



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT PRO D DAY

No school tomorrow, Friday February 25. Enjoy your weekend!

2022-2023 COURSE SELECTION

Reminder to current grade 9, 10, and 11's: Course selection forms must be filled out and entered in your MYED Portal asap. Once entered in MYED, please hand your form in to the counselling office.

ECOCHALLENGE WEEK

Hey Charles Best, next week is the district's first ever **Ecochallenge Week**.

We will be distributing QR codes to teachers and posting in the Informer for students to self report when they participate. Submit your form for a chance to win some Charles Best swag!

Let's all participate, and make next week environmentally great!

Day1: lights out, save power - lights in the cafeteria will be off all day long!

Day 2: Charles best or Ugly sweater day, save gas → lower greenhouse gas emissions, school heat will be turned down all day!

Day3: walk/ride or bus to school → lower greenhouse gas emissions and take a healthier way to school

Day4: litter less lunch → less waste to landfill

Day5: write a pledge day → commit to a new, more sustainable personal lifestyle choice, come outside main office during period 2 and period 3 to make a pledge and vote to watch your favorite teacher try a cricket "a sustainable protein choice"

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.

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.

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

TODAY - MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

All students interested in participating in the district mountain biking team, please join an important TEAMS meeting today at 3:30. Sign up here for details:



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TODAY - BADMINTON

If you are interested in playing for the Junior or Senior Badminton Team the first round of tryouts will be this Thursday, February 24th at 3:30pm in the large gym. Please bring a racquet and wear appropriate clothing.

RUGBY – CANCELLED TODAY

Rugby practice is cancelled today due to the snow.

Next week Junior and Senior Boys practice Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Hillcrest @ 3:30.
New players are still welcome. See Mr. Startin if you would like more details.

FIELD LACROSSE GAMES

The boys field lacrosse teams have the following games this week on home turf. Come cheer on the boys!
Friday, February 25: Best vs. Maple Ridge (Jr. Game) @ 3:45pm

GRADE 12'S

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

TODAY AND TOMORROW - STUDY & GO ABROAD FAIR

Connect with universities and colleges from across the globe, including Canada, to learn more about programs offered, scholarships, and admission requirements. **Fri, February 25 & Sat, February 26, 8 am – 2 pm Pacific Time.** [More info here.](#)

SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS – SD43 INFO SESSION

If you are thinking about applying to volunteer with SFU Camps this Summer, attend their info session on **March 2, 5:00-5:30pm.** SFU Camp reps will explain the application process and answer all your questions. [Join meeting here](#) Meeting ID: 613 6453 0189, Password: 076919

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

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

LANGARA COLLEGE PROGRAM PREVIEWS

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

BCIT WOMEN IN ENGINEERING ONLINE PANEL

Engineer an inclusive future. Hear from Engineering grads and students and get an overview of BCIT's degree and diploma programs in Engineering: Civil, Electrical, and Marine. **March 2, 5 pm.** [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](#).

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE FOR BEST GRADS

Missed our scholarship meeting? Check out the Career Centre team > Grads 2022 Local Scholarship package channel. You'll find the directory containing a long list of scholarships and bursaries administered by our school or SD43, as well as other local financial aid opportunities. For the internal scholarships you are only competing with your fellow Best grads, don't miss out. Link to the online application is in the directory.

Deadline to apply: April 1, 3 pm.

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.