



THE "BEST" INFORMER



Friday, February 21, 2020

TODAY IS DAY 1

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

****KINDNESS – PAY IT FORWARD****

GENERAL

POETRY IN VOICE

Congratulations to all the students who participated in Poetry in Voice yesterday. What a fantastic afternoon of performance. Special mention to Christina Lam, Troy Cheah and Ava Ferenc for taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the bilingual stream, and to Julianne Sarmiento, Samantha Kerr for placing 1st and 2nd in the English stream, with Janay Fue and Mateo Bravo tying for third.

Julianne, Christina and Samantha qualify for the regional team competition here at Best March 6. And Christina and Julianne qualify for the national video Poetry in Voice semi-finals.

Many thanks to all the English and French Immersion teachers who support the program. And to all the judges and tabulators who helped make the competition happen.

LOST AND FOUND

If you have misplaced anything recently please check the Lost and Found table in the hallway by the Career Centre. The table will be there until Wed Feb 26, anything left will be donated.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE LOST AND FOUND CONTAINER FOR GARBAGE, use the proper bins in the front foyer for your garbage disposal!!!

There are also smaller items ie jewelry, keys, glasses etc in the office, come and check and identify if it is yours.

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS TODAY

Sale today Feb 21 in the front foyer 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.
\$1.00 per doughnut.

EPIC PROGRAM

A request to all students who in are EPIC this year, and want to still be considered for that program next year- Please see or e-mail your counsellor to get a re-application form, which will need to be submitted along with your Course Request form.

YEARBOOKS GOING FAST!!

Don't miss out, order your yearbook online today. **Less than 45 left!!**

IT'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mifflin Wistar Gibbs was the first black person elected to public office in British Columbia. He was also a judge, diplomat, banker and entrepreneur. He is especially known for his work in giving black people a voice in local government as well as access to important power structures. In 2016, November the 19th was officially declared "Mifflin Wistar Gibbs Day" by the City of Victoria.

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 28th**. For further information, please see Mrs. John in the Counselling area.

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.

BUSINESS AND MEDIA

14 to 17 year old students interested in Business and media? BCIT is hosting a 2 week summer program in July and August. See Career Centre website under opportunities for details.

GRADE 11 & 12

BEEDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

SFU Beedie School of Business is hosting a drop in one on one advising session on **February 24** at 2:30pm in the Tech & Career Centre.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Fairleigh Dickinson University is setting up an info table in the main foyer on **Feb 25** at 2:30pm.

SPORTS

JUNIOR AND SENIOR BADMINTON PRACTICE

Junior and Senior Badminton practice today after school from 3:30-5:30pm.
Please see Mr. Chang if you are not able to make it.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BASKETBALL LEAGUE AT PORT MOODY

Are you an international student? Do you want to connect with other students through the game of basketball, building community and culture through training and competition?
Port Moody Secondary School is piloting this new league beginning on April 17th. Register before March 31st and pay only \$390. All players will keep their reversible uniform! See Mrs. Joba for more information.

SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB - DON'T MISS OUT

FOR THE FINAL TRIP, APRIL 18TH 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.