



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

**TODAY IS DAY 1**

\*\*\*\*Please note: All new items and any changed items are in red.\*\*\*\*

**\*\*KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD\*\***

## GENERAL

### ODYSSEY OF THE MIND MEETING TODAY

There is a mandatory team meeting today, **Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 3:15pm to check in on team progress. The meeting will be held in Room 115 in the math wing.

### REAL ACTS OF CARING WEEK

Me to We Club would like to share the message that this week is Real Acts of Caring Week, **February 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**. RAC is about doing something kind for another and not expecting anything back in return. Please help us celebrate this initiation by "RAC" ing a friend or a stranger.

### IT'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black slavery was abolished in Canada in 1834, 31 years before America abolished black slavery! This act made slavery illegal in every province and freed all the remaining slaves in Canada.

### SFU INFO TABLE

SFU camps is setting up an info table **on Tuesday, February 18** at 2:30pm in the main foyer. Come and find out about summer volunteer opportunities!

### PROGRAM AND INFO SESSION AT BCIT

Big info is the largest program expo and info session at BCIT. The next one is **Wednesday, Feb 19** at BCIT's Burnaby campus, 4 to 6:30pm. See website for details. <https://www.bcit.ca/about/visit/big-info/>

### PROJECT PULSE

Interested in various health science fields? The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Project Pulse is happening on **February 22**. Please see career website under opportunities for details.

### YEARBOOKS GOING FAST!!

Don't miss out, order your yearbook online today. **Less than 52 left!!**

### AP EXAMS

Students wanting to write the AP Exam this May, need to register at the office. The exams are \$160 each. The last day to register will be **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. For further information, please see Mrs. John in the Counselling area.

### WANT TO VISIT OTTAWA

Interested in visiting Ottawa to learn more about Canada? Students 16 to 18 years old are invited to apply to the Adventure in Citizenship program hosted by the Canadian Rotary Club. Application deadline is extended to **February 17**. Please see Ms. Tsang or career center website under opportunities for more details.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE UP FOR RENEWAL

The deadline for International students to pay program fees for the 2020-2021 school year is **March 1, 2020**. Students are not guaranteed their place in our school after this date. Please see Mrs. Joba for more information. *The International Education office at 1100 Winslow Avenue will be open this Friday, February 14, for those wishing to pay their program fees in person.*

## GRADE 11 & 12

### DOUGLAS COLLEGE

Douglas College is hosting a follow up info session on **Wednesday, Feb 19** at 3:15pm in the library. Topics covered: admissions, financial aid, course registration, orientation, and more!

## SPORTS

### SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER TODAY

Tryouts on the turf field today, **Thursday February 13** at 3:30pm. If you have not done so already, please contact Ms. Fournier at [ofournier@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ofournier@sd43.bc.ca) to let her know whether or not you are interested in playing.

### ARCHERY CLUB

The Archery Club will be meeting **Tuesdays** after school in the small gym. New members welcome.

## **RUGBY**

Senior Boys and Girls practice is **today, Thurs Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** at Hillcrest.M  
New players are welcome.

## **JUNIOR BOYS RUGBY**

Practice Tuesday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest school. More players are needed, new players are welcome! Bring Rugby balls, cleats, mouthguards.

## **SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB MEMBERS MEETING**

All students who signed up for a day at Whistler, **MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY MEETING** about safety.

The meeting will be on **Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 in the large gym.

At the end of the meeting, every club member will get a Free Hoodie and a T Shirt.

## **SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB - DON'T MISS OUT**

**FOR THE FINAL TRIP, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>** only **3** spaces are still available.

Registration is online only. Please go to the Charles Best Website then Quick Links then Student Fees to register.

First come, first served.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **\*\*\*\*\*CROSSING COMO LAKE\*\*\*\*\***

All students: Please remember to use the crosswalks and obey all traffic lights when crossing Como Lake Avenue.

### **\*\*\*\*\*STUDENT PARKING\*\*\*\*\***

Please do not park under or near the basketball hoops in the student parking lot, as students would like to use the hoops for games. If you do park there, you run the risk of your car being damaged

### **\*\*\*\*\*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 social gathering places.

### **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.