

Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

March 2017



Dates to Remember

March 7th – **Grad Photo Retakes**

Appointments are required
Information in Main Office

March 10th – **Early Concern Reports mailed home**

March 13th – 17th – **March Break!!**

March 27th @ LUNCH:



PIZZA DAY! Proceeds
go to the 90th Celebration

March 30th – OSSLT No classes for
students not taking this test

**March 30th 7-9pm – School
Council Meeting** – Update on 90th
Celebration & Model Schools

April 6th – Parent Interviews

**May 6th - Runnymede's 90th
Anniversary Celebration!**

May 18th - Spring Arts Show

March Break will be here before we know it! RCI students are working hard both in and after school. Whether it's the arts or sciences, robotics or athletics, RCI is worth studying!

February Council Meeting

School Council met February 23rd. Thanks to Mr. Henderson for a great discussion around increasing literacy and the love of reading as well as Ms. Pidhayny and Mr. Murray for the information about course options, post-secondary timing and scholarship applications.

Council and RCI Admin approved securing two mental health speakers in April – one for parents on April 20th and one for students on April 21st. More info will be emailed to parents soon!

There are only **three** more School Council meetings. Be sure to come on out and stay informed:

March 30th **90th Celebration Overview, Update on Model Schools**

April 20th **Interventions for Anxiety Challenges: Consistent Practices for Home and School** by MOSAICS Approach

May 25th **School Council Potluck Social & Welcome BBQ for new students**

SAVE THESE DATES!!

As always, childcare is available – please email Marlea Burgess at marlea.burgess@tdsb.on.ca two days before the meeting to request.

Volunteers Needed!

Runnymede's 90th

Anniversary Celebration is

Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Contact Ms. Lovell at

carlotta.lovell@tdsb.on.ca to help make this great event happen!

Spring Arts Show is looking for parents help to make this an unforgettable night on May

18th! Contact Ms. Lambert at

andrea.lambert@tdsb.on.ca if you can help before, during or after!

Interested in Celebrating RCI's Diversity through Food?

The International Club Food

Festival for Spring 2017 is in the planning stages! Email

Ms. Kamboh at

shazia.kamboh@tdsb.on.ca to help out.

News Worthy Info from the Science Department **(Theresa Frost, ACL Science)**

A team of five Grade 11 science students competed in York University's Tri-Sci Tournament on February 22, 2017. The students completed 5 rounds of team-based problem solving covering the areas of biology, chemistry and physics. The competition was fierce, but Runnymede prevailed with cool heads and received the honour of being named tournament champions, beating a team from Marc Garneau in the finals. Congratulations to team members Snehan Gorain, Jimmy Huynh, Shahan Mahmood, Cole McMullin, and Alyssa Nodello.

Theresa Frost, ACL Science

Arts Accolades

Congratulations to our talented art students participating in this year's Youth Art Show presented by **Arts Etobicoke**.

The following students' works have been selected for this year's show: Annika de Witte, Joey Lam, Grace Fritzar, Isabelle Loobie, Dicky Dolma, Porviewn Giridaran, Daniela Perez and Wendy Vu. The show runs from March 1st to March 7th at **Artscape Youngplace, 180 Shaw Street**. Everyone is welcome to attend this free exhibit.

Congratulations to Daniela Perez and Wendy Vu. The TDSB Visual Arts and Film jury of professional artists has approved their proposed film and photography project that will be showcased at this year's **TDSB Creates** later in May. Their project will also be part of our Spring Arts Show on May 18th.

The **Drama Club** has recently completed auditions for the Apr 18th stage production of **The Ten Best Worst Things About High School** by M.G.Davidson. Rehearsals are now underway and we look forward to a fun filled production!

Andrea Lambert, ACL for the Arts

The **RCI Library** is up and running for Semester 2! English classes have been busy selecting Independent Study Unit (ISU) novels and exploring the Graphic Novels section. Our *Black History Month* display showcased some of the fantastic fiction and non-fiction works in our collection - stay tuned for next month's display! The library is also hosting a new club - the **Manga and Anime Club**. We look forward to them recommending new series for the students to enjoy. And as always, a selection of original artwork by RCI students is exhibited in the library - our doors are open so come by and enjoy!

Leadership Through Activity

Right to Play at George Syme is under way thanks to teacher Kristina Katsopoulos. Teacher John Katsopoulos ran the Albion Hills Leadership Camp this past weekend. Fifty Grade 10 students participated in a weekend filled with cooperative games, leadership skills, new friends and memories to last a lifetime!

Robotics Begins the 2017 Season!

