



Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

October 2018

Dates to Remember

**October 1 to 31 – We Scare
Hunger Food Drive (Me to We).
Non-perishable donations
collected in homeform all month**

Oct 5th – PA Day – No School!

Oct 8th – Thanksgiving (No School)

**Oct 11th 10-11am – Post-
secondary Assembly (Grades 11
& 12)**

**Oct 12th – Early Concern Reports
Mailed**

**Oct 14th 1pm – Study & Go Abroad
Information Fair (Toronto
Convention Centre)**

Oct 16th – Photo Retakes

Oct 23th – Awards Assembly

**Oct 23rd & 24th – Ontario Colleges
Fair (@ Enercare Centre)**

**Oct 24th 2-4pm & 6-8pm –
Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Oct 29th 7pm – School Council
Meeting**

Oct 30th 6-7pm – Family Art Night

Oct 31st – Halloween Spooktacular

It's the second month of school already! Clubs and sports are ramping up, so read on to stay updated!

School Council Update

The September 24th Council meeting was greatly attended, so we are off to a great start! We heard updates from school council (RUSTCO), Principal Edwards, and Karen McCrimmon our teacher rep.

The School Council Committee was elected as well. Thanks to the many parents who volunteered:

Co-chairs:	Donna Maiato & Khaleel Mohammed
Treasurer:	Farhia Warsame
Secretary/	
Communications:	Kimberly de Witte
Ward 7:	Lucy Coyle, Laura Pillsworth
Fundraising:	Jackie Marrie, Farhia Warsame

Be sure to come on out, meet your fellow parents and stay informed:

Oct 29th	Parent Council Responsibilities: Speaker Michelle Munroe from TDSB Parent and Community Engagement Program Review Committee Update
Nov 26th	Helping Your Student Manage the Move Into or Out of High School
Jan 14th	Helping Your Student Exam Prep

SAVE THESE DATES!!

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

Dates to Remember

Nov 6th – Last Day of Term 1

Nov 7th - Take Your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)

Nov 9th – Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 14th 7pm – Grade 8 Info Night

Nov 14th – Report Cards distributed

Nov 16th – PA Day (No School!)

Nov 26th (7-9pm) – School Council Meeting

Nov 26th–29th – Grad Photos

Science Update

(Brad Kennedy, ACL - Science)

Two University of Toronto Medical School students recently visited Mr. Kennedy's grade 12 Biology class and Ms. Fife's grade 12 Chemistry class to discuss an exciting opportunity to pair up with U of T medical school student mentors. The mentorship program runs throughout the academic year and meets up once a month. Mentors give interactive science presentations and groups enter into discussions, brainstorm questions and experiments to hone their scientific skills. For the high school students, this mentorship culminates in a scientific presentation to a group of elementary students in April, one which they will develop with their mentors throughout the year. Our Runnymede grade 12 science students seemed really excited about joining this program and we look forward to sharing more news as it develops!

RCI Breakfast Club

(Karen McCrimmon, ACL – Equity & Wellness)

The Runnymede Breakfast Club is a group of dedicated students who help to cook healthy and hot breakfasts 4 mornings a week. Arriving at 7:30 am, the students help to cook and prepare a delicious meal for students who are too busy (or late waking up) in the mornings. With menu items such as cereal, toast, milk, fruit, vegetables, smoothies, grill cheese, scrambled eggs, mini-pizzas, french toast and pancakes, there is never an excuse to attend class hungry. The Breakfast Club is supported by the TDSB Nutrition Program and Foodshare Toronto.

Although breakfast is free to all who would like to come and share a meal with us, we ask that donations of loose change be made when possible. On late-start Thursdays, breakfast bars, yogurt tubes and fruit can be found on a cart outside the cafeteria or main office. Any students who would like to volunteer to be part of our team (you get volunteer hours towards your diploma) can always sign up with Ms. McCrimmon.

Volunteers Needed!

Family Art Night on October 29th (6-7pm)

Contact Janelle Bylykbashi @ 416-394-3200 x 20143 or Janelle.bylykbashi@tdsb.on.ca if you can help before, during or after!

