

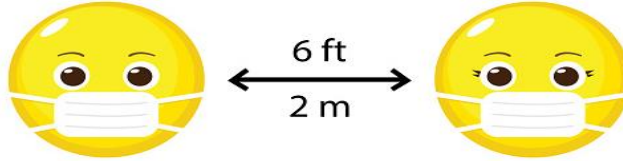


THE "BEST" INFORMER



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAFETERIA HOURS -

The cafeteria will be closing between 10:30 – 11:00am daily from now until Spring Break.
Sorry for the inconvenience.

CARE BEAR CHASE

Real Acts of Caring is hosting RAC week. From Wednesday to Friday there will be a Care Bear Chase! For a chance to win a \$15 gift card to either Starbucks, McDonalds or Amazon, you need to find the Care Bear. RAC Club will be hiding it somewhere on school grounds. To win, find the bear, take a picture, send it to RAC Club's Instagram page, then bring the bear to the office. There will be one winner per day. Good luck Devils!

REAL ACTS OF CARING WEEK FEBRUARY 13-19

Do something extra caring and kind for another, the environment and yourself during this challenging time!
More info on the lobby bulletin board as well as on the lobby tv.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT SURVEY

Grade 11's We look forward to your participation in the Youth Development Instrument (YDI) survey one day between Feb 18th and Feb 24th in Block 2.
You will need a charged device for this survey. Your Block 2 teacher has more details.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The renewal payment deadline is March 1st for students who intend to continue studying at Best next year. An email (with the fillable form) was sent to you from International Education if you are up for renewal this September.
Please see Mrs. Joba if you have any questions.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found bin is filling up again. Please take a moment to stop by and check for any belongings.
Lost and found location: Across from the Career Resource/Tech Centre on the main floor.

STUDENT PARKING

Any student parking a car on school property during the school year is required to display a parking pass.
Please come to the office to request a Student Vehicle Registration form.

SPORTS

HOCKEY TEAM

Ice Hockey Meeting for all interested students in grade 10 through 12 after school in the Cafeteria after school at 3:25pm. Due to COVID, the meeting will be split up by grades.

12's Friday, February 11th
11's Monday, February 14th
10's Tuesday, February 15th

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY

Senior Boys play at 7:30pm
Reminder, spectators are not permitted at this time.

SPORTS

REMINDER - GIRLS SOCCER

Girls soccer players interested in playing on either the junior or senior girls team are welcome to attend tryouts on February 15 & February 17 after school on the turf field.

Warm up will start at 3:30pm. Be on time, dress for the weather, and be ready to work hard.

Please sign up for tryouts using the following link so coaches know how many players to expect

<https://forms.office.com/r/35FnqMy3cr>

GRADE 12'S

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #2 FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Please stay tuned for an email invite to our teams meeting, taking place this **Thursday, February 17th, at 3.30 pm**. We will be introducing the local scholarship package and will go through the application process.

If you can't make it on Thursday but are still hoping to apply for internal scholarships, please check the Career Centre team > Grade 12 Local Scholarship Package channel starting Friday, Feb 17.

The directory and all required application forms, etc. will be posted there.

Any questions, please contact Ms. Kaufmann at skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca.

YEARBOOK WRITE UPS

Attention all Grads! It's time to submit your Yearbook Write-up.

Deadline: Feb. 18, 2022

Yearbook is a time capsule. Write something that relates to your time spent at Dr. Charles Best Secondary. Do you want to address your friends? Maybe you want to say thank you to some of your teachers, family, or friends? Are you brave enough to predict the future?

GRADEWhat would you like your friends to read 20 years from now?



CLUBS

We will not be starting any new clubs at this time. Clubs are encouraged to meet virtually but can meet in person if they are under the direct supervision of their sponsor teacher for the entire meeting.

Everyone is to wear their masks, space out appropriately and follow all covid protocols.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

SD43 TRADES INFO SESSION

Students in Gr. 11 & 12, their parents and teachers who are interested in learning more about opportunities in trades please [join this Teams meeting](#) on **Wednesday February 16th, from 6:00 – 7:00pm**. This session will contain important information about specific program details including prerequisites for high school students.

