

January 2024 Newsletter

Welcome Back and Happy New Year to all our staff, students, and RCI families. I hope you had an enjoyable break and 2024 has started out well for you all. I also hope you were able to avoid any colds, flus, and other viruses that have been hitting Manitobans this winter. With a limited time before our exam period, we hope our students can stay well and finish their courses on a positive note. We do ask that if staff or students are ill, to please stay home.

Before the break, a couple of our Basketball teams started their season. I will remind players and parents that we must have fees paid up immediately. If you have accessed Kids Sport of JumpStart, please follow up with them. For RCI Athletics to continue offering low fees, we must have all fees paid in good time.

Scent Aware/Fragrance Free, Nut & Fish Aware

We have had a few issues with students bringing AXE and other body sprays/fragrances into the building this year. These aerosol products are not allowed in our school for safety reasons as well as concerns with allergies and sensitivities. We also have some students/staff members with severe allergies to Nuts & Fish. Please be mindful of what is brought into our building.

Community/Parent Coaches must complete their *Respect in Sport certification* and have their *Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sectors, and Child Abuse Registry Checks* completed before coaching teams or volunteering in our school. Also, in order to drive other students in your vehicle, a drivers permission form must be completed.

Attendance & Lates: This is a reminder for parents: If your child will be late or absent for school/classes, you must inform us. This is necessary for us to keep track of students during the day and keep accurate data. Please either email riverscoll@rrsd.mb.ca or call 204.328.5364.

Band Concert December 2023



If you were one of the approximate 150 attendees of the RCI Band Concert on December 12th during our lunch hour, you were presented with an incredible performance. Due to several cancellations, conflicts with sports and other events, our concert, that typically takes place in the evening was delivered during the lunch hour. It was very well attended, and we had a good number of people able to join us through a livestream as well. Thank you to Mr. Wolfe and our band students for putting on a wonderful show. Thank you to all the guests for attending---what a turnout!

For those that were unable to join us or able to access the feed, please check out the link below to view. To view the concert, go to <http://rci.rrsd.mb.ca>. (RCI Website main page). Under the "News" section, click on "What's New", and the "RCI Holiday Band Concert" is the last item to choose on the list. Enjoy!

Val Caldwell Presentation

On **March 20th**, Val Caldwell will be presenting to our students on a variety of topics related to internet safety, our virtual world (social media), and how to protect and provide a safe environment. Val will be speaking to the RES Gr. 5/6's (1.25 hours), RCI's Gr. 7/8's (1.5 hours), and Gr. 9-12's (2 hours). She will also be offering a parent session that evening for approximately 2 hours in the evening. More details will be sent out in early-March.

Athletics:

There seems to be some confusion regarding the privilege of participating in Senior High or Junior High sports. If a student has not attended classes on the day of a game/practice—they are not allowed to participate unless there is a plan in place between the school, coach, and parent. If a student skips out of classes, has not performed well academically, or there has been a behavioural problem leading up to participation ...they may be ineligible to take part in upcoming games. I am not sure why we have come to a place where there is an expectation to play when students have not fulfilled their duties as a student in the school first. Attending a trip, game, or tournament is a privilege as part of being part of that team however, ensuring your responsibilities are met as a student comes first.

Additionally, all fees for current sports must be paid before playing in games/tournaments or a plan must be in place with the school/coach. As a school, we are unable to cover the costs of school sports. Expenses like student uniforms, transportation, referee fees, league/tournament entry need to be recovered through fees for us to have teams. We have some of the lowest athletic fees in High School sports in Manitoba. If families require assistance to pay for fees, we can assist with **Kids Sport** and **Jump Start** funding, but this must be done in a timely manner.

<https://kidsportcanada.ca/manitoba/west/>

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/>

IF SICK STAY HOME!

Good afternoon Parents, and Guardians,

As we continue through respiratory illness season, Rolling River School Division continues to follow Public Health guidance to support the health and wellbeing of students, staff, and families.

Simple and important steps can have a big impact for all of us, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick (returning to school and work when you have been feeling better for 24 hours and are free of fever for 24 hours)
- Washing your hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer frequently
- Covering your coughs / sneezes
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that are frequently touched by many people

Please review the documents at the links below for important information related to what symptoms to watch for, *how to* provide care and comfort at home and *when* to seek help:

- [KidCare MB - Message from Dr. Karen Gripp, Medical Director, HSC Winnipeg Children's Hospital](#)
- [KidCare MB – How to Care for Your Child During Respiratory Virus Season \(sharedhealthmb.ca\)](#)

For more information visit: [Kid Care - Children & Teens - Shared Health \(sharedhealthmb.ca\)](#), or contact your health care provider.

