

# THE "BEST" INFORMER



Friday, December 09, 2016

Today is **Day 2**

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

## GENERAL



### Christmas Classics in the Small Gym

- All day we will be playing Christmas Classics chosen by you!
- Buy some popcorn and enter to win a box of gourmet Truffle Pig Chocolate as seen on Dragons Den!
- All proceeds will be going to the Vancouver Homeless Shelter
- Show your Christmas spirit and wear your pajamas!



#### ☺☺ SPIRIT WEAR AND GRAD WEAR PICK UP ☺☺

Spirit Wear and Grad Wear will be available for pick up today and Monday in the Conference Room.

#### BYE BYE BIRDIE AUDITIONS

ACTING READS today at 3:20 on the stage.

Max Botsis, Kaite Graf, Kaitlyn Truss, Erin Ashley, Sam Kerr Micheal Pericini, Ellen Mee, Caterina Fusco, Maya Evans, Ted McRae, Lauren Brown, Finn Birk and Nuesha Amir Rahmani.

#### SENIOR SANTA GIFTS

There are still some Senior Santa gifts that have not been brought in. Please remember to bring your gift to the office ASAP.

#### LIVES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE ESSAY CONTEST

Students in Grade 9-12 may enter by writing an essay, based on someone they think made the biggest impact on Canadian society in 2016. Two winners will be selected. (Value \$2,000 & 3,000) Deadline **Dec. 9, 2016** visit: <http://www.livesthatmakeadifference>

#### QUEBEC EXCHANGE

French Immersion Grade 9's and 10's, if you are interested in participating in spending 3 months in Quebec on an exchange, please contact Mme. Touré for more information.

#### 12 DAYS OF GIVING FOOD DRIVE

This year we are doing a food drive again and our theme is twelve days of giving! Each day until **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**, we have a specific theme in order to give. You can drop off any donations between Blocks 1 and 3 in the front foyer.

Here are the following days and their theme:

- Dec 9 Day Seven, Get a pic in the Clouds
- Dec 12 Day Eight, "Lets Celebrate!" free mini cupcake
- Dec 13 Day Nine Be kind-receive a compliment in a cup
- Dec 14 Day Ten, Get a Candy Cane )
- Dec 15 Day Eleven, Get a Christmas Card
- Dec 16 Day Twelve, Fill the Shelves! Free for all!

### PEER COUNSELLOR TRAINING

Last call for any students who would like to participate in peer counselling this year. Our next training will be today, **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** after school. Please see Mr. Chang for more details.

### CANDY CANE GRAM AND SINGING GRAM

Today, **December 9** Me2We is selling candy cane grams for \$1 and singing grams for \$2 in the foyer.

### CHAPATI SALE

Today, **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** come to the front foyer anytime throughout the day to buy a chapatti for \$2.00. Come help send students in Kenya to school and make sure to say hi to Denis and Allan.

### CENTENNIAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Centennial Business Club is holding a Christmas Market this **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 570 Poirier Street and would like to invite our student body, along with our families to come and visit. The event is from 3:15 – 7:30 pm. Vendors will be there to sell their merchandise, food and crafts. All proceeds will be donated the BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

### KINDLER'S BOOK DRIVE

From now until this **Friday, December 9**, Kindler's Society will be hosting a book drive. All books donated will be sent to provide less fortunate children with English resources. Please drop by the front foyer and leave any books you don't need in our book box.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SENIORS

In the spirit of giving, any students or staff interested in helping colour Christmas cards for senior citizens who otherwise would receive none, please come to Heather's (Youth Worker) room until **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**.  
Class sets are available

## **SPORTS**

### RUGBY

Any new players interested in playing rugby in the spring need to bring \$100 (cash or cheque) to Mr. Startin to get their kit order in. Mr. Startin will be placing this order on **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## **GRADE 12'S**

### QUEENS UNIVERSITY

#### **Info Session with Charles Best Alumni**

Learn about the Smith School of Business at Queen's University from one of our former graduates!

Date	Friday Dec 16
Time	11:05 (Block 4) Adjusted Timetable
Location	Library

### GRAD WRITE-UPS

Reminder: please submit your grad write-ups for the yearbook from the website.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xI2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkSwlbbp3bNONAKHioqugdVdUN1cyMDFHUFJIVEIFRVo2RFhZMkNWTU5QQy4u>

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN A TECHNICAL ENGINEERING RELATED FIELD

The Society of Punjabi Engineers and Technologists of BC is offering scholarships for students in a technical engineering related field of study at a recognized university, college, or technical school in BC. Value: \$1000.

Follow the link for details and information.

- **ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP**
- **WOMAN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**
- **NEW IMMIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP**
- **\*NEW\* – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Deadline **January 6, 2017** Visit <http://speatbc.org/services/scholarship/>

### GRADS

Grads participating in Gaspard's Grad Gown rental program for high schools can enter this online contest and compete to win either one of the 2 Grand Prize Scholarships of \$2,500 nationally, or one of the 2 BC Scholarships of \$1,000. Deadline Apr. 7/16 To enter visit [www.keepcanadagreencontest.ca](http://www.keepcanadagreencontest.ca)

### LOOKING FOR A GRAD DRESS?

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

## **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.

### 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.