



THE "BEST" INFORMER

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE FOR PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Block 1	8:25-9:30
Block 2	9:35-10:35
Block 3	10:40-11:40
Block 4	11:45-12:45
Block 5	12:50-1:55

Please come to the office

Payton MacIntyre

PEER COUNSELLING MEETING

Peer Counselling meeting after school today, Wed Oct 18 after school. Please meet in the Career Centre at 2:00 pm.

HOODY COLLECTION FOR COVENANT HOUSE

We are hoping to collect some **new or gently used sized adult hoodies** to be distributed through Covenant House to homeless and at risk youth. For two weeks from October 23rd to Nov 4th there will be a box in the lobby of the school. Thank you in advance to anyone who decides to donate. If you have any questions you can contact Sandyt@telus.net

SPIRITWEAR SALE

Order on-line on our website until **Nov 2nd**! Do not miss out! Sample sizes available to try on in the office. There are no refunds for wrong sizes.

MED CONNECT CONFERENCE 2017

Students in Grade 11 & 12 may attend this event for \$15. Tickets available online starting Oct. 20th go to

<http://www.medconnect.com>

Also needed, student ambassadors as volunteer in grade 11 & 12. <https://medconnectconference.com/ambassadors/>

See the career resource opportunities page for details.

2018 RCMP POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

The RCMP is offering a "Police Youth Academy" for **grade 11 & 12 students** from **March 28 – April 5, 2018**.

This program is designed to place the students in a **simulated RCMP training environment** as well as **role-playing** the realities of policing. The students that successfully complete each phase of the selection process will attend the Academy and experience a variety of activities that an RCMP Cadet would experience but in a condensed format. Students will receive **instruction and lectures on law, social and communications skills, physical training** as well as some **police tactics and self-defense** and a variety of other topics. They will be involved in a great deal of role-playing scenarios where they will take on the role of a police officer. They will be required to **work in a team** and participate in all the planned activities.

Application packages can be picked up from **Mrs. Healey Wright or the Career Resource Room**

Applications are due back no later than: **Friday, December 8, 2017**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Canadian Legion Branch # 263 needs student volunteers to distribute poppies (tagging/by donation) in our local community. *Locations include, Save-On Foods & Rona (Austin Road) Real Canadian Superstore, No Frills (Como Lake), Independent Grocer (North Road).* If you can work a few 3 hour shifts it would be a great help. Dress warm and conservatively/business to represent the veterans in our community. THE SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE CAREER CENTRE DOOR. Email dhealeywright@sd43.bc.ca with questions.

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

The Teen Mentoring Program needs students to be a buddy, once a week for an hour, at Ranch Park. If you are interested, you can apply online at:

<https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/get-involved/volunteer/teen-mentor/>

For further information, please contact Mrs. John in the counselling office.

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS

This is a reminder to students who are interested in writing a Language Challenge Exam your application is due on **Monday, October 23rd** by 3:30. Please submit your application directly to Mr. Areshenko in the counselling office

FORKLIFT CERTIFICATION-STUDENTS 16 AND OLDER

Students who are interested in getting their "Forklift" certification can do so on **October 20 and 21** (pro-d day + Saturday). The all-day (9.00am - 3.00pm) course is only \$199. Training site is 857 Cordova Diversion in Vancouver. Class size is limited to 6 students and done on a "**first come, first served**" basis. Interested students can see Mr. Jones in the office for an application form. For more information, you can contact Mr. Doug MacLean by phone (604-341-8977) or email (dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca)

SPORTS

FIELD HOCKEY

Great job last night as the team won 2-0 against Centennial.
District Championships start today against Gleneagle here at home after school at 3:30.
Please come out to support our team.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

All Grade 9 and 10's interested in trying out for basketball, need to attend practices on Wed and Friday mornings from 6:30am -8:00am. Practices starts on **Wednesday October 25th**. Please bring a dark and a white practice shirt.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB-

Registrations need to be filled out ASAP!!

Our **January 21st**, **February 4th** and **March 11th** ski trips to Whistler are **now sold out!!!** There are only 11 places left for **March 11th**. If you are interested to join, you must sign up before Oct 31st. Our club t-shirts have now arrived!

We will distribute a free t-shirt to all students who have paid for one or more trip.

T-shirt distribution will be on Wednesday after block 5 in the big gym!

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.

STUDENT DROP OFFS

Please be aware that when dropping students off in the morning, vehicles are **not permitted** to stop at the west entrance roundabout. Stopping in the roundabout causes dangerous traffic problems on Como Lake Ave and impedes traffic.

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.