



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 TODAY IS DAY 1

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



### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FAMILY DAY FEBRUARY 21

No school on Monday, February 21, 2022 due to the Family Day Statutory holiday.  
Classes resume Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

#### COOKIE SALE

The Dabirestan Club is holding a cookie sale on Pink shirt Day February 23 during blocks 2, 3, & 4 in the front lobby.

#### POETRY INVOICE 2022

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's school-wide Poetry in Voice competition.

The results are in:

#### ENGLISH STREAM

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place-Breanna C-P.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Tess P.	Alexia N.
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#### BILINGUAL STREAM

1 <sup>ST</sup> Place – Jessica O-V.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Troy C.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Anisia H.
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Breanna (English) and Jessica (French) will represent Best in the national on-line qualifiers.  
The following 3 reciters topped the English AND Bilingual stream scoring for individual recitations in English AND French and will form Best's English and French Regional Team:

**Jessica O-V, Troy C. Anisia H.**

Congratulations to all participants!

#### CAFETERIA HOURS

The cafeteria will be closing between 10:30 – 11:00am daily from now until Spring Break.  
The new hours are posted outside the cafeteria and in the front lobby.

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> and Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY

Senior Boys home game at 7:30pm.  
Please confirm spectators are permitted.

### 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

### TODAY - SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #2 FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Please stay tuned for an email invite to our teams meeting, taking place this **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:skaufmann@sd43.bc.ca).

### LAST CHANCE - YEARBOOK WRITE UPS DUE TOMORROW

**Attention all Grads! It's time to submit your Yearbook Write-up.  
Deadline: Feb. 18, 2022**

## 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

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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.

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### **CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF BC COIN COMPETITION**

High School students in BC are invited to compete virtually on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

## POST SECONDARY EVENTS

### **CAPILANO UNIVERSITY – FILM & ANIMATION OPEN HOUSE**

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

### **LANGARA COLLEGE PROGRAM PREVIEWS**

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

Education Assistant Programs: **Feb 28.** Register here

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **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.

