



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Tuesday September 15, 2020

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

****STAY CALM AND STAY SAFE****

GENERAL

WELCOME BACK



We Hope You Have a Very Successful Year.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

A quick reminder to maintain 2 meters apart and in situations where that is not possible, please wear your mask. Also, a reminder to not share your belongings such as your phone.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Please avoid the construction site at the back of the building and at the back of the top parking lot until further notice. Also, there will be no exit by Room 108 to the back of the building with the exception of emergencies.

LUNCH

Please clean up your desk including disinfecting the surface after eating your lunch if you are in a classroom.

STUDENT PICK UPS

Please do not loiter on school grounds once you have finished your class(es) for the day. The new location for ride pick-up is in the top parking lot near the fields. Do NOT wait in the drive through for your ride.

***NEW for 2020: Pick up area after school is now in the top parking lot near the fields.

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Gr. 10, 11 & 12's, if you have any outstanding textbooks from last year, please return them to the office ASAP. Outstanding library books are to be returned to the drop box outside the library.

STUDENT DRIVERS

If you are an 'N' driver and plan on driving a car to school this year, you must register your vehicle with the office. Please come by the office for a registration form.

BUTTERFLY EFFECT

If you have signed up for Social Responsibility (a.k.a 'Butterfly Effect'), please make sure to attend our important first class on **Friday, September 18, 2020** in Room 218 at **7:30am SHARP**. If you have any questions, please see or email Ms. Martin.

MUSIC CLASSES

If you are interested in being in a band or choir class and it is NOT on your schedule, please email Mr. Hughes ASAP bhughes@sd43.bc.ca

TEAMS MEETINGS FOR MUSIC THIS WEEK

Band 11/12: Tuesday Sept. 15 @ 3:05

Band 9/10: Wednesday Sept. 16 @ 1:40

Choir: Thursday Sept. 17 @ 3:05

SPORTS

T.B.D.

CLUBS

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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 near the fenced off area in the upper parking lot. This is a designated area for our construction crew working on the school addition. 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.

******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.