



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Monday September 16, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS

All students interested in applying to write the Language Challenge exams, please come to a brief but important meeting in the library Tuesday at 3:30 PM.

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!

GRADE 12

GRAD COUNCIL 2020

Grad council members... don't forget that Gradwear designs are due Monday (TODAY) to Ms. Thomas. There is another meeting on Wed Sept 18th in room 101.

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 27 SPOTS LEFT

Today is your **LAST CHANCE** to purchase Senior Sail tickets. Deadline is **TONIGHT September 16th** @ 8pm **online only**. **Only 27 spots left!** The cost is \$65. Please see Ms. Thomas in Room 101 if you need more info.

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

There will be a brief meeting **TODAY** 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.