



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Today is **Day 1**

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

GENERAL

FUNDRAISER FOR LARKYN AUSTMAN

On Feb 1 make sure to bring looneys and tooneys to the front foyer between 2nd and 4th block for some bubble tea and sweets to raise money for our very own future Olympian Larkyn Austman.

SUGAR SHACK IS BACK - FRI FEB 2ND

Delicious and fresh baked goods! Cheese biscuits, carrot cake, brownies, mini cheese-cakes, apple cream cheese turnovers, gluten free health balls and of course cookies! All under \$2.00! Lots of butter and cream cheese! Come down to Room 105 for a delicious treat on Friday during blocks 2-4.
Come early for the best selection.

FRANCE TRIP SPRING BREAK 2019

Are you a French Immersion or Senior FSL student and have always dreamed about going to France with your friends? Will you be in grade 11 or 12 next year? IF so, the French Immersion dept has planned a 12 day trip of a lifetime during Spring Break 2019. There are 30 spots available for this trip. Application forms can be picked up from the following places: the main office, the language office, and from Mme Manolis and Mme Bruneau. The applications are due on Feb. 19.
A parent night will be held on Monday, Feb. 26 to discuss the cost, fundraising, and other important info.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

If you are new to the school as of Nov 1/17 or didn't have your picture taken and want your picture in the yearbook. Please see Mr. O'Reilly in Room 216 in the mornings.

POETRY IN VOICE

It's not too late to sign up for the Poetry in Voice competition. If you're interested, contact Ms. Silzer by e-mail, or see her in the Library ASAP.

SPORTS

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

What a **BARN BURNER** of a game last night against Centennial. It took two overtimes before we claimed the victory. Thanks to all the fans who stayed right until 11:00 pm. You made the difference!!!

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Our second trip is coming soon! It is this Sun Feb 4. Our bus leaves at 6:15am, **don't be late**. This is a sold out trip as we have 50 students attending.
Four spots are still available for March 11th

GRADE 12's

YEARBOOK GRAD WRITE-UPS DUE FEB 2ND

Students are to submit their Grad Write-Ups for Yearbook on the Charles Best Website. If students do not submit this in time, the Yearbook group will assign a quote for you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkS4SPG9bmwhJlhmD6oL5WY3NURE8wTFNMMUpOMzA2QlZCQzFRVTIMM1QyVi4u>

APPLYING TO DOUGLAS COLLEGE FOR WINTER 2019 ADMISSION?

A quick reminder that applications for Winter 2019 open at **8:30am on February 1, 2018**. Many programs are first-qualified, first-admitted so applying early is crucial. Popular programs such as **Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants** fill up quickly, and once full, these programs will close their applications. Students interested in these programs should apply **first thing** on February 1, 2018.

SFU APPLICATION INFO SESSION

SFU is visiting Charles Best **Friday February 16th** after school in the Library. Applications 101 presentation, self-reporting info, residence etc. Stay for an informative Q & A session with a recruiter.

UVIC INFO SESSION

Monday February 5th Come to room 202 after school and find out more about U Victoria .

SCHOLARSHIP MEETING #2 – LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Wednesday February 7th in the library after school. Information and applications will be available for "Charles Best only" and local area scholarships, awards and bursaries.

FINANCIAL AID – AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

New scholarships posted this week- details on the Career Centre page: BC Excellence Scholarship, , Gordon Smith Youth Environmental Stewardship Award, REMAX Quest for Excellence Bursary, BC Hydro Power Pioneers Community Service Awards. <https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/charlesbest/ProgramsServices/career/Pages/FinancialAid.aspx>

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION AWARD

\$5,500 Awards for eligible students entering Approved Teacher Education Programs. Deadline via MAIL is **Feb.15th**! Go to the Career Center page or visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>

BC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

55 Awards of \$5,000 to nominated students in the Province who meet all the eligibility requirements and criteria. Students must be **NOMINATED**. One nomination per school. Submit a BRAG SHEET to Mr. Chang by **February 5th** to be considered.

Information and links on the Career centre page or visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>

GRADE 12 GRAD GOWN SIZE FORM

If you still have not handed in your form for your grad gown size please complete and return to Mrs. Zanatta in the office. Please don't fill out a duplicate form. Blank forms are available in the office.

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.

*****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.

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.

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.