



THE "BEST" INFORMER



TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2020

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

****BE KIND, BE CALM AND BE SAFE****

GENERAL

CLOTHING DRIVE

Leadership students are leading a clothing drive in the front courtyard for a new family in the community.

The bin will be available on October 7th & 14th from 7:40am to 10:05am, and October 8th, 9th, 13th, & 15th from 7:40am to 3:15pm. This clothing drive is to support a family of six children and a mother. We are looking for clean and gently used clothing, newly bought socks/undergarments, and shoes in good condition. Clothing will be collected in a marked bin at the front of the school, supervised by a leadership student. Please see the Charles Best Instagram page at @charlesbestscho for a list of clothing and shoe sizes we need for this family



SHARE FOOD DRIVE

Hello Charles Best! The leadership students are collecting money and non-perishable food for the SHARE society of the Tri-Cities. This event will take place from October 13-16. Bring your items to the bins near the front entrance of the school.

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

On Thursday October 15th from 7:45am-7:00pm and on Friday October 16th from 7:45am-3:30pm, the Charles Best Leadership students are hosting a Drive Thru Food Drive. Acceptable donations include non-perishable food items, grocery store gift cards and cash donations.



GIFT CARDS

Looking for a gift for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Christmas, **team party, clubs,** coaches, guest speakers? Look no further! We have the fundraiser at Charles Best: Fundscrip Gift Cards. Buy cards for where you normally shop or dine (grocery stores, clothing, gas, restaurants, etc.) and our school will profit! You can **buy cards online on our school's webpage** under Quick Links. All purchases made by **the 25th of Nov, Feb and May** will be here at the school to pick up the first week of the following month.



<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/56673/108/False/True>

POETRY IN VOICE COMPETITION

The school wide Poetry in Voice competition is on this year scheduled for February 18! It will most likely be online. The Regional and National competitions are also taking place...online. If you competed last year, you know what you need to do. Choose the English or the Bilingual stream, and to get a competitive edge, start planning now!

Don't know anything about Poetry in Voice? In a nutshell, it is a yearly poetry recitation competition that starts at the school level and could lead you to the national level! You can win cash prizes along the way! To participate, select, memorize, interpret and perform two poems from the Poetry in Voice senior anthology. To learn more, check out the site at www.poetryinvoice.com or www.lesvoixdelapoisie.com. Want more details? Ask your English or Immersion teacher or see Ms. Silzer in the library.

CAFETERIA IS NOW OPEN!

Charles Best Secondary and Canuel Catering is introducing a new online ordering service for our cafeteria.



You can pay for your lunches with a credit card, Interact or Apple Pay. Orders must be received before 8:30 am

Open Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri

See more information/account registration link on our school website or visit: <https://bullfrogtech.com/>

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS IS OPEN

Good news! The Library Learning Commons is open for business! Drop by anytime to borrow books, work quietly, or seek help with research. Just sanitize your hands and sign our login sheet as you enter. We are following COVID guidelines by sanitizing and quarantining books, practising social distancing and sanitizing work spaces. We look different from last year, but we're still here!

We are also developing a Media Maker Space so if you need access to a green screen and lighting or space to film and record work, we are offering it. Come in and see us 😊

YOUTH AT THE BOOTH ELECTION WORKERS

[Youth at the Booth](#) is Elections BC's program to hire high school students as election officials in the 2020 Provincial General Election.

Interested? We're looking for students who are:

- between 15 and 19 years old
- interested in community service, student government or service clubs, and
- able to be work in a neutral and impartial way.

Applicants must be legally entitled to work in Canada, have a valid SIN and their parent or guardian's approval to apply.

Youth at the Booth participants will:

- work as an election official at a voting place in their local community
- earn at least \$350 for attending training and working a full day
- obtain valuable work experience for their resume and post-secondary applications
- learn about elections and voting, and
- serve their community and democracy in B.C. by making sure every voter can vote.

COVID-19 safety and voting places

Our top priority is the health and safety of our staff. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've been working with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC to make sure that election workers have a safe work environment during COVID-19.

We have made a number of changes to the voting process, including designing safe voting plans for voting places. Examples include:

- maintaining two metres distance from other individuals and groups
- guidance and signage to ensure physical distancing
- capacity limits within voting places
- increased cleaning of voting stations
- provision of hand-sanitizer stations, and
- use of personal protective equipment such as masks and face-visors.

Students who are hired as election officials must:

- complete online learning (1 hour) and classroom training (3 hours) before working as an election official
- have a valid email address and access to a computer to complete the online training prior to attending classroom training
- work the entire day when they are assigned to work (6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. or longer)
- provide their own transportation to and from voting locations
- be prepared to provide a Social Insurance Number if offered employment, and
- wear a mask at all times while working. Some election officials must also wear a face shield. If you are not willing or able to wear a mask at all times, you must not accept employment as an election official.

Please see Mr. Chang (counsellor) for more information

MATH CONTEST

Grades 9-12 if you are interested in writing the Waterloo Math Contest, please sign up with Mr. Dy during your break. Deadline to register is October 30, 2020.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are selling FAST! Purchase yours now for only **\$55** (online only)
Visit the Charles Best website: Quick Links/Student Fees



START-UP FORMS

We appreciate your parents taking the time to confirm and complete the start up forms sent home the first week of school. If you haven't already done so, please return the forms to the office.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CAR YET?

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

OUTSTANDING TEXTBOOKS

Gr. 10, 11 & 12's, if you have any outstanding textbooks from last year, please return them to the office ASAP.

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.

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTOS!



We are pleased to announce Grads BC will be offering Graduation photos between October 13-17 during the evening and on the Saturday. Information will be sent home shortly.

Parent/Guardians are required to give their consent to acknowledge an outside company will be taking photos within the school. Parents, please click [here](#) to complete the survey.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENT

Chat with university representatives from across Canada! Student events start on September 28!

See website for registration and info!

<https://cuebc.org/events>

SPORTS

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*******BE BEAR AWARE*******

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

*******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.

*******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.

******VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS******

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.