



THE "BEST" INFORMER

Friday, November 18, 2016

Today is **Day 2**

****Please note: All new items or any item with changes will be in **Red******

GENERAL

GRADE 9'S RETURN IMMUNIZATIONS FORMS

Please get your completed and signed Immunization form in to the office ASAP.

COMPUTER AND ROBOTICS PROGRAM

"The Computer and Robotics Program at SD43 Confucius Institute will have a free workshop on Saturday, November 26 at Winslow Center (1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam) from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The workshop will have one of B.C.'s experienced STEM teachers Henry Ho giving a lecture on Robotics Programming using the VEX IQ Robotics platform. Henry will give a hands-on demo, showing students how to use VEX IQ and giving an intro to robotics systems. A Q&A session will follow the demo. The workshop will also provide information on the Technovation Challenge, a competition sponsored by Google and Microsoft and designed to guide girls in becoming technology entrepreneurs. Workshops offered by the Computer and Robotics Program are free to the public and aim to build a vibrant community of technology education and entrepreneurship in SD43. Workshop space is limited. Email Lucie Wee at sd43computers@gmail.com with the participant name, grade and school to register, and you will receive a confirmation response. Please contact sd43computers@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved as a future speaker or workshop leader."

FRENCH CLUB

Interested in global support and experiencing French culture? Then French Club is perfect for you! This club allows you to be more involved in your community as well as develop some well-earned leadership skills. First meeting takes place next **Mon Nov 21st**, afterschool in Room 108. Hope to see you there!

CHIPATI SALE

Come try some authentic Kenyan food. For \$2.00, you can get a Chipati, which is a traditional flatbread. As a school we have been able to share our culture with Denis and Allan, now let them share some of their culture with you. We will be in the front foyer all day tomorrow, **November 18th**.

PETS IN NEED

As of today, we only have a few pet items for the needy animals. Come on BEST lets be the best by helping our needy friends. I am hoping each student can bring at least 1 pet item to my room, by the 24th. The SPCA is desperate for blankets, towels, dog and cat food. PLEASE SHOW YOU CARE

SPORTS

JR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL WIND UP

Please get your uniforms and money in to Mrs. O'Neill ASAP. We will look to have our wind up on **Tuesday November 22ND**.

GRADE 12'S

LOOKING FOR A GRAD DRESS?

Are you starting to look for your Grad Dress? Check this site out, <https://twitter.com/Dressew>

UPCOMING POST SECONDARY VISITS TO BEST

U of Alberta will be here today, **November 18**, 12:30 Career Centre
McGill **November 25**, 3:10 in the Library

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

*****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.

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.

STUDENTS THAT ARE LATE OR LEAVING EARLY

Please remember that when you are late (even for a minute) you MUST sign in at the office. This also applies to those students whose parents have phoned them in late. Also if you need to leave the school early for any reason, YOU MUST sign out at the office with parents' permission – a note, phone call or email.

*****VAPORIZERS – AN ADDITION TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT*****

VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We have noted an increase in the use of these devices by our student population at Charles Best. While there are documented health concerns associated with vaping, these devices have also become a safety issue. We are using this opportunity to inform students and parents **that vaporizers and/or e-cigarettes cannot be possessed at school under any circumstances**. There have been recent incidents in our school/district that have resulted in these devices unintentionally exploding which can result in serious injury for the user and those around them. For the safety of all of 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.