



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Thursday February 21, 2019

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

GENERAL

POETRY IN VOICE

Congratulations to everyone who stepped forward to be a part of Poetry in Voice. What a great afternoon of poetry. Congratulations to Chandra Miller, this year's English stream champion, and Troy Cheah, this year's Bilingual champ. Chandra and Troy will be joined by Jessica O'Brien-Visbisky to recite in the upcoming English Regional Championship here at Best on Friday, March 8.

PROJECT PULSE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE 2019

Are you interested in the health sciences? Do you want to explore the field some more? Project Pulse Vancouver's 5th Annual Health Sciences Conferences is for you! Coming up on Saturday, March 2 at SFU Burnaby, this unique full-day experience is open to any student who is interested in learning more about health science opportunities and networking with health professionals. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/project-pulse-vancouver-conference-2019-tickets-55459098657> for more info and to purchase your tickets! Group pricing discounts available. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at projectpulsevan@gmail.com

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 today! Come by room 105 in blocks 2, 3, 4 and the first half of block 5 to get your favourite treats!

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**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE UP FOR RENEWAL

The deadline to pay program fees for the 2019-2020 school year is next Friday, March 1, 2019. *Students are not guaranteed their place in school after this date.

SPORTS

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

There will be a brief meeting for the Archery Club **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25** afterschool in Room 210. Everyone welcome.

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

Any grade 11 or 12 girl wanting to try out for the senior soccer team is required to sign up just outside the PE office today. The first try out will be indoor in our big gym this coming Monday, February 25 at 3:15PM. Please see Mr. Napoletano if you have any questions.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

Just a reminder about our trip to Whistler this coming Sunday, February 24. This is a sold out trip.

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!

SFU CAMPS

SFU camps is setting up an info table on **Thursday, February 28** at 2:30pm in the main foyer. Come and learn about summer volunteer opportunities!

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**.

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: bestpictures2019@gmail.com

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.

****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.