Grade 8 Information Night on November 14th (7-8 pm)

Help spread the word to potential students and parents about RCI. Contact the office if you can help out on this all-important night!

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 to add to your computer.

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.



Arts Update

(Janelle Bylykbashi, ACL Art)

October will be a very busy month for students in the Arts as we prepare for the 12th Annual Halloween Spooktacular on October 31! Arts Council will offer face and body painting at lunch and all students will have the opportunity to showcase their costumes during our "Costume Catwalk" leading up to the ever so popular Haunted House lead by RUSTCO.

We look forward to seeing you at our Family Art Night on October 29th! Feel free to contact us directly should you have any inquiries or concerns @ 416-394-3210 x 20143.

Canadian and World Studies and the Humanities Update **(Noorain Alam and Carla Lovell)**

Grade 11 and 12 Law classes will be visiting the Superior Court for a Q&A session with a judge and crown followed by observing trial proceedings.

Library Update

(Robyn Tenenbaum)

RCI has received roughly 50 new books in our library which we invite students to preview on October 3rd. Parents and students can also check out the school's virtual library from home – the *Virtual Library Learnmark* bookmarks are available for all students in the library for instructions on how to utilize this amazing resource!



Runnymede CI 2nd Annual

FAMILY ART NIGHT

Everyone Welcome!

October 30th, 2019 at 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Main Foyer

Join us for a fun filled evening complete with Facepainting, STEAM based activities, Arts and Crafts, Music, Treats, Games and a costume contest! Kids! Wear your halloween costumes to win prizes!

PRIZES * BOOK FAIR * TREATS * FACEPAINTING * GAMES



Trustee
Robin Pilkey

Ward 7, Parkdale-High Park



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe summer, and your child is settling in well after the first couple of weeks of school.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and parents/guardians in the Toronto District School Board.

We are, more than ever, focused on ensuring that all students have access to the programs, opportunities and supports needed to reach high levels of achievement and well-being. This priority is driven by our newly approved Multi-Year Strategic Plan, which outlines our mission, values and goals in support of student success. To read the full plan, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/myasp.

Your involvement in your child's education and school life can also contribute to their success. There are numerous ways you can get involved, such as taking part in your local school council. School councils provide a forum for student, parent and community voices and advise principals and the Board on school issues. To learn more about school councils, contact your school or visit www.tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil. For information about the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC), a TDSB-wide group, visit www.torontopiacc.ca.

Thanks to the launch of the new and improved transportation portal, you can access your child's transportation information online and keep up-to-date on any service related issues, such as delays and cancellations. For more information and to register for the 2018-19 school year, please visit <https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/> and select "For Parents."

As the new school year has begun, I encourage you to visit www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow. Here, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students, including homework tips, the school-year calendar, transportation updates and supports for mental health, healthy living and bullying.

To stay informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter by emailing me at robin.pilkey@tdsb.on.ca. For system-wide news about the Toronto District School Board, subscribe to TDSB Update at www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate and follow the TDSB on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

As always, I want to hear from you and I can be reached by sending me an email at Robin.Pilkey@tdsb.on.ca

For ongoing updates, sign up for my [Newsletter](#)

Thank you. I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Robin Pilkey
Chair of the Toronto District School Board
Ward 7 – Parkdale-High Park





2018 - 2019 Information



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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 3, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	October 5, 2018
Thanksgiving	October 8, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	November 16, 2018
Board-wide PA Day	December 7, 2018
Christmas Break	December 24, 2018 to January 4, 2019 (inclusive) Last day of school is December 21, 2018 School resumes January 7, 2019
Elementary PA Day	January 18, 2019
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	January 31, 2019*
Board-wide PA Day	February 15, 2019
Family Day	February 18, 2019
March Break	March 11 to 15, 2019
Good Friday	April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	May 20, 2019
Elementary School PA Day	June 7, 2019
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 26, 2019*
Secondary School PA Day	June 27, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	June 28, 2019

*The first day of second semester is February 1, 2019. Secondary school calendar includes a PA Day for semestered schools only on January 31, 2019 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 26, 2019.

