



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**Thursday September 19, 2019**

**TODAY IS DAY 1**

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

**\*\*KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD\*\***

## GENERAL

### PHOTO RETAKES TODAY

In case you hadn't heard... today is photo retake day.

### NO SCHOOL TOMORROW (FRIDAY)

Tomorrow, Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, is a Pro-D day.

### ALL STUDENTS

Please check the Lost and Found and claim your items. There's a ton of stuff building up.

### PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

Would the following students please come to the office to see Mrs. Zanatta.

Owen De Guzman, Parham Ghorbani, Norman Kaminski, Riley Moore, and Nathan Wray.

### LEADERSHIP 11 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next **Tues, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**, Leadership 11 will host a pancake breakfast for the Terry Fox foundation! It will run from 7:45 to the end of block 2. Prices are: \$2 for 1 pancake or \$4 for 3. Come and support Leadership 11 and, most importantly, support the fight to cure cancer.

### BE AN ALLY TO YOUR LGBTQ2S+ PEERS

Join the Best GSA. Wednesdays after school in Room 305 with Ms Leslie, Mr Mogensen, Ms Munroe, Mrs Graf. Help create safe spaces and organize our pride events!

Insta: @bestGSA

### GRADE 10 FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS

The registrations for the 2020 Quebec exchange are finally open. Students who are interested are required to complete the initial registration form on the school website, under French Immersion Program.

### COQUITLAM PARKS AND REC YOUTH COUNCIL

The youth council meets every second Wednesday at city hall 4-5pm to discuss youth issues, to listen to presentations from other youth organizations and act as the voice for youth!

[If you are interested in this opportunity please contact: youthprograms@coquitlam.ca](mailto:youthprograms@coquitlam.ca) -attention Brandon Sidhu

### LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAM

If you missed the Library meeting, drop in to see Mrs. Graf as needed to get some instructions.

The final due date for all applications is **Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR RCMP YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers. Email [yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) to receive an application.

Completed applications must be received by **September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Coquitlam RCMP and Coquitlam Express Hockey Club are looking for volunteers. See Career Centre website under Volunteering for more details.

### TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Assembly will be on **Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

### FREE CONFERENCE FOR GR 9-12 GIRLS

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

## GRADE 12

### GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM

A reminder to all Grade 12s to please fill out and hand in the Grad Gown Size form to the office.

### FIRST SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Mark your calendars for the first scholarship meeting on **Thursday, September 26** at 3:30pm in the library.

### **UBC ENGINEERING OUTREACH EVENTS**

UBC Engineering Outreach is hosting events on **October 19, November 30 and November 23**. See Career Centre website under opportunities for details.

### **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/>

### **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**

### **GRADE 9 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

There will be a quick meeting in the gym after school today.

### **JUNIOR BOYS' SOCCER TRYOUTS TODAY**

The third tryout for our junior boys' soccer team is today, **Thursday, September 19th** at 3:30 on the north side of the field. If you would like any additional information, please see Mr. Celenza in Rm. 309 during Block 3 or 5.

### **SENIOR BOYS' SOCCER**

The 2019 Roster has been posted outside the PE Office. Congratulations to those boys who made the team. There will be a quick meeting in room 205 right after school to get uniforms and schedule information. Please don't be late.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the Charles Best cross country team, who competed in their first race of the season at Mundy Park yesterday. There were great performances all around, highlighted by our grade 12 boys placing 4 runners in the top 8, led by Josh Greenwood's 3rd place overall. Reminder there is a practice today for all those who can attend.

### **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 to Mr. Adams.

## **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.