



THE “BEST” INFORMER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

TODAY IS DAY 1



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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DRESS YOUR BEST TOMORROW

It's Friday tomorrow so that means Dress your 'Best'!
Wear school colours or spirit wear.

DABIRESTAN CLUB WINTER BAKE SALE

The Dabirestan Club will be out in the front lobby during blocks 2, 3 & 4 on December 5th selling delicious baked goods. \$1-3 depending on the item. Cash only please.

GRADE 9/10 VOLUNTEERS FOR WINTER BALL

If you are a Grade 9 or 10 student and looking for graduation volunteer hours, you can help at the 11/12 dance on Dec. 8! Fill out the form on the Student Council Instagram Bio and message us with any questions.

SNOW ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students please be reminded that snow is for looking at, not throwing at each other. 😊
Students involved in snowball fights etc. will face disciplinary action.

SNOW THIS WEEK

Snow is in the forecast this week. Please give yourselves plenty of time in the morning to get to school and dress appropriately for cold, inclement conditions.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE FOR BC CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Collections being accepted from Monday, November 27 - Friday, December 9.
Please drop off **New Unwrapped** Toys to Main Foyer. **Note that used toys of any kind are not being accepted.**

ITEMS IN HIGH DEMAND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Infant rattles, washable mobiles and board books
- Teen gift items, teen arts and crafts kits
- Self-contained craft kits (Brands: Klutz, Melissa & Doug)
- Crayola crayons and markers
- Small lego sets
- Gift cards for music, movies, video games, Amazon, iPad stands

FOOD DRIVE

Our annual food drive has begun and will run until Wednesday Dec. 14.
Please bring in any non-perishable food items and drop them in the bins at the front door.
Thank you for your support!

CANDYGRAM SALE

The R.A.C. Club will be selling candygrams in blocks 2, 3 & 4 for the whole week. Don't miss out!
This is a fun way to surprise your friends with a small gift.
Only \$1 each!

WINTER BALL FOR SENIOR GRADES

Grade 11 & 12 students, get your tickets for the Winter Ball **Thursday, December 8.**
Click on the link to purchase through school cashonline. <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>
Click here to request a song for the DJ. <https://forms.office.com/r/qGnX3RuL19>

****Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food bank****

HOLIDAY THRIFT STORE – COLLECTING ITEMS NOW

Please help make our first ever Charles Best holiday thrift store a success by donating unwanted, gently used items. We will gladly accept any **good condition only clothing items of all sizes, books and toys**. Please place items in bins just outside front office **from Monday Nov. 22 – Friday Dec. 5th**. Stay tuned for more information regarding our **thrift sale which will happen on Tues. Dec.13th and Wed. Dec. 14th out of the Devils Den and School Cafeteria**. 100% of proceeds will be donated to an environmentally dedicated cause, any unsold items will be donated to charity.

STUDENT PARKING PASS

ALL students parking a vehicle on school property require a parking pass. Once you have completed your 'N' road test, please come to the office for a registration form. Reminder to all current students with a parking pass-your pass must be visible in your front windshield when your car is parked on school grounds.

CLUBS

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS-YOU CAN ALSO CHECK INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES

SPORTS

GRADE 9 BOYS BASKETBALL

The team kicks off the season down at Gleneagle Secondary tomorrow and Saturday at the Gleneagle Tournament. Best of luck team!

JUNIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Juniors are heading out to Pitt Meadows Dec. 2 & 3 for the Pitt Meadows Tournament. Game time on Dec. 2 is at 3:30pm. Go Blue Devils!

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Seniors have a league game on December 2nd at New West. Secondary. 4pm tip off. Good luck!

