



THE “BEST” INFORMER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 2



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

HELLO!

SEPTEMBER

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST BLOCK START TIME

Reminder to all students: Block 1 starts promptly at 8:16 am this year. A warning bell will sound at 8:11 am to give you 5 minutes to arrive to class. Please be on time to avoid class disruptions.

TODAY- GRADE 10 AND 11 ASSEMBLIES

GRADE 11'S PERIOD 2: students, please go to your block 2 class. You will be called to the large gym from class.

GRADE 10'S PERIOD 4: students, please go to your block 4 class. You will be called to the large gym from class.

**If you have an off-block during your assigned assembly, please go directly to the large gym.

TOMORROW - FALL PLAY AUDITIONS

Come one come all! It doesn't matter what grade you're in. Fall play auditions are happening on the stage after school **Wednesday September 13th at 3:30 PM**. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring an open mind.

If you have any questions, stop by and see Mr. Case on the stage.

See you there!

DID YOU MISS YOUR ADVISORY ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH?

If you missed your Advisory on Tuesday, September 5th please come to the office to pick up important forms and sign up for a locker.

TERRY FOX DONATIONS/RUN

Leadership Students have a goal of raising \$2000 this year to support the Terry Fox Foundation.

Please look out for the students this week and consider a donation to this worthy cause.

There is a competition between grades for the greatest amount donated by grade. Winners get to choose where they sit on the bleachers for the assembly on Friday. Those who didn't win sit on the floor!

Donation tallies will be updated on Instagram daily.

Our annual school wide Terry Fox run will take place on **Friday, September 15**.

Please come prepared to walk/run in Mundy Park.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CLASS (AKA BUTTERFLY EFFECT)

If you are registered for Social Responsibility (also previously known as 'Butterfly Effect') with Ms. Martin this year, please make sure to be at our first class meeting on **Friday September 15**. We will be meeting at 7:30am

in room 219 . If you have any questions, please email Ms. Martin at lmartin@sd43.bc.ca. If you are not

registered in the course, but are interested in it, feel free to come by and/or contact Ms. Martin. I'm usually in Science Office B. Looking forward to starting the course with you all!

SCHOOL USE LAPTOPS

Students who will be requesting the use of a school use laptop can come to the school office to pick up a form at the front reception desk in the office.

LOCKER INFORMATION

All **Grade 9 and 10** students were assigned a locker on Tuesday, September 5th.

If you were missed, please come to the office ASAP.

Grade 11 and 12's, lockers are available on a first come basis.

If you have not signed up for one, please come to the office.

REMINDER: locks on school lockers are the property of the school and must be used.

Using your own lock is NOT permitted. If you choose to use a small locker for PE, you must provide your own lock-do NOT remove your school lock and use for PE.

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS

Grade 12's, starting today you can book your Cap and Gown photos and find out more information by using the QR code found on Artona posters throughout the school.

Photos will take place on site from January 5-19, 2024.

Coming soon: you will receive an email with the QR code so check your school emails!

NEWSLETTER - PLEASE READ

Grades 12's, an important newsletter was emailed on Thursday, September 7th detailing events unfolding throughout the year. Please ensure you read through it. If you have any questions, we are here to help!

CLUBS

CLUB DAY INFORMATION

Our club day is quickly approaching! On **Wed. Sept 20th** all approved Clubs for the 2023/2024 school year will have the opportunity to showcase their club in the front courtyard. If you ran a club last year or you would like to start a new club, you must complete the "2023 Club Application/Reapplication Form" that is on the school website homepage (click link at the top of the page).

Deadline to apply/reregister is this Friday, Sept. 15th. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Fridge.

ATHLETICS

GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Last tryout is TODAY from 3:30-5:00pm in the large gym. All Grade 9 girls welcome!

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Practice schedule for this week is Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm in the large gym.

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Practice schedule for this week is Monday-Thursday 5-7pm large gym.

Please check our Teams group for more info.

TODAY - SWIM TEAM MEETING IS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

All swimmers, whether you are competitive, summer only or recreational are welcome to join the Best Swim Team! An information meeting will be held on **CANCELLED** in Portable #2.

Contact Mme. Ma

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.

*******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 bus stops or at the west entrance roundabout.

Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*****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/SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS*****

Vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances.

For the safety of all 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.

