

Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

September 2017

Dates to Remember

**Sept 12th 6-8 pm – Grade 9/10
Curriculum Night**

Sept 15th – Picture Day!

**Sept 19th – RUSTCO Grade Rep
Election Assembly**

**Sept 21st – First Late Start Thursday
(9:45 am)**

**Sept 25th 7pm SHARP! – School
Council Meeting**

**Sept 26th – RUSTCO Grade Rep
Elections**

The cooler weather is starting and so has the new school year! Students are settling into classes and signing up for extra-curricular activities to enrich their RCI experience. Whether it's the arts or sciences, robotics or athletics, RCI is worth studying!

School Council Update

A School Council Planning meeting was held September 6th. Many new parents attended and helped in shaping the topics for upcoming meetings.

Meetings are now on **Monday nights** to avoid scheduling conflicts with Ward 7 meetings.

Thanks to RUSTCO President Falhad Salah and Omar Fakih, our Student Reps and Karen McCrimmon, our Teacher Rep this year. Meetings will include updates from them as well as our principal, Mr. Edwards, and a topic discussion as shown below. Be sure to come on out, meet your fellow parents and stay informed:

Sept 25th	School Council Elections Tips on Student Success Open House Brainstorming
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!!

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

Volunteers Needed!

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!

RUSTCO Student Council Nominations **(Carlotta Lovell)**

RUSTCO Grade Representative nomination forms are available from Ms. Lovell in Room 214, or from the RUSTCO website at

<https://sites.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/rustco/home>

Forms are due no later than **Monday September 18**, at 8:30 a.m., to Ms. Lovell in room 214.

Information on RUSTCO and the Grade Representative responsibilities are on the RUSTCO website, available on the homepage for Runnymede Collegiate, or ask Ms. Lovell.

Arts Update **(Janelle Bylykbashi, Arts ACL)**

There is an exciting buzz building within the Arts Department here at RCI! We are all very much looking forward to an unbelievable year and seeing our RCI students showcase their talents and shine!

RCI Arts include Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Photography and Digital Media. There are a wide range of extra-curricular arts clubs including Arts Council, Drama Club, Music Club, Dance Company, and new this year - RCI Glee Club! Please encourage your students to always listen to morning announcements for details on auditions and rehearsal times.

We hope you will join us for our first major Arts Evening – Winter Arts Night, Scheduled for December 6th. More details will follow. We look forward to seeing all of our RCI students' parents, guardian/caregivers and friends of the Runnymede wider community at our upcoming impressive Arts events.

Stay updated with all the latest Arts info through:

Website: www.runnymedecollegiate.com

Twitter: @runnymedeci @rcifinearts

Facebook: Runnymede CI



**WE NEED
YOU
TO JOIN THE
SCHOOL
COUNCIL**

Grade 9 BBQ

Welcome to 125 new Grade 9 students! A lunch BBQ was hosted on Friday, September 8th to give them an opportunity to mix & mingle. The RAC (Runnymede Athletic Council) members did a great job organizing, serving and entertaining the group. A special thanks to Ms. Kotsopoulos who put the whole thing together ☺.



RAC cooks up some hotdogs as Ms. Kotsopoulos provides instruction!



Grade 9 students enjoying good food and great company!



Trustee Robin Pilkey

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Welcome from Trustee and Chair Robin Pilkey

With the summer coming to a close, schools across the city will soon be buzzing with activity as staff prepare for the start of another school year.

The first days of school are a time of transition for students and parents alike. It can be exciting and also the source of some anxiety as everyone adjusts to the change that comes with new classmates, teachers and learning.

Both personally, as a mother of three high school graduates, and as the Chair of the Toronto District School Board, I am deeply familiar with the ups and downs of the back-to-school season.

One strategy that I know is helpful to make this transition smooth and positive, is to be as informed and prepared as possible. With the students in your family, spend time on the school's website and social media platforms. Be sure to sign up for any school newsletters as well.

Explore www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow, a webpage specifically created to provide students and families with key information and resources for the school year. Some examples include homework tips and the school year calendar.

Getting involved in your child's education is another way to support their successes and well-being throughout the year.

Finally, to stay informed about news and events throughout the year, please sign up for my e-newsletter by emailing me at Robin.Pilkey@tdsb.on.ca or tweet [@RobinPilkey](https://twitter.com/RobinPilkey). For more updates, please join the TDSB Ward 7 Council [Facebook](#) Group.

For system-wide news about the TDSB, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate. Thank you and I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Robin Pilkey

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
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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
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