



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, March 08, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS THURSDAY MARCH 9TH

There will be an altered bell schedule tomorrow due to the Parent/Teacher interviews. Students will be dismissed at 1:50pm.

COURSE SELECTION FORMS

If you have not handed in your course selection sheet please see your counsellor **NOW**.

LOST AND FOUND

Please come and check the Lost & Found table by Thursday March 9th. All unclaimed lost and found will be taken to Share Friday March 10.

"COOKIES WITH COULSON"

The inaugural meeting of the Dr. Charles Best Student Forum will be taking place today, **Wednesday, March 8, 2017** at 3:20 in the cafeteria. All students wanting to discuss any concerns or suggestions regarding their learning experiences at Best are encouraged to come. Meeting will occur on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. Cookies will be served.

SEARS DX CANADA HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN COMPETITION

Open to all high school students, at the junior (grades 9 + 10) and senior (grades 11 +12) levels. Prizes will be awarded at each grade level, in 5 categories – **Architecture/Interior Design, Costume Design, Fashion Design, Graphic Design, and Industrial Design**. Information here: <http://bit.ly/2n7mWNP>

COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS YOUTH GET IT INTERN PROGRAM

Students in **entering grade 11 or 12** in the fall of 2017 can see criteria and apply online at <http://www.coastcapitalsavings.com/youthinterns>
A paid internship opportunity for 12 students in the lower mainland, 1 year commitment required. Deadline March 31st.

SFU SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Students must be 14+, and commit to a minimum of 2 weeks. See info and application on the Career Centre volunteering page.

ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA:

Would you like to spend a week next school year in Ottawa (including transportation, lodging, meals and more) for only **\$675**? If your answer is "Yes" and you have permission from your parents, please see Mr. Chang (counselor) a.s.a.p. Spaces are limited so acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 14 different theme weeks available.

"A STARRY NIGHT" SPRING DANCE – THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Hey Charles Best! We are having our annual Spring Dance on **Thursday, March 30th** from 7 – 9 pm! We are very excited to announce this year's theme "A Starry Night". Tickets will be on sale starting today, and will continue into next week, in the front foyer in blocks 3, 4, and 5. Tickets will cost \$6 per person or \$25 in groups of five! All grades are welcome! Please bring your GoCard when purchasing tickets. Hope to see you all there!

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.

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

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The next tryout will be **Tuesday, March 28th** on the school field right after school.

ICE HOCKEY

Rosters will be posted by today and all final paperwork must be in before Thursday the 9th.

GRADE 12'S

NOMINATION FORMS FOR VALEDICTORIAN OF THE 2017

The nomination forms for valedictorian of the 2017 grad class **will be available April 4th** and will be due April 19th. The valedictorian gives the final address to his or her peers at the commencement Ceremony on June 10. Forms can be picked up at the office. For additional information, please see Mrs. Buteau, Ms. John or Ms. Thomas

GRADE 12 COMMENCEMENT SONGS

Attention all 2017 Grads, each year you are responsible for choosing "commencement songs". Should you wish to nominate songs for your commencement ceremony, please come to room 101 and write down your ideas. There will be a list outside of room 101. We suggest that these songs should be "timeless", rather than something that is popular right now. The songs will be chosen by the grad council once ideas are provided.

GRAD DINNER DANCE PLAYLIST

Attention all 2017 Grads, are there songs you would like to hear at Grad dinner/dance in June? If so, please come by room 101 and outside the door you will find a song request sheet. If you don't request songs, you may end up with TOP 40 only. Request songs you know will get you and your fellow classmates out on the dance floor!

BCIT PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS AWARDS

Up to \$3,000 for BCIT applicants in specific areas - Applications are due to **Mr. Chang or Mrs. HW** for submission by March 31st.

TREVOR LINDEN COMMUNITY SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIPS DUE March 15th, 2017

NEW* ALDERSON ELEMENTARY PAC RE-ESTABLISHED

Students who **attended Alderson** for a minimum of 3 years can apply (\$250). Criteria: Significant school contributions, participation in social and cultural development in the school and community and academic achievement. See Mrs. HW for particular details.

UPCOMING DEADLINES – THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 31ST, 2017

Visit the Career Centre or Mrs. HW for details: Retail as a Career, Eagle Ridge Auxiliary Bursary, Aboriginal Arts and Stories, Union or National Employees, BC Soccer Scholarships.

(Internal) LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FORMS DEADLINE IS MARCH 31st!!

Reminder: Completed applications and supporting documents are due TO MR. CHANG OR MRS. HW BY MARCH 31ST. Late submissions will not be accepted.

AFTER GRAD TICKETS

Please pay all fees ASAP, return library books and textbooks After Grad tickets are going on sale soon!

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.

****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!

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.