15 pm) - Last's group (Joshua Sit – Nathaniel)

Rm. 218: Raabe's group (Navid – Zakhar)

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Here is a great way to get your volunteer hours and have fun too: Do you like working with children? If so you can be part of the Big Brother's Afterschool Program at a local elementary school. Please see Mrs. John in the counselling office for more information.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR KENYAN STUDENTS

Please bring any spare clothes you have, to Room 218. This will really help our Kenyan visitors feel warm and welcome.

PROJECT H.E.L.L.O.

Are you interested in giving back to the community, reconnecting families and gaining volunteer hours? Then you'd be perfect for Project H.E.L.L.O.! Our first meeting is **Tuesday, October 2nd** in portable 403. Hope to see you there!

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE

There will be an information meeting on **Thursday Oct 4th** in Room 309 at 3:25.

TO VIEW YOUR PHOTOS FROM RETAKE DAY

Thank you for participating in the recent School Photo Retake Day portrait sessions! (Sept18th). Below is a link to view your proofs. Please note the **order deadline is TODAY, Wed, Sept 26th 9:00 PM**. Your unique access code is displayed on the information sheet given out on photo day from GradsBC.

Visit Gallery Link: <https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000659819#login>

Questions or Lost Code: Please email orders@gradsbc.com or call 604-461-3722 Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.

PRACTICE SAT

Limited spots, only 8 left, so sign up ASAP.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

In support of those who attended residential schools, please wear your orange shirts on **Friday Sept 28th**. For those staff and students who didn't pre-order the Orange Shirts in June the students will be selling other **Charles Best Orange Shirts** this week for \$5.00/shirt in the front foyer. Orange Shirt day is **Friday, September 28**.

CHARLES BEST SPIRITWEAR

Charles Best Spiritwear Clothing is available on-line on our website **until October 31!** Don't miss out, order your hoodie **and or sweatpants now for delivery in early December! This is the only sale for this school year for grades 9-12.**

*****The office has sample sizes to try on, there are no returns for wrong sizes.*****

SPORTS

GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL

All Grade 9 Boys interested in Basketball, **Mandatory meeting TODAY, Wednesday Sept 26th** after school in room 114.

GRADE 10, 11 & 12 BASKETBALL

Attention All Grade 10, 11, and 12 Basketball players. Mandatory meeting after school tomorrow, **Sept 27th** in room 114. Important info about upcoming gym time and practices to be announced.

GRADE 11 & 12'S

TWO CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Riverside Secondary is hosting a Canadian University Event on **Oct. 4 in the large gym from 9-11 am**. 50 recruiters from across Canada will be there. Grade 11 and 12 students and parents welcome!

Pinetree Secondary is hosting a Canadian University Evening Event for S D #43 Grade 11 & 12 students and parents.

The event will take place on **Thursday, Oct. 4 from 6:30pm-8pm** in the Pinetree gym.

50 university recruiters from BC, Alberta, the Prairie Provinces, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic

Provinces will be available to answer questions about admissions, the application process, programs, housing, scholarships and more!

Free Town Centre Parking (across the street from Pinetree) in Lot E has been arranged with the City of Coquitlam for attendees of the fair.

GRADE 12

GRAD COUNCIL 2019

Attention all grad council members: the meeting has been cancelled for this Thursday as the proof isn't ready yet. We will meet on Monday October 1st right after school in room 101. The meeting will be 10 mins to approve the grad wear.

GRAD TRANSITIONS

Attention all Grade 12s! You can now access the materials needed to complete your Grad Transitions. They are available on the school website under "Programs & Services" then "Grad Transitions". Please subscribe to the Grad Transitions channel on our school app to receive notifications about Grad Transitions!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

WHEN CROSSING COMO LAKE

To all students:

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

*******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.