RCI's Team 1310 goes to the first Robotics Competition for the 2017 season on March 10th to March 12th at Ryerson's MATTAMY ATHLETICS CENTRE (Yonge and College, the entrance is on College, east of Yonge St). Matches are played daily from 9 am to 4pm. All are welcome to watch our team in action. Thanks to our Staff Advisor Mr. Richard Yasui, teachers Michel Enns and Christina Kemp, all of our mentors and parents for supporting this amazing team!



Literacy Test (OSSLT) on March 30th

The OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) will be completed on Thursday, March 30th. There is a special schedule for this day. Only students writing the test will arrive to school at 8:30am. There are no classes on this day for students not writing the test. A separate letter with information regarding the OSSLT will be sent home with all students closer to the day. Should you have any questions please contact one of the Vice Principals, Ms. Ardell or Mr. Pollice.

Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest

In late October and early November, students throughout the province showed their respect for Canada's veterans and war heroes by participating in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest. From Runnymede, many students created and submitted beautiful posters and fantastic poems. Of these students, THIRTEEN won awards for their work. This is the highest number of winners from any one school this year in our Legion branch. The talented students are:

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| Kayla Verge: | 2nd place, Intermediate Colour Poster |
| Ahmed Mohamud: | 1st place, Senior Colour Poster |
| Shanielle Johnson: | 2nd Place, Senior Colour Poster |
| Annika de Witte: | 1st Place, Intermediate Black and White Poster |
| Mohab Osman: | 3rd Place, Intermediate Black and White Poster |
| Alyssa Tian: | 1st Place, Senior Black and White Poster |
| Abir Mir: | 2nd Place, Senior Black and White Poster |
| Frances Ferrabee: | 3rd Place, Senior Black and White Poster |
| Shianne Slack Phillips: | 1st Place, Senior Essay |
| Ayub Abdulle: | 2nd Place, Senior Essay |
| Farwa Mian: | 1st Place, Senior Poetry |
| Alina Tran-Burton: | 2nd Place, Senior Poetry |
| Hannah George: | 3rd Place, Senior Poetry |

First place winners in each category will move on to regional finals and we wish them the best of luck!

RCI Recognizes Earth Hour March 24th

Students and Staff alike will go electricity-free from 2-3 pm on Friday, March 24th in honour of Earth Hour. All TDSB Schools and offices are being asked to participate and show how much we care about Mother Earth!

TDSB Parents as Partners Conference: Saturday, April 1st

This year's **TDSB Parents as Partners Conference** will take place on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Planned by TDSB parents, for TDSB parents, this popular annual event will feature a variety of workshops and resources to help every parent support their child's achievement and well-being, both at school and at home. The conference is free and all parents are welcome. Lunch will be provided, and childcare, transportation, and translators will be available. Registration is open until March 15, 2017. Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca for

Early Progress Reporting

Semester Two is now well underway! Teachers have been asked to report any concerns they have to parents/guardians regarding student performance. You may receive an email, phone call or an early concern report in the mail. Please review this information with your child and plan to attend our parent/teacher interview day on April 6th. Semester 2 Midterm Reports will be sent home on April 24th.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews at the school on Thursday, April 6th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm. As usual, you will be able to schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews online. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please follow the instructions printed further down the page.

If you do not have access to the internet at home or in the workplace, you may call parentInterview toll-free at 1-866-810-0076 and they will schedule appointments with you.

Please be advised that you will be able to schedule appointments from Tuesday, March 21st at 9 am until Tuesday, April 4th at 8pm.

Instructions:

1. Go to the RCI-parent Interview scheduling webpage at <https://rci.parentinterview.com>
2. Enter your child's 9-digit student number and click "Sign in" (you can find your child's student number on their current timetable or most recent report card)
3. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
4. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
5. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher

NOTE: Consider allowing for a break between interviews to give yourself time to move between floors/rooms

6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see
7. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
8. Print out (or copy down) your schedule and bring it with you

You will be able to schedule appointments with up to 5 teachers (Guidance is also available). Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule. If you decide to delete an appointment, that time slot will become available for other parents. There are no guarantees that you will be able to reschedule that appointment.

If you misplace your schedule, you may use your child's student number to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time.

If you experience any difficulty using the service, please email support@parentinterview.com



Runnymede Collegiate Institute

90th

Anniversary Reunion Saturday, May 6, 2017

11:00 - 12:00

Teachers & Admin reunion

12:00 - 3:00

B.B.Q. - Robotics Display

12:00 - 5:00

Registration- Decade Rooms

3:00 - 4:00

Ceremonies Auditorium

4:00 - 5:00

Socializing (cafeteria)



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