



THE "BEST" INFORMER



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

TODAY IS DAY 1

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



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD TEACHER'S DAY

In honour of **World Teachers' Day**, we take this opportunity to highlight the incredible passion and devotion of teacher communities everywhere. Thank you to all of our amazing teachers at Charles Best!

TOMORROW - DRESS YOUR BEST FRIDAY

Wear school colours (Navy, White, Black, Grey, Blue or any combination of) or wear your school spirit wear!

THANKSGIVING

There is no school on **Monday, October 9th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Classes resume on Tuesday, October 10th.

GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

The Gay-Straight Alliance meets after school on Wednesdays in room 305.

Everyone is welcome to hang out in a safe space and connect with others.

See Ms. Leslie for more Info.

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

If you are in grades 9-12 interested in writing the University of Waterloo Math contest, please see Mr. Dy in room 116 at the beginning of period 3 or 4. The deadline to sign up for November contest is **October 15th**.

OCTOBER SPCA DRIVE

The SPCA is looking for donations for their shelter. Blankets, sheets, canned or sealed dry pet food.

They desperately need these supplies now and in preparation for the Winter months.

Please bring any donations to our Youth Worker Heather Bjornson's room on the lower floor during the month of October and into December. Thank you!

CAREER CENTRE NEWS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

JOB SHADOW DAY IN FINANCE

Grade 11 & 12 young women and gender-diverse high school students are invited to spend Monday, October 23, downtown in the financial district and learn more about careers in finance. Job Shadow Day is a free, day-long event, featuring interactive workshops, networking and mentoring sessions, presentations profiling women with diverse careers in finance, and an afternoon of job shadowing with a mentor who works in the industry. Job Shadow Day gives students a first-hand view of what a career in finance can look like.

Learn more [here](#). **Deadline is October 6th or when all spots are filled.**

*You need a teacher/ counsellor supporting your registration.

PLACE DES ARTS 2023-24 YOUTH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

This dedicated group of teen volunteers meets regularly from Sep-Jun to organize and host two youth-oriented events each year and advise Place des Arts on teen engagement.

Applications are accepted **until October 6th**. Grades 9-12 are welcome to apply. [More info here](#).

YMCA SUMMER WORK EXCHANGE INFO MEETING

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange (SWSE) program offers youth aged 16-17 the opportunity to gain paid work experience, practice their second official language skills, and explore another Canadian community through a 6-week exchange to Québec during the summer. Students live with a host family in Québec and are paid to work full-time at a non-profit organization or public sector job such as a summer camp, childcare centre, community museum, etc. During weekends, students participate in a variety of group activities that allow them to get to know the culture, arts, history, and recreation opportunities of their new community.

SWSE is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage and is offered at minimal cost (\$150) to participants; this includes transportation to and from Québec, as well as all program activities.

This is an excellent opportunity for youth to enhance their French skills through immersion.

Come to our info meeting on **Mon, October 16**, after school and learn more (location tba).

POST SECONDARY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY INFO SESSIONS AT BEST

Students in grade 11 and 12 who are exploring their post-secondary options, please mark your calendar. Recruiter visits are a wonderful opportunity to get a first idea of a specific school and to get your questions answered. All events will take place in the library.

- **University of Victoria:** Wednesday, October 11th, 3.15 pm,
- **University of Alberta:** Tuesday, October 17th, 3.15 pm,
- **Simon Fraser University:** Thursday, October 19th, 3.15 pm,
- **UVic Gustavson School of Business:** Tuesday, October 24th, 3.15 pm,
- **SFU Beedie School of Business:** Thursday, October 26th, 3.15 pm.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

TODAY - SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #1

Please join Mr. Chang and Ms. Kaufmann in the library after school on **Thursday, October 5th** to hear about general information for students looking for financial aid to pay for post-secondary.

LAST DAY - UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BOOK AWARD

The National Book Award is designed to recognize outstanding students from across Canada. Students who are planning to apply for U of T's National Scholarship may want to request their nomination as being a Book Award nominee might be an advantage. Criteria: Demonstrated superior academic performance, original and creative thought, school/ community service. Learn how to get nominated [here](#).

Deadline: Thursday, October 5.

QUEEN'S MAJOR ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

We can nominate **TWO** students this year. Different awards are available, most popular is the Chancellor's Scholarship (50 x up to \$48,000). Open to outstanding students (grades 90%+) who are creative thinkers, have demonstrated school/ community service and have proven their leadership skills.

Learn how to get nominated [here](#). **Deadline: Wed, November 1, 9 am.**

GRADE 12'S

GRAD PHOTO BOOKINGS

Grade 12's, an email was sent to you including attachments with QR codes to book your individual grad photo and optional friends group session.

Reminder: all grade 12's are to have their grad photo taken regardless of purchase.

DUE TOMORROW - CAPSTONE PROPOSAL DUE DATE

Grade 12's, your capstone proposal is due by **Friday, October 6th** to TEAMS. Please contact your CLC teacher or visit room 309 if you need more information.

UBC APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

UBC will not participate in any in-person recruiting events in the Lower Mainland, but they are running several online events that help students explore UBC and to understand the application process, such as weekly virtual workshops discussing the Personal Profile. Sign up asap, these events usually fill up quickly. [More info here](#).

CLUBS

****WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON ****

ATHLETICS

TODAY - GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The team heads to Heritage Mountain on **Thursday, October 5th**.
Good luck girls!

TODAY - SENIOR GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, October 5th the team plays down the hill at Terry Fox Secondary. Game time is at 6:00pm.
NEXT UP: The team plays in a tournament starting **Friday October 6th** at UFV. Good luck team!

TODAY - FIELD HOCKEY

On **Thursday, October 5th**, our UNDEFEATED team travels to Heritage Woods to take on the Kodiaks.
Good luck Blue Devils!

JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Next up: the team heads to Chilliwack on **Friday, October 6th** for a tournament.

SWIMMING

Our swim team competes in their first district meet of the season on **Friday, October 6th**.
Good luck everyone!