Both the TRAIN in Trades and WORK in Trades programs will be covered.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the [Career Centre website > Employment & Volunteering](#) for a long list of local organizations currently looking for motivated high school students.

- Police Community Station: Info Session on **Thursday, Feb 17th** at 7pm
 - Spring Break Camps: Place Maillardville and Pedalheads (they will be running a camp right on Como Lake Ave.)
 - Festival du Bois (great opportunity for FRIM students)
 - Port Moody Farmers Market
 - Vancouver Children's Festival (long-term and short-term opportunities)
 - SFU Summer Camps: Info Session for SD43 applicants on **Wednesday, March 2nd**, 5:00-5:30pm

YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

This 3-week leadership exchange program in the U.S. develops a network of young adults from across countries in the Americas who have a strong sense of civic responsibility, a commitment to their communities, an awareness of current and global issues, and strong interpersonal leadership skills. The program promotes mutual understanding, respect, and collaboration. Selected students participate at no cost. Must be Canadian citizen, age 15-18, with at least four months of high school remaining before graduation (2022 grads are not eligible). [Apply here](#) by **February 25th**.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

IVEY BUSINESS CASE COMPETITION

Grade 11 students will have the chance to participate in Virtual Case Classes designed specifically for them. Happening **Mar. 5, 2022** at 10 am or 1 pm PST). [Must register](#) by **Feb 28**, 9 am PST.

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF BC COIN COMPETITION

High School students in BC are invited to compete virtually on April 23rd by showing off their accounting acumen in this multiple choice questions exam focusing on introductory accounting concepts. The top 20 highest scoring students will be presented with cash prizes. See [website](#) for more details!
Register by noon, March 25th.

STEM FELLOWSHIP: RESEARCH EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITY (REO)

The REO Program will allow high school students to virtually shadow mentors at research facilities across Canada **during Spring Break, March 14 to March 25, 2022**, and it will provide students with the opportunity to experience research in a university laboratory. [More info here.](#)

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

BCIT BIG INFO AT HOME EVENT

This is your chance to find out about all BCIT's programs – from business, computing, and health to engineering, trades, and applied sciences. Learn about different programs each night between **February 15th to 17th**. [Register here.](#)

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY – FILM & ANIMATION OPEN HOUSE

Feb. 19, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. [Register here.](#)

LANGARA COLLEGE PROGRAM PREVIEWS

Studio 58 Acting & Production programs: **Feb 15**. [Register here](#)

Food & Nutrition programs: **Feb 16**. [Register here](#)

Design Formation: **Feb 22**. [Register here](#)

Education Assistant Programs: **Feb 28**. [Register here](#)

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION

Deadline to apply is February 15. [More info here.](#)

COQUITLAM FOUNDATION BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Reminder! A variety of awards is available for SD43 students, most of them consider financial need. Value of awards is in the \$500- 2,500 range. [Apply by February 15.](#)

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION STUDENT CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

3x \$500 are available for graduating B.C. public school students who have displayed exemplary citizenship within their school and community. [Apply here](#) by **February 28, 2022**.

SINGSPIRE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to support a young musician (identifying as female) in their musical development. Must be 15+ and has been involved in a school or community choral program. Does not have to be pursuing a career in music. [Apply here](#) by **February 28**.

CHEMICAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA - LIONEL HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY

Up to \$16,000 are available to a student planning to enroll in a BSc program in chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering at a Canadian university, a pre-university 2-year program, or diploma program at a college. Demonstrated need for financial assistance. [Apply here](#) by **February 28**.

DOUGLAS COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARDS

For students who excel in their studies and contribute to their communities, including the promotion of social justice and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation within their schools and/or communities. Scholarships vary from one-time \$3,500 to \$20,000 over four years. Financial need may be considered. [Apply by March 1.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

******WINTER WEATHER******

Winter weather is coming. Please use extra caution when driving or walking in inclement conditions.

*******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.

*******CROSSING COMO LAKE*******

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

*****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 crosswalks 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.

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.

