

August 31, 2023

Parents/Guardians & Students,

Hello! Welcome back! We are getting close to the start of another school year, and I thought I would reach out and provide students and parents with some information prior to our first day of classes. We've already seen some students in the building in August preparing for the upcoming athletics seasons. We look forward to meeting students next week and re-establishing routines and relationships with them.

Caution Fees (\$30) Are for Gr. 9 and new High School students only (\$30). **Annual Student fees (\$7.50)** for all students Gr. 9-12 (not Gr. 7 & 8). Invoices will be sent out with students on the first day of classes. Please have fees paid by September 23, 2023, via cash, cheque, or e-transfer.

I will send out a more detailed newsletter during the second week of September. Students will be bringing home several pieces of information/documents after the first day---please ask to review it with them.

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday Sept 5th**
 - Teachers return to work and will take part in meetings (All Day).
 - We unfortunately will not have time for parent or student meetings on Tuesday. If you require a time to meet, please call and book an appointment with us.
- **Wednesday Sept 6th**
 - 1st Day of orientation for ALL 7-12 students. It is important that students are in attendance on this first day.
 - Upon arrival, students will wait outside at designated entrances. If it is raining, students will be allowed into the building. **Doors will open at 8:45am.**
 - Daycare (north end doors) are not to be used by RCI students.
 - Gr. 7/8 (Junior High Northeast Doors)
 - Gr. 9-12 (Main Office Entrance)
 - We will not utilize the Band Entrance as an entry point.
 - **Students will go to the gym to attend a morning assembly.**
 - They will be provided information regarding their homeroom. 9:00-9:20am
 - Students will take part in a variety of orientation sessions from our staff members.
 - Mr. Klassen & Mrs. Hengen will be visiting all grades to review any missing or changes to course selections. This will be completed during the orientation.
 - Students will be provided a locker (locks not supplied)
- **Thursday Sept 7th**
 - Regular classes will take place unless there is a need to continue our orientation. We do not anticipate this however, depending on the needs of our students, it may occur.
- Updates regarding **Open House and Grade 12 Parent meeting** will be sent out next week.
- **Wednesday Sept 13th (AM)**
 - Picture Day
- **September 25-28th**
 - Dates will be confirmed by RRSD Career Prep Coordinators
 - Grade 12 Work Experience

- **Saturday Sept 30th**
 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- **Tuesday Oct 3rd**
 - RRSB Admin/PD Day (No School)
- **Monday Oct 9th**
 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- **Friday Oct 20th**
 - SAGE/MTS Provincial Teacher Conference (No School)
- **Monday Nov 6th**
 - Divisional PD (No Classes)
- **Friday Nov 10th**
 - HS School PD (No Classes)
- **Saturday Nov 11th**
 - Remembrance Day
- **Friday Nov 24th**
 - Student/Parent/Teacher Interview (No Classes)
- **Friday Dec 22nd**
 - Last Day of Classes 2023
 - Christmas Break runs from Dec. 25-Jan 5
- **Monday Jan 8, 2024**
 - Return to Classes

Parents & Students:

- Staff have requested that our students have available (daily) a set of **earbuds/headphones** to use with their laptops in class. These do NOT need to be expensive sets, just something that can be used on occasion in class.
- New students to RCI will be provided a laptop in the first week of classes.
- Students who left their devices at RCI to be checked over the summer, will have these returned in the first couple of days back.
- Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. We have two fill stations that can be accessed during the day.

RCI Staff List 2023-24:

Staff:	Role:
<i>Mike Klassen</i>	Principal
<i>Pam Jubinville</i>	Administrative Assistant
<i>Angela Roberts</i>	Resource & HS ELA & Reading is Thinking
<i>Carissa Hengen</i>	School Social Worker (.5 @ RCI)
<i>Taryn Lohowy</i>	HS Math & Hockey Skills Academy
<i>Jeff Maxwell</i>	JH & HS Physical Education, Outdoor Ed.
<i>Curt Cornish</i>	JH & HS Sciences, ICT
<i>Tess Stevenson</i>	HS Math, Family Studies, Foods & Nutrition
<i>Christina Gray</i>	HS ELA, SS, History, Geography, Careers
<i>Danielle Pilatic</i>	JH/HS Woodworking, HS Art, Keyboarding, Personal Finance
<i>Joanna Pratt (Lenea Goriak- returns Feb 2024)</i>	JH ELA, Math, Science, HS Social St.
<i>Bailee Ploshynsky</i>	JH Math, SS, French, Art
<i>David Wolfe</i>	JH & HS Band (.5 @ RCI)
<i>Patti Kent</i>	Student Support Facilitator
<i>Kerry Veitch</i>	Librarian & Educational Assistant
<i>Shauna Paddock</i>	Educational Assistant
<i>Anita Krahn</i>	Educational Assistant
<i>Kathy Bishop</i>	Educational Assistant
<i>Lore Frondall</i>	Educational Assistant
<i>Gayle Bullee</i>	Head Custodian
<i>December Dickenson</i>	Evening Cleaner