



# THE "BEST" INFORMER



**JANUARY 14 & 15, 2021**

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

**\*THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING YOUR MASK EACH DAY\***

## GENERAL

### BLACK SHIRT DAY JANUARY 15

The Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC) is proposing a Black Shirt day on Friday, January 15 to show solidarity with Black and other racialized students and others in the community.

If you're interested, here's a [link](#) to a Vancouver Sun article about Black Shirt Day.

Please join in by wearing a black shirt on Friday.

**BLACK SHIRT DAY**

A small action can make a big difference. On January 15th, students and educators across BC will wear black shirts to commemorate the ongoing struggle for civil and human rights fought by Black and racialized Canadians.

At ARC we believe Black Shirt Day is an important step in raising greater awareness of the civil rights struggle, and help foster solidarity against all forms of racism and hate.

Post your Black Shirt Day photos on social media using #BlackShirtDay

**ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES FOR KIDS:**

- ◆ "Salute" by Lumina Nyong'o
- ◆ "Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History" by Vashti Harrison
- ◆ "Title Leaders: Bold Women in Black History" by Vashti Harrison
- ◆ "Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness" by Anastasia Higginbotham
- ◆ "A Is for Activist" by Innosanto Nagara
- ◆ "This Book Is Anti-Racist" by Tiffany Jewell
- ◆ "I Am Enough" by Grace Byers
- ◆ "When We Were Alone" by David A. Robertson
- ◆ "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy" by Tony Medina
- ◆ "The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Friendship" by Ibtisaj Muhammad
- ◆ "The Undeclared" by Kwame Alexander
- ◆ "A Book About White Privilege" by Ben Sand
- ◆ "Say Something" by Peter H. Reynolds
- ◆ "Separate Is Never Equal" by Duncan Tonatui

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### WATERLOO MATH CONTEST

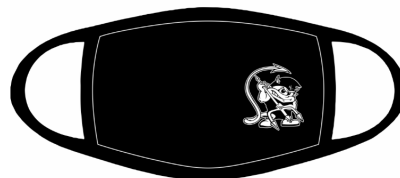
Last call for Grades 9-11 students wanting to sign up for the February Waterloo Math contest.

If so, see Mr. Dy rm 116 before or after Period 3.

### MASK PURCHASES

If you have purchased a Charles Best mask, don't forget to stop by the Devil's Den to pick it up.

Pick up is during flex block after Period 1(4).



### YEARBOOKS

Don't miss out! Only 230 yearbooks left for the whole school.

To order: visit our school website, click on Quick Links, click on Student Fees, login

### POETRY IN VOICE-UPDATED

The Poetry in Voice (PIV) school wide recitation contest is happening **on-line** this year!

Check out [the website](#) for details. Students can choose either the English or the Bilingual stream; they must select two poems from the senior PIV anthology to memorize, interpret, and perform.

All performances must be submitted by video recording this year.

Contact Ms. Silzer in the library by January 8 for details and to register.

To participate in the school wide contest, video links must be submitted to Ms. Silzer by February 11, 2021.





### HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CAR YET?

Grade 11's & 12's, if you are an 'N' driver and plan on parking a car at school this year, you must register the vehicle with the office. Please come by the office for a registration form.

## GRADE 12'S

### CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES EVENTS (CUE)

Canadian Universities Events (CUE) is hosting Q&A style sessions on Wednesday, Jan 20 and 21 between 4-7pm. 48 post-secondaries from across Canada will be available to BC high school students to answer questions and provide information.

In order to access the event, students must register at [cuebc.org](http://cuebc.org). Students who registered for CUE in Fall 2020 can continue to use the same login information to access CUE in winter through [cuebc.org](http://cuebc.org).

### GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT

Cap and Gown sizing is now due!

To order:

Visit our school website, click on Quick Links, click on Student Fees, login.

**Please order by January 31, 2021.**



## SPORTS

## CLUBS

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### \*\*\*\*\*BE BEAR AWARE\*\*\*\*\*

This is the time of year bears can be seen near or on our school grounds. Do NOT approach one if you see one and report the sighting to an Administrator or staff member.

### \*\*\*\*\*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 near the fenced off area in the upper parking lot. This is a designated area for our construction crew working on the school addition. 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.

### \*\*\*\*VAPING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS\*\*\*\*

**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.