



THE "BEST" INFORMER

Monday, February 20, 2017

Today is **Day 2**

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

GENERAL

YEARBOOKS - THERE IS A LIMITED QUANTITY LEFT

If you want to purchase a yearbook, make sure to get yours ordered ASAP! There is a limited quantity left so don't miss out. If you are not sure if you already bought one, see the list that is posted on the Cafeteria windows.

POETRY IN VOICE

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Poetry in Voice contest Thursday. It was a great afternoon of poetry.

Special congrats to Juliana Nunes, Inaya Bhimani and Max Botsis who placed one, two, three in the English stream, and to Claire Song, Saba Saberi and Jung Hee Park, top three placers in the Bilingual stream. Claire and Juliana now qualify for the national on-line semi-finals.

Also, Juliana, Inaya and Claire qualify for the regional championship; they will perform one English poem each to compete against 9 other schools in March at Prince of Wales Secondary.

Finally, a special thanks to all of the judges who volunteered their time to make the contest possible.

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUMMER CAMP

BCCIE's partner, Beijing International Education Exchange (BIEE) is inviting 22 secondary-school students from across British Columbia to participate in the 2017 Beijing International Student Summer Camp. This camp will take place mid-July 2017 in Beijing, China. Two chaperones/teachers from the BC K-12 system and one BCCIE representative will accompany the students on the 10-day Summer Camp. Interested students and teachers are encouraged to ask Mrs. Joba for more information any morning before school.

AP EXAMS

Students who want to write the AP exam please pay \$140.00 per exam by cheque in the office by March 5th.

VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in volunteering with immigrant and refugee children every Tuesday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at Banting Middle School please contact either Priti Shah (drishticonsulting@telus.net) or Margarita Tellez (may-t-e@hotmail.com)

GRADWEAR AND SPIRITWEAR

Final sale for this school year **Feb 1-28** on our website under Quick Links, don't miss out, last chance!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER IS HERE AT BEST!

Buy gift cards for birthday presents, Mother's/Father's Day, coaches gifts, Grad gifts or where you like to shop and the school will receive the profits! Help us buy another picnic table, bulletin boards and silk flowers for Graduation and Awards night and other projects around the school. All you have to do is go to the school website under Quick Links and look for the Gift Card Tab.

SPORTS

ATTENTION GRADE 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:

Our Wrap-Up party will be **Wednesday, Feb 22** from 3:30-4:45 in the small gym. If you have any questions, see Ms. Lundgren or Ms. Fewer in the Math Wing.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

This is a friendly reminder about our next trip to Whistler on **March 5**. There are 10 spaces available. Please see Mr. Major for registration.

TRACK AND FIELD

Reminder to the athletes that are interested in participating in the Track and Field. You need to send an email to Mrs. Harding or Mr. Gant. There is a meeting tomorrow **Tuesday February 21st at 3:30** in the Small Gym.

RUGBY

Any players interested in rugby, we will have our first practice tomorrow, **Tuesday, February 21st** on our Turf field. Returning players please bring your ball. All players please make sure you dress for the weather. Looking forward to the start of a great season.

GRADE 12'S

GRAD COUNCIL 2017

There will be an important meeting Thurs Feb 23 after school in room 101. All members please ensure you attend as our deadlines are nearing and there are many important things to discuss. See you there!

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED

The BC Government has extended the deadlines for the **BC Excellence and BC Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships to February 22nd, 2017.**

ORDERING TRANSCRIPTS

If you require a transcript, please allow 2-3 days for processing. Fill out a pink transcript request form in the office at Ms. Meston's desk.

GRAD WRITE-UPS

Please go to <http://www.bigsasquatch.com> to complete your grad write ups.

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.

****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 a social gathering place.

LITTER IN THE HALLWAYS

Students are reminded to clean up after themselves. It is a continual challenge to keep our school clean for all of us given that lunch hours take place all day long. Please pick up after yourself and your friends. Remember, we have garbage, bottle recycle, paper recycle and organics bins in regular locations throughout the building. Let's all PITCH IN together!