

# Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

March 2018



## Dates to Remember

### **NO SCHOOL:**

**Mar 12-16- March Break**

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

**March 6** – Ward 7 Council  
Meeting

**March 7** – Ski Trip

**March 23** – Early Concern Reports  
mailed home

**March 23** – PAN Day 2018!  
10 am to 2:30 pm

**March 23** – School Dance!  
RCI Gym

**March 23-25** – Robotics  
Competition @ York University

**March 26** – School Council Mtg

**March 28** – ArtsFest performance  
at Perth Ave PS

**May 25** – GREASE: The Musical

March Break will be here before we know it! RCI students are working hard both in and after school. Whether it's the arts or sciences, robotics or athletics, RCI is worth studying!

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

Council Meetings keep parents informed! Make sure to join us for our remaining meetings:

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

**May 28**      **TBD**

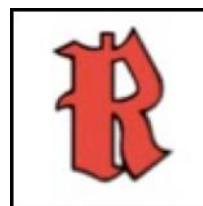
### **SAVE THESE DATES!!**

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

### **RCI is Worth Following!**

Stay in the know right from your phone! Search for "Runnymede CI" in the App Store and download the new application. Or [click here](#) for the Google link.

News, notifications and calendar items are updated daily in an easy to use format. Have all school events and other information right at your fingertips.



## Volunteers Needed!

**Spring Arts Night** is looking for parents help to make this an unforgettable night on May 16! Please contact Ms. Bylykbashi at [janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca) if you can help before, during or after!

## School Dance March 23rd

**RUSTCO (Student Council)** is hosting a Dance for all students on **Friday, March 23** at RCI in the Large Gym. Encourage your child to attend and meet new people, raise school spirit, and have a fun time!



### RCI Students @ Tri Sci Tour

On February 22 five of Runnymede's grade 11 masters students spent the day at York University in a contest of scientific knowledge and skills.

Kathryn Cheng, Alayna Handiak, Archan Joshi, Liam Mohammed and Tomasz Szczurek took part in the second annual Tri-Sci Tourney hosted by York University's Faculty of Science and Bethune College.

RCI's team competed against teams from other schools by answering three rounds of rapid-fire science questions and also by taking part in science related hands on tasks. In addition, they attended two seminars put on York U. professors and toured some of the science labs.

At the end of the day this year's Tri-Sci trophy went home with Marc Garneau C.I. but RCI's team still enjoyed the contest (especially Science Pictionary) and had a glimpse into what a future in science might hold for them.



## Athletics @ RCI

Approximately 80 RCI students participated in the Winter Sports Season. All teams displayed exemplary sportsmanship and hard work throughout their seasons

Our **Junior Girls Volleyball** - advanced to semi finals and **Senior Girls Volleyball** - advanced to quarter finals.

The **Boys Varsity Basketball** had a challenging season, but overcame hurdles including a coaching change and a young roster.

**Cheer** performed at Boys Basketball games and is currently practicing and preparing for competition

The **Badminton Club** is currently running and 50 RCI students are participating.

RCI's **Swim Team** is having great success this year!

### Regionals:

Rochelle Clayton - 3 Gold

Rachel Dietrich - Silver and Bronze

Micheal Wieszczeck - Bronze

Jr. Girls relay team - Silver

### TDSSAA City Finals:

3 students qualified for the City Championships

Rochelle Clayton won a Bronze (Junior Girls 50 meter freestyle) and Gold (Junior Girls 100 meter freestyle) and qualified for the OFSAA Championship in Windsor

### OFSAA:

Rochelle Clayton won Gold!



## 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 steel pan classes are scheduled to be assigned roles as student ambassadors/leaders and will perform for the entire event.

### [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!

### [GREASE: The Musical – May 25](#)

SAVE THE DATE: RCI is performing **GREASE: The Musical!** First performance on **May 25** – More details to come!

## Team 1310 Advances

The RCI Robotics Team 1310 competed at Georgian College on March 2-4. They won the Team Spirit Award and are moving on up to Districts at York University March 23-25! Congratulations to all students, teachers and parents dedicated to making Team 1310 a force to be reckoned with!



## Parents as Partners Conference 2018

The **Parents as Partners Conference 2018** is on Saturday, April 28 and all parents are welcome!

This **free** conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Unstoppable Tracy, an award-winning educator and leader in schools, business and in sport, a humanitarian, advocate, decorated athlete and international speaker.

Transportation, childcare, food and translators are all provided. Register at <http://www.parentsaspartners.ca>



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# PAN DAY

2018

MARCH 23 • RUNNYMEDE CI • 10:00 AM - 2:30PM

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# PROGRAM

## OPENING CEREMONIES

10:00-10:15 am  
School Arrivals and Registration

10:15-10:45 am  
Welcome/Opening Remarks: Principal Paul Edwards  
Greetings from the TDSB: Chair Robin Pilkey  
Greetings from our Superintendent: Mrs. Tracy Hayhurst  
Kick-Off Performances: Runnymede CI Steel, Ballet Creole



## WORKSHOPS

10:50-11:30 Workshop Rotation 1  
11:35- 12:15 Workshop Rotation 2  
12:20-12:50 Lunch in Cafeteria for all students  
12:55-1:35 Workshop Rotation 3

## CLOSING CEREMONIES

1:40 - 1:50 pm  
Closing remarks from TDSB Director: Dr. John Malloy  
1:50 - 2:00 pm  
Thank you and Performance by: Central Tech and RCI