



# Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

## December 2019

### Dates to Remember

**Nov 23 – Robotics Community Day (10am – 2pm)**

**Nov 25 – Executive School Council Meeting @ 7 pm**

**Nov 25-28 – Grad Photos**

**Nov 28 – Grade 8 Information Night @ 6:30 pm**

**Dec 6 – PA Day (No School!)**

**Dec 7 – FLL Tournament**

**Dec 11 – Winter Arts Night (6:30 – 7:30 pm) \$3 per person**

**Dec 11 – Cookie Challenge! \$1 for 2 cookies**

**Dec 14 – VEX IQ Robotics Tournament**

**Dec 14 – Holiday Bazaar for Prom 10 am-3 pm**

**Dec 20 – Holiday Bash @ noon**

As we start into the second half of Term 2, read on for all RCI has going on to celebrate our teachers, staff and students!

### School Council Update

Our October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was full of great information in many different areas:

- Thanks to RCI Guidance for their presentation on the ways MyBlueprint can help students plan for their future.
- Thanks to Maya Bharadwaj and Baxter Wallace (RUSTCO) for updating us on student activities and the status of RCI's uniform policy in relation to the new TDSB Dress Code Policy
- Thanks to Paul Edwards for an update on the continuing integration of Mountview and other administration happenings.
- Thanks to our Ward 7 Reps for updating us on the changes within the TDSB now and upcoming.
- Council approved the School Statement of Needs for submission to the TDSB

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

**Guidance Presentation on Helping with Exam Prep, Scholarship Opportunities & 2020 Course Selections**

Childcare will be available – thanks to our volunteer students!

## Dates to Remember

**Jan 6 – First Day Back to School**

**Jan 11 – Masters Entrance Test**

**Jan 13 – School Council Meeting 7pm-9pm**

**Jan 14-15 – EQAO Numeracy Test**

**Jan 15 – Ontario University Application Deadline**

**Jan 16 – Grade 8 Masters Mentorship Day**

**Jan 23 – Period 1 Exams (pm)**

**Jan 24 – Period 2 Exams**

**Jan 27 – Period 3 Exams**

**Jan 28 – Period 4 Exams**

**Jan 29 – Student Review Exams & Final Marks**

**Jan 30 – P.A. Day (no school)**

**Jan 31 – Semester 2 Starts**

**Feb 1 – Ontario College Applications Due**

## From The Music Department (H. Gayle)

### Halloween

Thank you to the band students that played a few scary songs such as: "Halloween Theme", "Ghostbusters" and a non-scary song titled: "Best Part" on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. We played just outside of the cafeteria at lunch time.

### Remembrance Day Assembly

This year, students from Runnymede C.I. Mountview Alternative Junior School and Humbercrest Nursery School all participated in our Assembly.

Thanks go out to:

- Ms. Lovell for organizing the Remembrance Day Assembly.
- Hanad Warsame, trumpet soloist for "The Last Post & Reveille" I am very proud of you.
- Sarah Zhou for doing an awesome job of conducting the band and playing the piano
- Ms. Lambert and her photography students for taking pictures of the band students.
- Ms. Kemp and the tech crew for providing sound and lighting.

### Upcoming events

The Junior Steel Pan class and band students will be playing a few selections for our grade 8 visitors later in November.

**RCI's Jazz Group** featuring Travis Bennet (tenor sax) George Ghabrial (alto sax) and Nick Babiy (electric bass) will be performing for the 63<sup>rd</sup> Special Education Conference at the Downtown Marriott Hotel on **Friday, November 29, 2019**.

On **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** is our **WINTER ARTS NIGHT**. Please come out to hear and see exciting performances RCI's talented students in Music, Dance and see awesome displays from the Art department.

## Volunteers Needed!

Are you an early bird? The **Breakfast Club** would love to have an extra pair of hands helping bring a nutritious meal to students. Thanks to Lisa Truant-Tan for helping out Wednesday mornings. If you can help on **Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings from 7:30-9:00 am**, please contact Karen McCrimmon at [karen.mccrimmon@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:karen.mccrimmon@tdsb.on.ca)

**Grade 8 Info Night** – Help us show off our great school by coming to the Grade 8 Information Night on **Thursday, November 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm**. RCI School Council will have a table to answer questions and offer resources to prospective students and their families. Contact [Kimberly.dewitte@live.com](mailto:Kimberly.dewitte@live.com) if you are able to help out!

