

## **April 2024 RCI Newsletter**

Is spring here to stay? We deserve it!

Students & Parents, please keep the following information in mind as we head into the final portion of the school year.

- There are only 10 weeks remaining in the school year.... June 27<sup>th</sup>, the last day of official classes.
- There are only 9 weeks until Grad....
- There are only 8 weeks until Exams begin....
- There are only 5 weeks until May Long weekend.
- Term 3 Report Cards have been sent home with High School Students
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>, this week!**

The next 2.5 months will fly by very quickly. Students will need to time manage well between the *distractions* of badminton, baseball, soccer, track & field, spring hockey, camping trips, family weekends away, graduation events and preparations, a solar eclipse, and mild weather etc..... keep your eyes on the prize----whether that is Graduation, Exams, or just the end of the school year. Finish off the year on a positive note and keep on track with your courses. If you need assistance with this, speak to a staff member for support in setting up a plan.

### **Social Media/Online Safety Presentation:**

Thank you to **Val Caldwell** and the participants of the Online/Social Media & Sextortion Presentations on March 20, 2024. We had a good turnout of parents but next time, we would like to see even more attendees. These sessions are often booked a year in advance and when we receive sports schedules or other events like work experience, there is little room for flexibility and changes of dates. So, we realize that it did not work for everyone but according to the presenter, we had a great turnout and lots of wonderful discussions. Val was very impressed with both the student and parent sessions.

Val's information was relevant, timely, and left a resounding impact on students and parents. As a follow up to her talk, we have provided two resources from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection for assisting parents/caregivers with understanding and dealing with the aftermath of self/peer online exploitation.

<https://protectchildren.ca/en/order/product/288:en/> - guide for families

<https://protectchildren.ca/en/order/product/360:en/> - guide for parents after dealing with teen/tween online exploitation

### **Bus Loop Parking & School Speed Zone:**

For the past many years, we have had specific times for our buses entering/exiting our bus loop area. We have asked anyone accessing this space to get to the Daycare to stay clear of it from 8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm. However, there are other times when buses access this space. From 1:00-1:15pm, our Hockey Academy Bus picks up students to drop them off at the rink. That same bus comes back at approximately 2:00pm-2:10, and then again at 2:20 to unload returning students. Finally, at 3:30pm, buses depart for the day. We also have other times where buses are picking up or dropping off students for field trips, late busses, and sporting events. This means we need this area clear of other vehicles. It is not designated as a parking lot for our students or staff at RCI.

Recently, we have had vehicles pull into the bus loop while our buses are unloading and pulling up right next to the bus or next to the school. These situations have resulted in drivers being issued fines. Vehicles (drivers) are not to be moving within 5 meters of a bus while they are loading/unloading students. We want all of our students, visitors, bus drivers, and staff at RCI to be safe. We ask that adults be mindful of this situation---it is not an open space to enter/park at any time of the day. RRSD will be working with our school to either permanently close the loop to passenger vehicle traffic OR further limit the time allowed to enter the space.

Additionally, we have noted some vehicles that are dropping off or picking up students are approaching the school area over the suggested 30km/hour limit. Please slow down when entering the school zones at both RCI & RES.

## Senior High Badminton:

Our high school badminton team has been keeping busy this season, participating in two tournaments. Rivers Collegiate had tremendous success in both, with several teams advancing to playoffs. The dedication and hard work of our players have fueled remarkable growth and progress!

A special shoutout to Annika Schmidt and Jillian Hamm for their outstanding performance, securing 2nd place with their doubles team at the Vincent Massey tournament in Brandon.

With many exciting matches ahead, we look forward to the remainder of the season!





On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, several Grade 8 students participated in the **Young Women's Conference** hosted at Assiniboine Community College. Students engaged in hands on activities in the areas of: Network Administration, Digital Graphics & Design, Welding, and Automotive Mechanics.





COMING UP!

# TEACHING CIRCLE & LAND-BASED TEACHING

FOR ALL YOUTH 15-24

Indigenous perspectives, teachings, and healing are a part of Huddle. Come with your questions and learn about:



- sweats
- ceremonies
- traditional healing
- the four sacred medicines
- the role of elders
- traditional practices
- smudging
- and much more...



## Teaching Circle @ Huddle

TUESDAYS,  
APRIL 16  
5-6PM

## Land-Based Teaching

Includes lunch and a ride to the Anishinaabe Spiritual Grounds

SATURDAY, APRIL 13  
12-5PM

\*weather permitting

Interested in joining us?

Led by: Ken Norquay from



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# Huddle

## Westman Youth Choir 2024

Hello Westman educators,

I am so excited to send you posters and handouts promoting Westman Youth Choir auditions and our new website! Please print and post our posters around your school! **We need singers from every part of Westman!** Applying for youth choir and scheduling an audition is so easy on our website! Please encourage your grade 9 - 11 students (in 2023-24) to apply! It is a life changing experience! There are lots of details about our program on our new website [westmanyouthchoir.com](http://westmanyouthchoir.com), so feel free to visit or email us at [westmanyouthchoir@gmail.com](mailto:westmanyouthchoir@gmail.com) if you have any questions. **Thank you all for your help!**  
Sincerely,

# WESTMAN YOUTH CHOIR 2024

Are you entering grade  
10, 11 or 12?

Do you love to sing?

**JOIN US!**



**Registration, Audition & Tour  
Information**



## **AUDITIONS**

BRANDON

May 4 & 5

Brandon University School of Music

KILLARNEY

May 11

Killarney United Church

WESTMANYOUTHCHOIR.COM

## Important Dates:

- April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Elementary School (Inservice) (**No Classes**)
  - Jr. High and Sr. High School (**Parent Teacher Interviews**) (**No Classes**)
    - 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:15pm
    - Band Room: Drop in—no appointments necessary.
    - We can also arrange for TEAMS or telephone calls to discuss student progress.
    - If you want a specific time, contact the teachers directly.
    - If this day does not work for you, you can always contact teachers to meet or discuss at another time.
- May 2024
  - **Parent meetings** (Dates TBA)
  - Gr. 6---Welcome to RCI (5:30-6:30pm)
  - Gr. 8—Welcome to High School (6:30-7:30pm)
  - Gr. 11—Graduation 2025 (September 2024)
- May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Victoria Day (**No School**)
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - RRSB Exams for Second Semester and All Year Courses
- June 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Graduation Day (10:00 AM Ceremony), (**No Classes**)
- June 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Final Day of Official Classes
- June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Admin Day (**No Classes K-12**)