



Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

September 2019

Dates to Remember

Sep 3 – First Day of School

Sep 4 – Welcome Assembly

Sep 12 – Photo Day

Sep 16 – School Council Planning Meeting (2018/19 members)

Sep 18, 6-8 p.m. Library – Curriculum Night (all grades)

Sep 23, 7-9 p.m. Library – School Council Meeting (all parents)

Sep 24 – RUSTCO Elections Assembly

Sep 25 – Grade 9 Masters Meet the Mentors Lunch

October 1 to 31 – We Scare Hunger Food Drive (Me to We). Non-perishable donations collected in homeform all month

Oct 2, 7 p.m. – Mountview Alternative Council Meeting

Oct 3 Period 2 – Post-secondary Application Assembly (Grade 12)

Oct 10 Period 2 – Post-secondary Fair (Grades 11 & 12)

Oct 11 – PA Day – No School!

Oct 14 – Thanksgiving (No School)

Welcome to all parents, guardians and students new to Runnymede, and welcome back to those returning for another great year! As our students move through high school, the information parents and guardians receive from our children can be greatly reduced. Attending School Council meetings keep parents and guardians informed as well as provide the parent perspective to school administration. And it's a great way to meet other parents – it takes a village!

We hope you can make it - be sure to Save these Dates!

Upcoming School Council Meetings

Each Council Meeting includes a topic geared toward RCI parents. Meetings start at 7 p.m. in the school library. There will be 3 Executive Council member meetings and 5 full Council meetings between September 2019 and June 2020.

At the initial planning meeting (Sept. 6) the first few topics will be determined:

Sept 23rd	School Council Elections, Financial Report, Open House Brainstorming
Oct 28th	Presentation TBA
Nov 25th	Executive Meeting
Jan 13th	How to Help Your Student Exam Prep
Feb 24th	Executive Meeting
Mar 30th	Presentation TBA
Apr 27th	Executive Meeting
May 25th	Final Council Meeting; Annual Report

SAVE THESE DATES!

Childcare is available upon request, thanks to our wonderful student volunteers.

Welcome Mountview Alternative Public School

RCI is on the cutting edge as the first TDSB building to house a nursery school, elementary school and secondary school starting this September. The finishing touches are being completed on the southeast wing of the building and outdoor space for Mountview Alternative Public School. Between Humbercrest Co-operative Nursery School, Mountview Alternative Public School, and Runnymede Collegiate Institute, 569 Jane Street will be a very vibrant community!

NOTE: Mountview students will be using Door 8 off Priscilla Street exclusively – RCI students are asked to enter the building through either Door 1 (Jane Street) or Door 4 (north parking lot).

Welcome Vice-Principal Thornton

RCI is welcoming a new Vice-Principal – Leigh Thornton joined the RCI team this year. Vice-Principal Thornton's responsibilities include RCI students with the last names starting with the letters M to Z and the oversight of Mountview Alternative Public School. With her expertise in literacy, VP Thornton will be a huge benefit for both schools!

Ways to Stay in Touch

Website: Check for the latest RCI info at: <http://www.runnymedecollegiate.com/>

Download the RCI App: Search “My School Day” app and select “Ontario” district to find Runnymede Collegiate Institute

Principal's Weekly Update: Sign up at the RCI homepage (above)

Twitter: Search “Runnymede C.I.”

COME TO SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS!!

Want to know more about what goes on in your child's High School?

Want to know more about the academic direction for RCI?

Want to help make RCI a more successful school?

Then join us as part of the RCI School Council! Learn about RCI and contribute to making your child's years here fulfilling and memorable.

Who are we and what does Council do?

School Council is made up of interested parents, the Principal, and teacher representatives. We provide feedback to the Administration on their programs; we fundraise to fulfill student and teachers' requests; we offer speakers and presentations on topics that parents have identified; we volunteer in person for events; we provide donations of time or things for specific events, as requested by the school; we provide input on topics that are happening at the TDSB or at a provincial level.

What happens at meetings?

The School Principal and Student Council President update us on current happenings; we hear updates from TDSB that affect RCI; we discuss how parents can help support the school's and students' goals. We vote when there are decisions to made.

How can I participate and help?

There are lots of ways to participate – you can sign up for a position on the Executive (minimal time commitment), volunteer for one of the School Council's initiatives, or just attend the meetings to stay in touch with what's going on in and around the school.

What are you interested in?

Council aims to offer parents speakers and programs that are of interest to them. Help us select the areas of focus for upcoming School Council meetings. Please circle your response or add a topic to those listed below and bring it to the first meeting or drop it in the School Council mailbox in the front office.

Proposed School Council Topics

I would like School Council to have a presentation addressing:

- Effective parenting
- Communicating with teens
- Tips for student success (specify area)
- Helping students prepare for exams
- Other: _____

Please bring to the first School Council Meeting, September 23, 7 p.m. in the RCI Library