



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday September 12, 2019
TODAY IS DAY 1

****Please note: All new items and any changed items are in red.****

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INQUIRY AND ACTION

Any students registered or interesting in taking Social Responsibility Inquiry and Action, our first class is in Room 218 tomorrow **Friday September 13th** at **7:30am**. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Martin or Ms. Stuart.

VOLUNTEERS FOR RCMP YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers. Email yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca to receive an application. Completed applications must be received by **September 20th**.

FREE CONFERENCE FOR GR 9-12 GIRLS

Free Career Exploration conference for grade 9 to 12 female students. "Dream it, be it" career support for girls on Friday, October 25 at Centennial Secondary. See career centre website under *Opportunities* for details.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Assembly will be on **Friday September 27th**. Following this, we will commence our traditional run in honour of the 5,373 km Terry ran for cancer research. Let's show our Blue Devil pride by reaching our \$3,500 fundraising goal for this year. We hope to see everyone there supporting this great cause!

OPERATION GRANDPARENT

Need volunteer hours and want to help our community? Our "Operation Grandparent" club can fulfill both. Come to our first meeting **TODAY Wednesday September 11th** at 3:15 pm in the youth worker's office. All grades welcome

MIRACLE MOVEMENT FIRST MEETING

Come out and join Miracle Movement in support of BC Children's Hospital. Our club raises money through various small fundraisers and with advocates for pediatric health. By joining, you can start earning volunteer hours and meet new people from various grades! Our first meeting is **TODAY Thursday, September 12** after school in the library. Anyone is welcome to drop by and see what it's all about.

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS

You are invited to a BBQ on **Friday Sept 13th** and get introduced to the FRIMM teachers. Hot dogs, chips, and juice provided. It will be held at the back of the school, outside room 106.

TERRY FOX DOUGHNUT SALE

Bring a toonie tomorrow Friday Sept 13th and buy a doughnut during block 1. All proceeds go to the Terry Fox Foundation.

GRADE 12

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

Grade 12 students who would like to be considered for a nomination to the University of Toronto National Book Award, please submit your brag sheet to Mr. Chang or Ms. Tsang by **September 24** at 3pm.
See for details: <https://future.utoronto.ca/scholarships/national-book-award/>

SENIOR SAIL TICKETS - ONLY 47 SPOTS LEFT

Senior Sail tickets are on sale until **Monday September 16th** @ 8pm **online only**. Purchase yours ASAP. **Only 47 spots left!** The cost is \$65. Please see Ms. Thomas in Room 101 if you need more info. **Get yours today and don't be disappointed.**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE LORAN SCHOLARSHIP

Grade 12 students who would like to be considered for a nomination for the Loran scholarship, please submit your brag sheet to Ms. Tsang or Mr. Chang by **Tuesday, September 24** at 3pm. Up to 3 students can be sponsored.
See <https://loranscholar.ca/> for details.

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

New team members still welcome! There is practice today at 3:30. Please meet outside the Sky Gym. There will be a brief meeting on Monday, 16 September after school in room 304. We will practice immediately after the meeting. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Gant or Mrs. Silzer.

WEIGHT ROOM

Any students wishing to work out in the weight room after school, see Mr. Adams in the PE Office for your registration form. Costs are \$20 per semester or \$30 for both semesters. Students will not be permitted to use the weight room without submitting the registration form and fees.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

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

*******STUDENT PARKING*******

Please do not park under or near the basketball hoops in the student parking lot, as students would like to use the hoops for games. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged

*******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 social gathering places.

****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.

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.