### **Spotlight on: Guidance**

Curious about how your student is being supported during the school day? Look no further than RCI's Guidance Department. Carla Cernic and Wilma Pidhayny's doors are always open for students. Along with an ear to listen, the Guidance Office has information on:

- Scholarship opportunities
- Community service options
- Co-op and apprenticeship programs
- Ontario College & University materials
- Other post-secondary options

### **While Your Shopping for the Holidays...**

The RCI Prom Committee wants to hold a Raffle Fundraiser to help keep final ticket costs as low as possible. They are looking for prizes and you can help! When you're doing your holiday shopping, consider buying one extra gift as a prize for their fundraiser. Or if you know of a business that might donate an item, ask them to help out.

The prizes should be items teenagers would want, such as:

- Movie tickets
- Gift cards (EB Games, Foot Locker, etc)
- Candy

Please drop off donations to the office by **Wednesday, December 11** for use in the Holiday Bazaar (see below). Thank you for your support!!

### **From Athletics**

**Follow us on Twitter: @RCI\_Ravens\_HPE**  
**Instagram: ravens.live**

Fall sports have wrapped up and we are now into our Winter Sports Season!

- Junior Boys Basketball (Mr. Kalantzakos, Mr. Kotsopoulos)
- Senior Boys Basketball (Mr. Kalantzakos, Mr. Kotsopoulos)
- Junior Girls Volleyball (Mrs. Kotsopoulos)
- Senior Girls Volleyball (Mrs. Kotsopoulos)
- Cheer (Ms. Kemp)

## Health and Physical Education Department

### Albion Hills

Mr. Kotsopoulos and a group of student leaders have spent countless hours in training and preparation for a student led leadership weekend for Grade 10 students. A huge thank you to Mr. K and the leaders for delivering a high energy, hands on and engaging weekend filled with team building and collaborative activities! A weekend of personal growth, and for new and strengthened relationships for our students and staff!



### Right to Play

Another fall session has been completed in this unique afterschool program that is created and delivered by our trained student leaders. This program serves over 60 elementary students at George Syme each week. The joy of play, movement, friendships and meaningful connections resonate among the children we serve, our student leaders and staff facilitators.



The **Grade 9 Girls and Boys Physical Education classes** visited the Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre for a day of collaborative leadership activities and outdoor education. A wonderful opportunity for our Grade 9's to engage in activities and discussion around communication, teamwork, relationships and the power of positivity!

## Health and Physical Education Department (cont.)

### Fall 5K Candy Crusher

Over 200 Phys. Ed. and Fitness students experienced the beauty of the fall season with a 5K run along the Humber River. Nature, fitness and friends were there to help along the way - a true celebration of wellness! Many community members also stopped to watch and admire your efforts! Thank you to the Lambton House for so graciously opening your doors to us.

On Nov. 6, the **Grade 12 Kinesiology** class spent the day at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education touring and participating in various activities including a muscle biopsy lab, respiratory lab and mental health and physical activity lab. A great day of exploring the many possibilities and opportunities in the fields of Health Care and Kinesiology.



Members of RAC and the Girls Phys. Ed. class will be sharing the message – **Build Your Best Day** and recommendations to improve teen health by ParticipACTION can be found on the top floor.



Coming soon! Thanks to the **OFSAA Try Day Grant**, new yoga mats are on the way. Namaste!

## Co-operative Education

It's been another busy and exciting start for students involved in Co-operative Education!

Co-operative Education students have been hard at work demonstrating independent learning, initiative and responsibility at their co-op placements. Community placements this year include: Queens Park, Humber River Regional Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Compuwarez, Tech House Computers, Coffee Culture, Runnymede Healthcare Center, Shoppers Drug Mart, Martino Brothers Auto Collision, The Skilled Trades School of Canada and The Intercontinental Hotel.



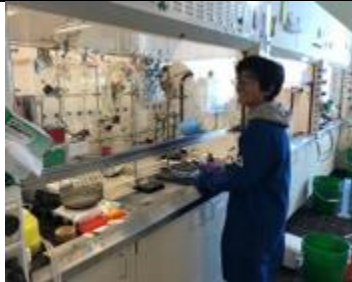
Cilia Jacinto is participating in the TDSB Be Our Guest Program. She is completing her placement at the Intercontinental Hotel.