GRADE 12'S

REMINDER TO VOTE - AFTER GRAD THEME

Grade 12's please click on the link to fill out a quick survey about your After Grad theme and decorations.
<https://forms.office.com/r/vyi06eJC2m>

BEDDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIPS

100+ scholarships are available for Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents (since 2020) with financial need who are in their final year of high school, entering into their first bachelor's degree, diploma, certificate or trades program at one of BC's public post-secondary institutions. Must have 75%+ average. Valued at up to \$11,000/ year for a bachelor's degree program, or a college university transfer program tenable for up to four years of funding; or for a college certificate/diploma or trades foundation programs, tenable for up to two years of funding. [More info here](#). **Deadline to apply is January 12, 2023**, before 9 am.

JOHN EVANS ENGINEERING AWARD

Calling all female future engineers. \$5,000 and a potential summer engineering work placement with Fortis Inc. are available for a graduating student who self-identifies as female (Canadian or PR status) and will be entering an accredited Canadian Engineering program. Criteria are volunteer activities, leadership, and interpersonal skills. **Deadline is January 20, 2023**. [More info here](#).

TEAL FOUNDATION – REFUGEE AWARDS

Three different awards are available to students who entered Canada as a refugee and have shown courage and determination while adapting to a new language and culture in Canada. Students must have studied English as an additional language since arriving in Canada and must be planning to pursue a vocational or academic program at a post-secondary institution in B.C. Award value is \$3,000.

Deadline to apply is January 31, 2023.

More info: [Nicholas Collins Founders Refugee Award](#) | [Taiga Galli Memorial Refugee Award](#) | [TCF Refugee Award](#)

DAVID LAM ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AWARD

\$3,000 will be awarded to an English language learned graduating from a B.C. secondary school who has demonstrated consistent academic improvement and has been involved in their school or community. Must be Canadian Citizen/ PR and will be proceeding to a post-secondary institution in B.C.

Deadline to apply is January 31, 2023. [More info here](#).

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

DUE TOMORROW - JR. FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Reminder: The deadline to apply is **December 2**. Open to grade 11 and 12 students. [More info here](#).
Any questions, please contact Ms. Kaufmann.

NATIONAL PORTFOLIO DAY

Grade 12s, this is your last chance to (virtually) show off what you've been working on and to get last-minute feedback from admissions team members and faculty from art and design schools.
Grade 11s, if you are thinking of potentially pursuing any post-secondary program that requires a portfolio as part of the admissions process, [sign up now](#). This way you'll have lots of time to improve your work before applications are due next year around this time. **December 4**, 9 am – 1 pm.

YMCA SUMMER WORK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students in grades 10 to 12! The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange provides you with the opportunity to travel across the country to live with a French-speaking host family, participate in organized cultural activities, and to WORK for a non-profit organization in a paid summer job. The program runs July 1 – August 12, and students must be 16 or 17 by that time. The program fee is only \$125 and includes your travel cost, accommodation, and foods (sponsored by the government). [Learn more here](#). If you are curious, attend our **information session on Tuesday, December 6th**, after school in the library.

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UVIC GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

If you want to develop your global mindset, and gain work experience in a vibrant learning culture, learn more about the BCom program at the University of Victoria. **Wed, Dec 7** at 5:30 pm.
You have until January 31st to apply. [Register here](#).

BCIT INFO SESSIONS

- Automotive Technician, Automotive Refinishing / Body Repair and Motorcycle and Power Equipment, **December 7**, 6-9 pm, virtual. [Sign up here](#).
 - Sheet Metal Foundation Program, **December 13**, 5 pm, on campus. [Sign up here](#).
 - General Insurance & Risk Management Diploma, **December 14**, 5-6 pm, virtual. [Sign up here](#).

LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES

Aspiring law enforcement students and their parents are invited to a virtual info session. Discover what it takes to pursue a career in law enforcement or public safety, and learn about the education, applied skills, and specialized knowledge required to become a superior candidate in the recruiting process. **December 7**, 7-8 pm.
[Register here](#).

KPU FUTURE BUSINESS LEADER'S COMPETITION

Grade 11/12 high school students can compete on teams (assigned by KPU) for the title of "Future Business Leaders of 2023". **Wed, February 8th**, 5-8 pm. Gain university-level business skills, network with industry professionals, have a chance to win prizes. [Sign up here](#).