



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Friday December 20, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL



**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

SPIRIT WEEK

Friday December 20

PJ Day

ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE

Block 1	8:20-9:10
Block 2	9:14-10:01
Block 3	10:08-10:58
Block 4	11:02-11:52
Block 5	11:56-12:46
Talent Show	1:00-2:31

LIBRARY BOOKS

Students please make sure you renew your library books.
Come and see us before the break to borrow books for the holidays.

WIN DINNER/DANCE TICKETS OR THE WHOLE JAR-DRAW TODAY

Come and guess the M & M jar, last chance before the Talent Show today...odds are 1-40 of winning!!! Grade 12's that could save you the Dinner Dance ticket!

GRADE 9, 10 & 11'S, come by and guess for your chance to win the entire jar of M&M's! Closest guess wins! Hurry in to make your guess, **draw for winners is today, Fri Dec 20th**.

There is a jar in the office to put your guess and money in.

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Encounters With Canada offers youths aged **14 to 17** the chance to stay in Ottawa for one action-packed week. For **\$750**, accommodation, travel, meals and all program costs are covered.

They are now accepting registrations for 2020. Early birds who register by **December 20, 2019** can receive a **\$100 rebate!** Act now – funds are limited! Please visit their website or see Mr. Chang for more information.

BIG BROTHERS TEEN MENTORING PROGRAM

The Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Teen Mentoring Program is a partnership between Dr. Charles Best Secondary and Ranch Park Elementary. This opportunity is open to students in grade 10 to grade 12 who will be matched with a child at the elementary school from grades 1 to grade 7. The Teen Mentoring Program is ideal for a teen that can make a commitment for the whole school year and for someone who can take time to meet at the elementary school for one hour afterschool. The Teen Mentoring program is a play-based program where the match spends 1:1 time together doing various different activities such as playing board games, playing on the playground, doing arts and crafts, playing in the gym, or just spending time together talking. This opportunity allows teens to achieve volunteer credit or to use the experience for their resume! Students do require parent consent to participate, references, they will need to attend an interview, and participate in a Mentor Training session. This happens **every Thursday starting Jan 30th** from 3:30-4:30 at Ranch Park Elementary. The link to apply online is:

<https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/get-involved/volunteer/teen-mentor/>

GRADE 11 & 12

GRADE 11 & 12 WINTER BALL JAN 20TH

Ticket sales open **Now until Wed Jan 15th** @ 9:00pm. Cost covers pizza, refreshments, DJ and photobooth. No refunds. Tickets are for Gr 11 & 12 students only, no outside guests permitted. Gr 10's can come as a guest. Guest forms must be filled out and are available in the office. Students must have photo ID.

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.

SPORTS

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE A CLOWN?

Come out to Intramurals, because every day this week we have circus toys to try. Come and show us your skills!

GRADE 9 FRENCH IMMERSION ONLY - SKI AND SNOWBOARD

Last day to book tickets is today, December 19th. Don't miss out!!!!

Mt Seymour Ski and Snowboard day **Jan 23/2020**, 26 spots available, get yours on-line today.

Only 24 tickets have been sold, we need at least 10 more people to book, for this trip to happen.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB - DON'T MISS OUT

FOR THE FINAL TRIP, APRIL 18TH only 6 spaces are still available.

One spot has now opened for the MARCH 8TH date!!

Registration is online only. Please go to the Charles Best Website then Quick Links then Student Fees to register. First come, first served.

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.

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.

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.

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.