

Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter



October 2017

Dates to Remember

**OCTOBER 2 to 31 – We Scare
Hunger Food Drive (Me to We).
Donations to homeform all month**

Oct 4th – Fire Drill @ 9:30am

Oct 6th – PA Day – No School!

Oct 9th – Thanksgiving (No School)

**Oct 12th 10-11am – University &
College Fair (Grades 11 & 12)**

**Oct 16th 10-11am – Post-
secondary Assembly (Grades 11
& 12)**

**Oct 17th – Grade 12 Photo Day
Ward 7 Meeting 7pm**

Oct 23rd – Photo Retakes

Oct 24th – Awards Assembly

**Oct 24th & 25th – Ontario Colleges
Fair (@ Enercare Centre)**

**Oct 30th 7pm SHARP! – School
Council Meeting**

Oct 31st – Halloween Spooktacular

It's the second month of school already! Clubs and sports are ramping up, so read on to stay updated!

School Council Update

The September 25th Council meeting was greatly attended, so we are off to a great start! We heard updates from school council (RUSTCO) and Principal Edwards, and we learned ways we can promote high school success at home thanks to Carla Cernic and Karen McCrimmon (RCI Guidance & teacher rep).

The School Council Committee was elected as well. Thanks to the many parents who volunteered:

Chair:	Harpreet Gulri
Treasurer:	Richard Villavicencio
Secretary/	
Communications:	Kimberly de Witte
Ward 7:	Lucy Coyle, Mageswaran Palany, Farhia Warsame
Fundraising:	Donna Maiato, Farhia Warsame

Be sure to come on out, meet your fellow parents and stay informed:

Oct 30th Social Media 101 for Parents

Nov 27th How to Help Your Student Exam Prep

**Jan 22nd Course Options Overview (RCI
Guidance)**

SAVE THESE DATES!!

Childcare will be available these evenings – thanks to our volunteer students!

Dates to Remember

Nov 1st - Take Your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)

Nov 6th – Beaver Computing Challenge

Nov 7th – Last Day of Term 1

Nov 7th 7pm – Grade 8 Info Night

Nov 10th – Remembrance Day

Nov 14th – Report Cards distributed

Nov 17th – PA Day (No School!)

Nov 22nd – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Nov 24th & 25th – Masters Entrance Test

Me to We

(Daniella Fernandes, ACL Masters/STELL@R)

RCI will be hosting Me to We's annual We Scare Hunger campaign. This will be a homeform competition for all grades. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable items to their homeforms or to donate change to their homeform teachers. All donations will go to the Daily Bread Food Bank. The winning homeform will be announced on the PA system, and will be awarded a small prize.

Science Update

(Carey-Anne Fife, Science)

The Grade 11 biology class will be going on a field trip on Oct 20 to St Michael's hospital to visit their trauma and neurosurgery intensive care unit.

RCI Breakfast Club

(Karen McCrimmon, Student Success Teacher)

The Runnymede Breakfast Club is a group of dedicated students who help to cook healthy and hot breakfasts 4 mornings a week. Arriving at 7:30 am, the students help to cook and prepare a delicious meal for students who are too busy (or late waking up) in the mornings. With menu items such as cereal, toast, milk, fruit, vegetables, smoothies, grill cheese, scrambled eggs, mini-pizzas, french toast and pancakes, there is never an excuse to attend class hungry. The Breakfast Club is supported by the TDSB Nutrition Program and Foodshare Toronto.

Although breakfast is free to all who would like to come and share a meal with us, we ask that donations of loose change be made when possible. On late-start Thursdays, breakfast bars, yogurt tubes and fruit can be found on a cart outside the cafeteria or main office. Any students who would like to volunteer to be part of our team (you get volunteer hours towards your diploma) can always sign up with Ms. McCrimmon.

Volunteers Needed!

RUSTCO (Student Council)

Is looking for venue options for the Semi-Formal in February. If you have any contacts or ideas for an affordable place for our students to have their dance, please contact Carlotta Lovell at

carlotta.lovell@tdsb.on.ca

Winter Arts Night is looking for parents help to make this an unforgettable night on December 6th!

Contact Janelle Bylykbashi @ 416-394-3200 x 20143 or

Janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca

if you can help before, during or after!

Arts Update

(Janelle Bylykbashi, ACL Art)

Providing our students in the Arts here at RCI with rich, engaging and experiential learning opportunities is at the very heart of our teaching. This month, we were extremely happy to welcome Mikhail Parson, Drummer and Artist from the Dance Company Ballet Creole in Toronto, to our Dance classes and work with our ATC students. Dancers learned about historical culture from the region of Guinée, West Africa, the significance of the dances they are learning, Guinean dance technique and etiquette. Students are excited to continue their work with Mr. Parson for their upcoming performance at our African Heritage Month School events.



October will also be a very busy month for students in the Arts as we prepare for our Halloween Spooktacular! and the observance of Latin American Heritage month. Students in the ATC dance courses will perform a production of *Thriller* in the auditorium; students will also have the opportunity to showcase their costumes during our "Costume Catwalk" leading up to the ever so popular Haunted House lead by RUSTCO.

The Arts dept. will also celebrate Latin American Heritage month by setting up a series of events including a mini samba dance workshop followed by a Latin Food display in our cafeteria where students can come and enjoy some tasty treats!

We look forward to seeing you at our many upcoming events and please do not hesitate to contact us directly should you have any inquiries or concerns @ 416-394-3210 x 20143

SANKOFA GIRLS GROUP

This is a program focused on the positive psycho-social development of young women. Through art, music & recreational activities, this program will address issues around body confidence, self esteem, colorism & female empowerment.



When: Every Wednesday

Where: Runnymede Collegiate Cafeteria

Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Ages : 14 - 19 years

Snacks, TTC & Volunteer opportunities provided



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUTH WORKER ZARINA AT
EMAIL: ZBUTT@CULTURELINK.CA OR CALL: 416-588-6288**





YOUTH IN ACTION! BASKETBALL PROGRAM

**WHERE: Runnymede
Collegiate School (569 Jane
Street) in the small gym**

WHEN: Fridays, 3:30-5:30pm

SNACKS AND TTC PROVIDED

**Contact Rachel at 416-588-6288x238 or
rbennett@culturelink.ca**