Jason Cline

Superintendent - Rolling River School Division

Important Dates:

- January 25th - Feb 1st
 - RRSD Gr. 9-12 Semester 1 Exams (See Schedule on later pages)
- February 2nd
 - Admin Day (**No Classes Gr. 7-12**)
- February 5th
 - 1st Day of Semester 2 (several new courses begin for Gr. 9-12 students)
- February 19th
 - Louis Riel Day (Family Day) (**No School**)
- March 15th
 - Elementary School (Parent Teacher Interviews) (**No Classes**)
 - High School (Inservice) (**No Classes**)
- March 20th
 - Val Caldwell Presentation
 - Online Risks/Concerns
- March 22nd
 - Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
- March 25th – March 29th
 - Spring Break (**No School**)
- April 1st
 - All Classes Resume
- April 19th
 - Elementary School (Inservice) (**No Classes**)
 - High School (Parent Teacher Interviews) (**No Classes**)
- May 20th
 - Victoria Day (**No School**)
- June 13th – June 20th
 - RRSD Exams for Second Semester and All Year Courses
- June 21st
 - Graduation Day (AM Ceremony)
- June 27th
 - Final Day of Official Classes
- June 28th
 - Admin Day (**No Classes K-12**)

Exam Schedule (Updated January 11th but sent out in December initially)

Students & Parents,

Please enquire about semester one final course exams with your teachers. There may be some changes to this schedule as we head towards January 2024. Your teachers will have a better idea about course situations and whether a final exam, project, or assignment will be provided as your final assessment in courses that are ending. The types of assessments will vary depending on the course, teacher, etc... An updated version will be available in Mid-January if needed.

Gr. 12 Provincial Exams: Please do NOT be late for these exams as you will not receive additional time beyond what has been allotted.

January 9 th	ELA	9:00am-12:00pm
January 10-12 th	ELA	9:00am-10:00am (Postponed due to weather)
	• January 12---ELA	9:00am-12:30pm to make up for Wed/Thurs
January 24 th	Essentials	9:00am-12:00pm

Inform Net Courses: This year we have several students completing courses in January through distance/online learning. Please consult your information regarding due dates and exam dates on the Inform Net platform (Blackboard). Typically, **InformNet** courses end prior to our exam period.

RCI Exams (Updated January 8th, 2024):

Any course exams NOT listed here will be arranged with classroom teachers and completed in their regular class or through a final project/assignment. When students have completed their exams, they are expected to prepare for future exams, finish other assignments (credit recovery) or go home for the day. Credit recovery is available for those who have a plan in place with teachers.

Also, our school buses are not a taxi service. If a student does NOT have an exam, please do not travel into Rivers to “hangout for the day” we do not have staff available to supervise as many are working with Credit Recovery students or marking exams and preparing report cards.

RCI Exam Schedule Jan 25-26 & 29th-Feb 1st

Week 1					
Morning 9:00	Mon Jan 22 <i>Regular Classes</i>	Tues Jan 23 <i>Regular Classes</i>	Wed Jan 24 <i>Regular Classes</i>	Thurs Jan 25 30 History 10 Math 10 Science	Fri Jan 26 30 Essentials 20 ELA
Afternoon 1:15pm	<i>Regular Classes</i>	<i>Regular Classes</i>	<i>Regular Classes</i>	No 9-12 Classes Credit Recovery	No 9-12 Classes Credit Recovery
Week 2					
Morning 9:00 am	Mon Jan 29 30 Chemistry 20 Essentials 10 Social Studies 10 Reading is Thinking	Tues Jan 30 20 Science 10 ELA 10 Art/Keyboarding	Wed Jan 31 30 pre-Calc 20 ICT 3D Modelling	Thurs Feb 1 40 ELA Make Up Exams No 9-12 Classes Credit Recovery	Fri Feb 2 No Classes 7-12 Admin Day
Afternoon 1:15 pm	No Classes 9-12 Credit Recovery	No Classes 9-12 Credit Recovery	No Classes 9-12 Credit Recovery	40 Phys. Ed. No 9-12 Classes Credit Recovery	No Classes 7-12 Admin Day

Finally, when students have completed their exams, they are expected to do one of the following:

- 1) Town Students are allowed to go home to prepare for future exams or other course work unless they have credit recovery assignments to complete. Then they are expected to remain at the school.
- 2) Bus Students or those who drive to school may also leave after their exam however, we would like parents to communicate that they have permission to leave. If bus students have credit recovery assignments to complete, they, too, are expected to be at school.
- 3) Those remaining at the school should find a space in the library/canteen and work on course work/prep for future exams. Staff will have limited time to supervise students as they will be hosting an exam, marking exams, or working with credit recovery students.
- 4) Credit Recovery—is an opportunity for students to complete missing assignments (that they have met with teachers about and created a plan). Students should meet with the course specific teacher.

Additionally, the gym, fitness room, will NOT be open for students to workout or play as there will not be appropriate supervision.