



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday January 09, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

GENERAL

LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE NOW

All library books will be due **today, January 9th**. If you are finished with it please return it and if you need more time please get it renewed. It's very important to do this to avoid assessments for lost books on your report cards.

POETRY IN VOICE

The school competition date is coming up in 6 weeks, Feb 21! Choose your poems soon. See Ms. Silzer for more info or help.

PSAT

Students who wrote the PSAT in the fall please see Mrs. John in the Counselling office to get your results.

GET SWABBED FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH

Grade 12 boys, come down to the Devil's Den (by the cafeteria) today **Wednesday, January 9** between 10AM and 2PM and get swabbed for stem cell research. You have the power to save someone's life!

PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Please review this announcement carefully for important information regarding the upcoming Provincial Exams, January 22 – 25.

NUMERACY Assessment

All students enrolled in Math 10 Semester 1, and Grade 11 and 12 students who have not previously written, will be writing the Numeracy Assessment on **Tuesday, January 22** or **Wednesday, January 23**. Please look for your name, exam time (morning or afternoon), and room allocation posted in the front hallway and the library **PRIOR** to exam week.

All students must write in their designated time slot, so make sure you know when you are writing.

If your name is not on the list, please see Mrs. McKay as soon as possible.

ENGLISH 12, Communications 12, and French Immersion 12

All students writing **English 12, Thursday, January 24 at 8:30 am**, should check their room allocation posted in the front hallway and the library **PRIOR** to exam week.

Communications 12 students will be writing **Friday, January 25 at 8:30 am**. Students writing **FRAL 12** will also write on **Friday, Jan 25 at 12:30 pm**.

Please check the posted lists to confirm your room allocation. If your name is not on the list, please see Mrs. McKay as soon as possible.

It is extremely important that you know the date and time of your exam and the room you are allocated too. All students are asked to arrive **30 minutes** before the exam starts to allow for registration and computer log in. **PHOTO ID** is required by all students and will be checked by invigilators prior to the exam.

January 2019 Exam Schedule

Monday, January 14 Regular Day	Tuesday, January 15 Regular Day	Wed., January 16 Regular Day	Thursday, January 17 Regular Day	Friday, January 18 <i>Last Day of Regular Classes for Semester One</i>
Monday, January 21 9's CE Presentation (9:45-11:00 all grade 9's to attend) <i>Open Tutorials</i> GT – Exit interviews	Tuesday, January 22 *Numeracy Assessment (8:30am & 12:30pm) <i>Open Tutorials</i> GT – Exit interviews	Wed., January 23 9's Digital Literacy Presentation (9:15 – 11am - All Gr9's to attend) *Numeracy Assessment (8:30am only) <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Thursday, January 24 *ENG 12 (9am) <i>Open Tutorials</i>	Friday, January 25 *COMM 12 (9am) *FRAL 12 (1pm) Grade 8 Walkabout (12 – 2:30pm)
Monday, January 28 School Pro-D Day	Tuesday, January 29 Semester 2 begins Regular Day	Wed, January 30	Thursday, January 31 Report Cards go Home	Friday, February 1

***Check the posted lists for dates and times you will be writing assessments/exams**

Numeracy Assessment (Writing Day and Time by Last Name)

- **Tuesday Morning** – Abdollahi – Hamanishi
- **Tuesday Afternoon** – Hamilton – Ni
- **Wednesday Morning** – Nicol - Zhu

WAFFLE SALES

Today, Wed Jan 9th waffles will be for sale all day in the front foyer. \$1 each or \$1.50 for 2. Lots of different topping will be available. All proceeds will go to the 3030 homeless shelter.

CHANCE TO WIN 2 CANUCKS TICKETS

Hey everyone! Want a chance to win 2 Canucks tickets and a signed picture of Chris Tanev while enjoying the tastiness of a root beer float? Come down to the front foyer all day Thursday for \$1.50 root beer floats.

POPPIN POPCORN SALE

Are you craving a popcorn snack? Come to Room 207 on **Friday, Jan 11th** during Block 3. You can purchase popcorn with your choice of toppings, \$1.50 for medium or \$2.00 for large. There will also be a movie screening.

SPORTS

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION "SEYMOUR"

The following students must see Mr. Major ASAP

Rebecca Darts, Bradley Wong, Colin Brodt, Cole Castongaay, Anika Driedger, Benjamin Holmes and Daniel Sutton.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Mandatory safety meeting for all members attending a trip to Whistler this year.

Tuesday Jan 15 in the small gym after school.

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR ICE SKATERS

If you are a figure skater, or play hockey or ringette and need a few volunteer hours, a local speed skating club can use your help this **Sat Jan 12th**. See Ms. Silzer in the Library for more info.

TRACK & FIELD

For any students interested in joining Charles Best's Track & Field team this spring, there will be a brief meeting after school in Room 303 this **Friday, January 11**. If you cannot attend but are still interested in joining the team, please email Mr. Gant at dgant@sd43.bc.ca

GRADE 11 & 12

WESTERN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Students who would like to be considered for a nomination for the Western National Scholarship Program please submit a brag sheet to Mr. Chang or Ms. Tsang by Friday, January 18 at 3pm. 4 students can be nominated.

APPLICATIONS TO POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Grade 12 students who have applied to post secondary schools please remember to submit your transcripts through the student transcripts service website.

<http://studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca>

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Grade 12 students, if you would like to be considered for a nomination for the BC Excellence Scholarships, please submit your brag sheet to Mr. Chang or Ms. Tsang by 3pm on **Monday, January 14, 2019**. See Career Centre website for details.

GRAD TRANSITIONS

Grad Transitions are due **Tuesday, January 15th** for those not enrolled in English 12, have previously completed English 12, or are graduating early. Please upload all documents to OneNote ASAP. A sign up sheet will be posted soon for exit interviews during exam week.

GRADE 12'S - EXTRA GRADWEAR FOR SALE

Any grade 12s wishing to buy grad wear please see **Ms. Thomas** after school this week in room 101.

The following is available for purchase. **CASH ONLY! HOODIES \$60.00 each**

BLACK – 3x (MEDIUM)

BLACK – 1x (LARGE)

NAVY – 2x (SMALL)

NAVY – 4x (LARGE)

GREY – 1x (LARGE)

6 LANYARDS \$10.00 each

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Grade 11 students interested in visiting University of Alberta? Boarding UAlberta is your chance! Please see career centre website under opportunities for details and application. Twenty grade 11 students from across Canada will be chosen.

Apply by **February 10, 2019** at uab.ca/boarding

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

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.

****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.