

# Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

February 2018



## Dates to Remember

### **NO SCHOOL:**

Feb 16 - PA day

Feb 19 - Family day

Mar 12-16- March Break

**February 8 – NO LATE START!**

**Semester 2 Welcome Assembly**

**February 7** – Report Cards mailed out– keep an eye out!

**February 26 – 7 to 9pm**

School Council Meeting – **COURSE OPTIONS OVERVIEW** from **Guidance Department**

**February 28** – Black History Month Assembly & **Pink Shirt Day**

**March 1** - Deadline for Purchasing Grad Cap & Gown

**March 5 & 6** - Grad Photo Retakes  
Appointments are required  
Information in Main Office

**March 6** – Ward 7 Council Meeting

**March 7** – Ski Trip

Welcome to Semester Two! That means we are halfway through the school year. There have been a few changes at RCI these past couple months. Make sure to stay up-to-date by reading the Newsletters, getting the new RCI App and attending the School Council meetings!

### **Attend & Learn @ School Council Meetings!**

Council Meetings keep parents informed! The School Council meeting for January was cancelled since it landed during exam week.

Here are the topics for our remaining meetings:

**February 26**      **Course Option Overview** – RCI's Guidance department will review the Course Option process RCI students have to complete for next year.

**March 26**          **Connecting with Your Teen** – presented by Toronto Public Health

**May 28**            **TBD**

### **SAVE THESE DATES!!**

Childcare will be available these evenings – thanks to our volunteer students!

### **Welcome Ms. Robinson!**

Although it was sad to say farewell to Julie Ardell, we wish her the best in her new role as Principal for Parkdale CI. Michelle Robinson will be a new Vice-Principal at RCI starting February 2. Ms. Robinson is an experienced educator from Malvern CI who brings a strong commitment to student voice, equity and inclusion. Welcome to the RCI Team!

## Volunteers Needed!

**Spring Arts Night** is looking for parents help to make this an unforgettable night on May 16! Please contact Ms.

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if you can help before, during or after!

### In the Pink

Runnymede's Mental Wellness Committee, **Thrive**, will be promoting **Pink Shirt Day** on **February 28th, 2018**. In 2007, two senior students at a school in Nova Scotia saw a grade 9 boy being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They took action and encouraged others in their school to wear something pink to school and to take a stand against bullying. Within a year, the story had gone viral and schools across Canada had joined the cause.

We are encouraging all Runnymede students to **wear a Pink Shirt to school on Wednesday February 28th** to show your awareness and support for making our school a Bully-free zone. Other uniform rules (including black pants) will still apply for that day.

### RCI Students @ Chemistry Scholar's Day

Two of Runnymede's distinguished Grade 11 students, Mbarek Al-Amry and Abir Mir, have been selected to attend a **Chemistry Scholar's Day** hosted by the **University of Toronto** on February 22nd, 2018. These two high-achieving students will be participating in an exciting day of chemistry, including a talk about cutting-edge research, a career panel, tours of research facilities and laboratories, and opportunities to network with chemistry undergrads and graduate students. Good luck and have fun!

### Report Cards & Parent Interviews

Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, February 7. Ask your child and check those backpacks! Parent/Teacher interviews scheduled for May 2. Instructions for online registration will be provided closer to the date.

### Graduating This Year? Do Not Forget to...

- Purchase your Cap & Gown through School Cash Online
- Sign up for Photo Retakes in the Office (Retake dates are March 5 & 6)

## **ARTS UPDATE**

The Arts Department is very busy going into our 2018 Arts season! Check it out:

### **Pan Day 2018**

We are very pleased that RCI will host **PAN DAY** on **March 23rd** from 10:00 am -2:30 pm!

In partnership with the TDSB Music Dept., 300+ students from across the TDSB will attend this full day event to engage in and experience a diverse selection of Arts Workshops focused on: Music, Dance, Tech, Storytelling, Art and STEM-based learning. Our school will be a buzz, with no disruption to regular day functions, and we are truly excited to welcome all of the students and their teachers to come and experience this day of engaging experiential learning! All of the students in Ms. B's the steel pan classes are scheduled to be assigned roles as student ambassadors/leaders and will perform for the entire event. Details will follow!

### **Arts Fest @ Perth Ave PS**

Students from our Music and Dance classes will attend this Arts Festival at Perth Avenue PS to showcase their original works/compositions on March 27 – wishing everyone a fun time!

### **Sounds of Toronto @ Massey Hall - April 12, 2018 7:00 PM**

It has been at least 9 years since Runnymede Collegiate Institute has participated as musical performers for the Sounds Of Toronto Event at Massey Hall. This year, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that RCI's Steel Pan Orchestra has been selected to perform and join other fine musicians from across the TDSB, under the **Solo Orchestral** category. Tickets can be obtained through the Music Dept. at RCI - contact: Janelle Bylykbashi, ACL, Arts: [Janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca) or 416-394-3200 x 20143

### **TDSB Creates 2018**

Four of our outstanding dance students have been working incredibly hard preparing for TDSB Creates 2018 - "Narratives of Now". This evening of dance showcases works created by students from across the TDSB and our RCI dancers will embark on their journey very soon! On **April 3, 4, 5** they will attend a Juried Performance day at Canada's National Ballet School and on **May 3, 2018** anticipate a Final Performance if selected at Toronto Centre for the Arts @ 7:30 PM. More details to follow and we hope you will attend to support our outstanding student dancer/choreographers!

### **Spring Arts Night – May 16**

Save **May 16** in your calendars! Details to come about this wonderful evening celebrating our RCI students' talents in the Arts!