



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**Wednesday April 3, 2019**

**TODAY IS DAY 1**

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

## GENERAL

### TRI-CITY JR ROADIES

An introduction to bike riding on the road in a fun and safe environment. 4 sessions: April 29, May 6, May 13 and May 27.  
See Mr. Jones in the office for more details.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check your library book to see if it is due to be renewed or returned.

### POETRY IN VOICE

Congratulations to Chandra Miller and Troy Cheah. Both have earned a berth in the National Finals for Poetry in Voice later this month.

### TEAM & CLUB PHOTOS

Photos will be taking place this **Friday, April 5**. Lists of photo times will be posted around the school later this week.  
Photos will be taken in the cafeteria.

### NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM AT BEST

Please be prepared to use the new bins that have been placed around the school and do your part to keep the school clean by putting your garbage in the CORRECT recycle bin!  
We thank you for your co-operations!!

## SPORTS

### JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER:

Game **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** is away at **Heritage Woods**. Early dismissal is at 2:30pm so please let your teachers know.  
Let Ms. Burnham or Mr. Jones know if you need a ride.  
Team photos will be this **FRIDAY, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am** in the cafeteria, so meet at 9:25am.  
Wear your **WHITE** jerseys and don't be late.

### ARCHERY CLUB

The Archery club will be practising on Mondays after school and Friday mornings. Everybody welcome.

### SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB-SOME SPOTS AVAILABLE

Reminder to those students registered, that Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> is the last Ski/Snowboard trip.  
Be at the school no later than 6:00am.

## GRADE 11 & 12's

### 2019 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN

Do you want to represent your grad class at commencement? If you are interested in being this year's valedictorian, application forms can be picked up in the office. The last day to apply for this will be **April 4<sup>th</sup>**

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

#### NEW: ETHAN CARMICHAEL DENUM FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENT ATHLETIC AWARD

Please see career centre website under financial aid for criteria and apply using the local scholarship application package.  
Also a friendly reminder to please submit completed local scholarship packages to Mr. Chang or Ms. Tsang by 3pm on **Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. Vancouver Film School is hosting an information table on Friday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 9:44am in the main foyer.
2. Coquitlam Parks with City of Coquitlam is hosting an information table about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities on Wednesday, **April 10** at 2:30pm in the main foyer.
3. Coquitlam Ladies Auxiliary and Coquitlam optimists scholarship application forms are also available at the career centre. They are due on **April 24**.
4. Emily Carr's "Headstart in Art" course will be available to current grade 11 or 12 students or recent graduates. Please see career centre website under opportunities for more information and for an application form. Applications are due on Friday, **May 17** by 3pm. There are **only up to 20 seats available for the district** and it is on a "**first submitted, first considered**" basis.

### **GRADE 12 GRADUATION TRANSITION**

ALL PROSPECTIVE Best Grads 2019 who did not submit their Graduation Transition packages due first semester are now at risk of missing the Grad Dinner Dance. All grads who were not registered in English 12 first semester were required to complete their GTP package by January 15<sup>th</sup>. For the students who still have not submitted their packages from First semester they can submit them up to April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Second semester Graduation Transition packages are due and the deadline for submission is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Any students who have NOT submitted Graduation Transition before the deadline, may not be eligible to purchase a dinner/dance ticket.

### **CALLING ALL 2019 GRADS – BLACK & LEE FORMAL WEAR**

Come into Black and Lee's Coquitlam Showroom before **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and book your look with us. You will receive \$20.00 off of a **Premium Rental Package** and we will kick back \$20.00 towards your 2019 Grad Fundraising!

### **GRADE 12's**

Reminder to make sure your school fees are paid, textbooks/library books returned, and grad transitions are complete in order to purchase grad tickets in early May.

### **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](http://studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca)

## **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.