Jylz McBride – Working as a pre-apprentice co-op student training in Electrical Studies at the Skilled Trades College of Canada



Emiliano Villavicencio is always busy assisting triage nurses, patients and staff in the Emergency Department at St. Joseph's Hospital



Julia Ju setting up chemistry research experiments at The Rousseaux Lab at the University of Toronto (SEE U of T student)



Olivia Erickson helped prepare the Federal Election campaign for NDP Candidate Diana Yoon and is now completing the rest of her placement at Queens Park working for MPP Chris Glover.



Patrick Grayhurst learning how to install software, fix hardware issues and repair power supply problems by soldering new parts at Compuwarez.

Fantastic co-op opportunities are available for your son or daughter who wish to gain experience working for a private business, restaurant, bakery, BMO, Toronto Police Services, The Canadian Armed Forces, in healthcare, veterinarian clinics and retail settings.

## Co-operative Education (continued)



### **I OYAP – Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program**

Students interested in Apprenticeship Training in their 2nd semester of their grade 12 year in Automotive Service, Culinary Arts, Hairstyling, Plumbing, Electrician, Residential Heating and Air Conditioning, Child Development, Construction, General Carpentry and Floor Covering Installation should speak to the co-op teacher to learn more about Open House dates and deadlines to apply.



### **SEE U of T Program:**

The new SEE U of T pilot project is an access program and collaboration between the University of Toronto in the Toronto District School Board. The aim of the program is to encourage students who come from communities historically underrepresented at U of T and post-secondary institutions to view post-secondary education as a viable destination. Students involved are taking a first year university course and participating in a co-op placement on campus; students travel to U of T campus every afternoon.

SEE U of T co-op placements include: working at Hart House, the Faculty of Dentistry, Pharmacy and Medicine, the Department of Psychology, Physics, Math, Chemistry, Linguistics, Rotman Commerce, the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design and Innis College. Students have had exciting opportunities such as being trained to use EEG technology, assist with lab research, attend interesting colloquiums, sit in on a first year lecture courses and participate in research projects.

In addition to their co-op roles, students have been exposed to many areas of the university and have been able to interview undergraduate and PhD students, doctors, and U of T staff to enhance their understanding of admission requirements, opportunities on campus and what to expect when they attend post-secondary. The SEE U of T Program has allowed students to become more familiar with campus life, the academic supports available and workload expectations once they enter post-secondary studies.

### **Dual Credit Program**

The Dual Credit Program is a program that allows grade 11 and 12 students to take a course at a college that count towards both college and non-compulsory secondary credits at the same time. There are more than 30 courses offered at George Brown, Humber and Seneca. Students attend college once a week, there is no tuition cost for this program and books and transportation are included also. If you are interested in learning more about the Dual Credit Program, speak to the Guidance or Co-op Education Departments.

## **We Scare Hunger Food Drive**

The Me to We Group is happy to report another successful October We Scare Hunger Food Drive. All donated items and money raised went to support the North York Harvest Food Bank. This year Runnymede collected \$545 + 600 non-perishable food donations. The North York Harvest Food Bank and The Me to We Group sincerely appreciate all the efforts and generosity by RCI students, parents/guardians, and staff.



## **Runnymede Collegiate Institute is holding a Holiday Bazaar, and we need your help to make the day a success..**

All crafters and artisans are invited to reserve a table at our fair to be held on **Saturday December 14, 2019** at Runnymede Collegiate from **10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** There, you will be able to sell your beautiful creations in time for the holiday season, while giving back to the local community.

For more information, or to reserve a table, please contact [carlotta.lovell@dsb.on.ca](mailto:carlotta.lovell@dsb.on.ca) or scan the QR Code.



All table rental proceeds go to help our 2020 Prom Committee!





**RUNNYMEDE ROBOTICS FRC TEAM 1310  
INVITES YOU TO**

# ***COMMUNITY DAY!***

**RUNNYMEDE COLLIGATE INSTITUTE**

**ADDRESS: 569 JANE ST, YORK, ON M6S 4A3**

**10AM - 2 PM, SAT NOVEMBER 23RD**

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AUCTION, GAMES FOR KIDS, FOOD!**

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