



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Tuesday September 24, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL

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, Riley Moore, Nicole Karatov, Ariana Wheatley,
Vannya Sanchez Ibanez, and Eiko Zhao.

LEADERSHIP 11 PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY

Leadership 11 will host a pancake breakfast today for the Terry Fox foundation! It runs until the end of block 2. \$2 for 1 pancake or \$4 for 3. Come and support Leadership 11 and, most importantly, support the fight to cure cancer.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This message is for those students who have participated in the recent **RETAKE** Photo Day portrait sessions!

Check out the link below to look at your photos!

- **Visit Gallery Link:** <https://vando.imagequix.com/N9X659C>
- **Order deadline is Monday, September 30th at 9PM.**
- All orders put into production at that time will be shipped directly to your home address.
- Your *online code is your student/pupil number* found on last years ID/GO card or this year's timetable.
- Your retake image will automatically be generated for yearbook use.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Assembly will be this **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!

BEST ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Call to all students interested in a club focused on challenging your mind and creative problem solving. Are you creative? Crafty? And competitive? If you are, come to the Odyssey of the Mind booth on **Sept. 25th** during clubs day. Or see Ms.

Lauder, Ms. Cho, or Ms. Huang in the math office or email cbestodyyssey@gmail.com for more information. Our first official meeting will take place after school Oct. 2nd in Portable 1.

BEST MODEL UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES

Dedicated students who have an interest in current events, politics, and debating. The Best Model UN club is looking for passionate, driven students who will excel when given the opportunity to work on innovative projects and ideas. Please apply for this position by visiting Ms. Lauder, Ms. Cho, or Ms. Huang at the MUN booth during clubs day or the math office. Invitations will be sent out to successful applicants.

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Would you like to spend a week in Ottawa (including transportation, lodging, meals and more) for only **\$750**? If you answer is "Yes" and you have permission from your parents, please see Mr. Chang (counselor) a.s.a.p. Spaces are limited so acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis. There are still spaces in the following theme weeks for this school year.

More information is available at https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en/theme_week

- **Sports & Fitness** [September 29 – October 5, 2019] (**next week has room--but students need to move fast and submit their registration by this Wednesday, September 25 at the latest!*)
- **Global Affairs** [October 6 – October 12, 2019]
- **Media & Communications** [October 13 – October 19, 2019]
- **First Responders** [October 27 – November 2, 2019]
- **Science & Technology** [March 29 – April 4, 2020]
- **Vimy: Canada's Coming of Age** [April 5 – April 11, 2020]
- **Medicine & Health** [April 12 – April 18, 2020]
- **Democracy & Youth** [April 19 – April 25, 2020]
- **Experience Canada** [April 26 – May 2, 2020]

PRACTICE S.A.T. EXAM (P.S.A.T.)

Students interested in doing the P.S.A.T. exam on **October 16th**, please register for it at the office.

There are only 20 spots available.

The fee is \$25. Pay in cash (exact amount) or with a cheque payable to Charles Best School.

If you need more info, please see Ms. John in the Counselling Office.

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.

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 31st**.

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 11 AND 12

DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL EUROPE WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

Are you in grade 11 or 12?
Come join us as we tour through Italy and Greece!
There will be a parent information meeting on **Thursday, October 3** in room 103 at 6 pm.
For more information, see Ms. Deck or Ms. Royle.
We'd love to have you join us!

GRADE 12

GRAD PHOTOS

Exciting news! Grad portrait/video sessions are coming up in just a few weeks! To book your preferred session time, please visit this link: www.gradsbc.com/school/dcb

The web link above will also give you specific details on the services and products you will be receiving from GradsBC; starting with fall portraits all the way to your year end grad events. You will also find useful tips on how to prepare for your cap and gown session, fashion station and video interview, as well as highlight videos from past grad years so you can get a glimpse of what's to come!

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.

SPORTS

ARCHERY CLUB

There is a brief meeting in Room 210 after school today, **Tuesday September 24th**

SENIOR AND JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

There is a meeting at 3:20pm today, **Tuesday September 24th** for BOTH the Senior and Junior Boys Soccer teams in Room 309. This is for Jersey pick up and sizing. All players must attend. If you cannot make it you must inform Mr. Jones or Mr. Celenza.

SWIMMERS

If you are planning to swim in our first meet, and don't have the sign up or info package yet, see Mr. Baker today, **Tuesday September 24th** right after school in Room 301. Winter swimmers, email Mr. Baker so he can let you know what is required to sign up.

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

Our First Game will be on **Wednesday September 25th** after school. Come out and Support the Team!!!!!!

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.