



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday, February 06, 2020

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL

DRESS YOUR "BEST" FRIDAY

This **Friday Feb 7th** is our first "DRESS YOUR BEST" day of semester 2. Show your school spirit and wear Charles Best Spirit wear, Grad wear, or school colors.

PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE

Would Elina Tehrani please come to the office.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS ON THE 2020 EUROPE TRIP:

There is a mandatory meeting in Room 103 today, **Thursday, February 6**. Please bring your phone or computer!

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIPS

There is an opportunity for Grade 10-12 Indigenous Students to explore the trades and apprenticeships through the ACCESS Trades Programs. This information session will be held on **February 13th** from 9:30 -11:30 at the Winslow Centre, 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam. Both students and parents are welcome to attend. Please see Alanna in room 110 for more information.

POETRY IN VOICE

It's still not too late to sign up for Poetry in Voice. **See Ms. Silzer ASAP**. Practice mic will be set up after school in Room 309 for anyone who wants to practice performing.

AP EXAMS

Students wanting to write the AP Exam this May, need to register at the office. The exams are \$160 each. The last day to register will be **February 28th**. For further information, please see Mrs. John in the Counselling area.

ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Please return your blue re-application form for next year to the International Education Office with full payment. For payment details, please see the back of your blue re-application form. If you have not received your blue re-application form, please contact Mrs. Joba. The payment deadline is **March 1st, 2020**.

FIREFIGHTING CAMP

Camp Ignite is a firefighting camp just for girls 16 to 18 years old is opened for registration. See career centre website under opportunities for more details.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

STF 7th annual public speaking contest on **May 9th** is opened for applications, please see career centre website under opportunities for details.

GRADE 12

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Mark your calendars for scholarship meeting #2 in the library on **February 12** at 3:30pm.

SPORTS

2020/2021 - SENIOR BASKETBALL TRIP TO HAWAII

For any students interested in playing basketball and travelling to an international tournament in Hawaii next December during winter break, there is an information letter available for you to show your parents. Tryouts for both the girls and boys travelling teams will be held in early March (date TBA). In order to attend try outs all interested students must return a completed form prior to tryouts to either Coach Depelteau, Coach Perceveault or Ms. Viswanathan. All current members of one of our Charles Best Junior and Senior Basketball teams will be given a letter at practice however any other potential players not currently playing for Best need to obtain one of these from one of the above mentioned teachers.

RUGBY

Rugby practice is cancelled today. All players are encouraged to meet in the workout gym and workout.

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The JR Girls Basketball team needs an early dismissal today Thursday at 2:25pm.

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Senior Girls Soccer tryouts will be held on **February 11th and February 13th** on the turf field. Please contact Ms. Fournier at ofournier@sd43.bc.ca if you are interested in participating in tryouts for the upcoming season. Please come prepared with equipment required to play in small sided games.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB - DON'T MISS OUT

FOR THE FINAL TRIP, APRIL 18TH only 3 spaces are still available.

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.

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.

****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.