



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday, October 15, 2018

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

GENERAL

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All international students who have program fees expiring at the end of this semester must return the blue re-application form to the International Education Office (Winslow) with full payment **before November 1st 2018**. Please see Mrs. Joba if you have any questions.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Do you want to make a change and help with events around the school? Then come on down to Room 214 today, **Monday October 15th** after school to join us.

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.*****

GO CARD PICK UP

If you haven't received your go card, please come to the office to pick it up. Photos taken on Retake day and any other students with issues, those go cards will arrive **Oct 15th**.

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.

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.

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

The Field Hockey team lengthened their undefeated streak yesterday with a 1-1 tie against Port Moody. That brings the team's record to 4 wins and 2 ties with one final league game left before playoffs. The final league game is at home against Centennial on **Tuesday October 16th**. Fan support is always welcome.

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the senior girl's volleyball team for their fourth place finish at the Senior Hawks Volleyball tournament this weekend. They had a nail biting win over the Number 1 seed in the quarter finals, and would have placed higher if not for Grad Photos.

Great plays by all team members: Lauren, Donna, Alyssa, Madeline, Melanie, Valerie, Danika, Franzene and Elli. A special congratulations to Game Stars: Sydney and Evelyn.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB TICKETS GOING FAST!!

Jan 27th, Feb 10th and Feb 24th are SOLD OUT, Mar 3rd has only 2 spots left! All remaining dates are going fast, don't miss out! Once you have paid for a trip make sure to complete the registration form available at the PE office and return to Mr. Major asap!

GRADE 12

IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

The counsellors will be holding a University/College Application Workshop at 3:30 on **Oct. 16th and 18th**. Please sign up in the counselling office.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

University of Victoria is hosting an information session today, **Monday, October 15** in the library.

ENGLISH 12 EXAM RE-WRITES

Grade 12 students who would like to **re-write** the English 12 provincial exam should sign up in the office with Ms. McKay by **today, Monday October 15 at the latest**. The exam will be written on Monday, November 5 from 9 – 11 am.

If you have any questions please see Ms. McKay

GRADWEAR 2019

Attention all grade 12 students: Charles Best Gradwear is now available online to order until **Friday Oct 26th**. Sizes are available in the Main office to try- no refunds will be given for wrong sizing. This is the only order we will be filling this year. Get your order in ASAP.

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.