LE "BEST" INFORMER



Wednesday February 20, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 2

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

GENERAL

POETRY IN VOICE COMPETITION

Poetry in Voice participants-the competition starts @ 12:30 in the Library. Try to arrive early if you can. Good luck to everyone!

PLEASE DONATE WARM CLOTHING ETC

Our youth worker is collecting warm coats, blankets, socks, gloves, boots etc. for the downtown Eastside. If you are able to donate adults and children clothing, please bring to Heather's room asap.

SUGAR SHACK

Sugar Shack is back on Thursday, February 21st in blocks 2, 3, 4 and the first half of block 5! Come by room 105 for carrot cake, cookies, rice crispy squares, brownies, and more! Everything is \$2 or less!

INTERESTED IN WRITING AP EXAMS?

Students interested in writing AP exams this May can register at the office. Each exam is \$160 which can be paid by cash or cheque payable to Dr. Charles Best School. If you have any questions please see Mrs. John in the counselling office. The deadline to sign up for the AP exams will be Feb. 27

REMINDER TO ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Renewal applications and fees are due for the upcoming Sept 2019-2020 school year. The deadline to pay is Friday March 1, 2019. Please bring your blue form to Mrs. Joba if you have any questions.

SPORTS

GRADE 9 AND 10 GIRLS SOCCER

There is a meeting today, Wednesday February 20th at 3:20pm in portable 407 for any girls in grade 9 and 10 wanting to play school soccer this spring. This is a sign up meeting, so if you cannot attend, please contact Mme Fournier or Mrs. Burnham to sign up for tryouts.

ICE HOCKEY

Any girls or boys in Grades 9-12 interested in the Charles Best Ice Hockey team, please come to a meeting in Room 205 at 3:15 Tuesday February 26th.

ARCHERY CLUB

Anyone interested in joining the Archery Club please see Mr. Jaeggle in Room 210. No experience necessary.

GRADE 11 & 12's

BCIT PRESENTATION

A BCIT representative is here on Tuesday, February 26 at 3pm in the main foyer to answer questions about admission, selection process, program details and much more!

DID YOU APPLY TO POST SECONDARY SCHOOL?

Friendly reminder: grade 12 students who applied to post secondary schools, please remember to submit your transcripts using the student transcripts service website: studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca

GRAD TRANSITIONS

Please submit any outstanding Grad Transitions documents to OneNote ASAP. Check on OneNote for feedback or any updates that need to be made. Semester 2 Grad Transitions will be due April 15, 2019.

GRADE 12'S - EXTRA GRADWEAR FOR SALE TODAY IS THE LAST DAY-DON'T MISS OUT

Any grade 12s wishing to buy grad wear please see Ms. Thomas after school in room 101.

The following is available for purchase. CASH ONLY! HOODIES \$60.00 each

BLACK - 3x (MEDIUM, BLACK - 1x (LARGE) NAVY - 2x (SMALL), NAVY - 4x (LARGE)

GREY - 1x (LARGE)

3 LANYARDS \$10.00 each

ATTENTION ALL GRADS OF 2019

The Grad Council is looking for pictures of your "school days" with your friends and classmates. These can be pictures during Spirit assemblies, Spirit Days, daily "Best" life, Senior Sail, or even club or team photos. Please ensure your photos are school appropriate. These pictures will be part of the "slide show" during After Grad in June. Start sending your pictures in now...and as the year progresses to: <u>bestpictures2019@gmail.com</u>

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.

<u>**VAPORIZERS – AN ADDITION TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT***</u> 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.