



THE "BEST" INFORMER

Thursday, November 15, 2018

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

GENERAL

PROJECT HELLO FUNDRAISER

Come down to the front foyer today, **Thursday Nov 15** for a bag of buttery popcorn for only \$1.00. All proceeds go towards helping Vancouver's homeless population.

BE A SANTA FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN

Come on down to the Main Office or front foyer starting tomorrow in block two and next week to choose a senior to sponsor! We have a list of Senior's from a local Senior's Centre, each with their own wish list for Christmas. We will then deliver the gifts that you bring back for them before Christmas so that they have something to open on Christmas day (approximately \$30 in value, dropped off to the office no later than December 17). In some cases, these will be the only gifts these members of our community will receive on Christmas. Thank-you for thinking of our Seniors. If you wish to participate, please see Ms. Lynn in the office or the Best Buddies in the front foyer.

WINTER TALENT SHOW

The Winter Talent Show is back! If you want to showcase your talent, come down to the foyer to sign up for auditions which will be held on **Nov 26 & 27** after school. Come on out and show your best!

SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS

If you would like to audition for the spring musical but missed the first meeting, please see Mr. Hughes for all of the audition information.

NUMERACY ASSESSMENT - LAST CALL FOR THE JANUARY 2019 WRITING

Please check for your name on the Office window

See Ms. McKay or your Counsellor if you are not on the list and think you should be by **Friday November 16th**

COLLECTING WARM CLOTHING FOR THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE

This week our Youth Worker (Heather) will be collecting blankets, warm coats, socks, gloves sweatshirts and tarps etc for residents of the Downtown Eastside. If you would like to donate please bring items to the Youth Workers room.

SPORTS

JUNIOR AND SENIOR LACROSSE

Practices will be starting next week. Wednesday November 21th 3:30-5pm for both teams.

GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WRAP-UP PARTY

The Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team Wrap-Up party to be held Thursday (today) is CANCELLED due to lack of interest. Also, many of you still need to hand in your uniforms. Please return these to Ms. Howell or Mr. MacKay ASAP.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Please see the list posted in the foyer if your name appears there, we are missing your registration form, please complete and hand into office asap by **Nov 23**.

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Open try-outs for any girls in Gr 9 and 10 interested in playing on the junior girls basketball team will be held:

Friday Nov. 16th: 3:30pm - 5 pm

All players are expected to be at the try-outs .If you want to play on the team and you can't make it please talk to Ms. V in room 102 this week.

GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Open try-outs for any boys in grade 9 interested in playing on the Grade 9 Boys basketball team this year will be held:

Thursday Nov. 15th: 3:30 - 5 pm

Friday, Nov 16th: 630-800 am

All players are expected to be at both try-outs. If you want to play on the team and you can't make both of these try-out dates please talk to Mr. Sokol this week.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB TICKETS GOING FAST!!

Apr 7th is the only date that still has availability, only **15** spots left and times 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 hand in to the office asap!
Participants please hand in your completed ski and snowboard registration forms to the office asap!

GRADE 10 – 12

FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY

The Coquitlam Firefighter Academy will take place on **March 15 to 22, 2019**. Interested current grade 11 and 12 students, please pick up and return applications to the tech and career centre. Applications are due by 3pm on **Wed, Dec 12, 2018**.

ALSO

POLICE ACADEMY

The RCMP Police Academy will take place on **April 15 -23, 2019**. Interested current grade 10 to 12 students, please pick up and return applications to the tech and career centre. Applications are due by 3pm on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**.

For more information regarding the RCMP Police Academy and Coquitlam Firefighter Academy, please see website.

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms/Pages/OtherLearningOpportunities.aspx>

GRADE 11 & 12

UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS

University of Waterloo is hosting an information session on **Monday, November 19** at 3:30pm in the library

University of Alberta is hosting an information table on **Friday, November 23** at 9:30 to 10:30am in the foyer.

ATTENTION ALL GRADS OF 2019:

The Grad Council is looking for pictures of your “school days” with your friends and classmates. These can be pictures during Spirit assemblies, Spirit Days, daily “Best” life, Senior Sail, or even club or team photos. Please ensure your photos are school appropriate. These pictures will be part of the “slide show” during After Grad in June. Start sending your pictures in now...and as the year progresses to: bestpictures2019@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN BAKING TRAINING?

Current grade 11 or 12 student interested in getting baking training? Please see Ms. Tsang in the career centre for details.

UBC- STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

Best is able to nominate one grade 12 student who is tracking to UBC for 2019/2020 for the UBC- Student Leadership Conference. If you would like to be considered for a nomination, please submit your brag sheet to Mr. Chang or Ms. Tsang by 3pm on **Friday, November 16**. Please see career centre website under opportunities for details.

SCHULICH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Grade 12 students who would like to be considered for a nomination for the Schulich Leaders Scholarships, please submit your brag sheet to Mr. Chang or Ms. Tsang by 3pm on Wed, December 19, 2018. Best may select one nominee. See career centre website for details.

GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM DUE DEC 14TH

LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVEN'T HANDED IN THEIR FORM IS POSTED ON THE OFFICE WINDOW

There are still several Grade 12 students that have not handed in their Grad Gown Size form.

If you haven't done so please come to the office and fill out the form by Dec 14th.

If you're not sure if you handed yours in please check the list posted on the office window

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VANCOUVER CHILDRENS FESTIVAL

Vancouver International Children's Festival is looking for key volunteers in grades 11 & 12. Two to four Key volunteers will recruit & coordinate the volunteers from Best. The first Key volunteer meeting will be on Saturday, December 8 on Granville Island and then on a monthly basis through to the Festival. This position requires a minimum commitment of 20 hours. Interested students please submit your resume to Ms. Tsang by 3pm on **Wednesday, November 21**.

BABY PHOTO AND GRAD WRITE UPS

Please submit your baby photos to Mr. Fernandez in Room 216 w/ your first and last name or Instagram

@charlesbestseniors

Also, please submit your writeup for the yearbook on our school website – under [Quick Link>Gr 12 Grade Yearbook Write Up link](#)

Due date for above items: **December 12th**

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

*****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.