Know what's happening at the TDSB!



Parent Concern Protocol

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Classroom Teacher

Step One

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

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School Principal

Step Two

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

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School Superintendents

Step Three

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

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Trustees

Step Four

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES OPEN HOUSES

[Meet Lakehead in the GTA](#)

[Lakehead University](#)

October 17, 2018

Drop in and see us! 10 am – 2 pm

[Look Inside: OCAD University's Annual Open House](#)

[OCAD University](#)

October 20, 2018

10 am – 2 pm

[U of T Fall Campus Day](#)

[University of Toronto – St. George Campus](#)

October 20, 2018

10 am – 4 pm

[Fall Preview](#)

[McMaster University](#)

October 27, 2018

10 am – 4 pm

[Fall Open House](#)

[Nipissing University](#)

October 27, 2018

10 am

[Fall Open House – Durham-GTA Campus](#)

[Trent University](#)

October 27, 2018

1 pm – 4 pm

[Fall Open House – Durham GTA Campus](#)

[Trent University Durham GTA](#)

October 27, 2018

1 pm – 4 pm

[U of T Mississauga Fall Campus Day](#)

[University of Toronto – Mississauga](#)

October 28, 2018

11 am – 4 pm

[Fall Open House – Peterborough Campus](#)

[Trent University](#)

November 2, 2018

10 am – 2 pm

[Fall Open House – Peterborough Campus](#)

[Trent University Durham GTA](#)

November 2, 2018

10 am – 2 pm

[Faculty of Music – Fall Open House](#)

[Wilfrid Laurier University – Waterloo Campus](#)

November 2, 2018

More information, including event times and a program overview, will be available [online](#) closer to the event date.

[Saturday Engineering and Design Sessions \(SEDS\)](#)

[Carleton University](#)

November 3, 2018

[Orillia – Fall Open House](#)

[Lakehead University](#)

November 3, 2018

[Fall Open House](#)

[Laurentian University](#)

November 3, 2018

10 am – 2 pm

[National Portfolio Day](#)

[OCAD University](#)

November 3, 2018

12 pm – 4 pm

[Fall Open House](#)

[University of Ottawa – Saint Paul University](#)

November 3, 2018

10 am to 2 pm

[Fall Open House](#)

[University of Waterloo](#)

November 3, 2018

10 am – 4 pm

[Fall Preview Day](#)

[Western University – Brescia University College](#)

November 3, 2018

10 am – 1 pm

[King's Open House \(Fall\)](#)

[Western University – King's University College](#)

November 3, 2018

12 pm – 4 pm

[Fall Open House](#)

[Wilfrid Laurier University – Waterloo Campus](#)

November 3, 2018

More information, including an overview of the event, parking instructions and session descriptions, will be available [online](#) closer to the event date.

[Fall Open House](#)

[University of Windsor](#)

November 3, 2018

10 am – 4 pm

[Fall Preview Day](#)

[Brock University](#)

November 4, 2018

11 am – 4 pm

[Fall Preview Day](#)

[University of Guelph](#)

November 4, 2018

All day.

[Saturday Engineering and Design Sessions \(SEDS\)](#)

[Carleton University](#)

November 10, 2018

[Fall Open House](#)

[Ryerson University](#)

November 10, 2018

This event runs throughout the day. Visit our website for detailed information and timing.

[Science and Engineering Sunday](#)

[University of Guelph](#)

November 11, 2018

All day.

[Fall Information Day](#)

[University of Guelph-Humber](#)

November 11, 2018

Various start times. Check our event schedule and register for the sessions you want to attend.

[Bachelor of Architectural Studies Open House](#)

[Carleton University](#)

November 16, 2018

This event will be held on 2 dates: November 16, 2018, and January 18, 2019.

[Fall ToursPlus – Durham-GTA Campus](#)

[Trent University](#)

November 16, 2018

11 am & 12 pm tours

[Fall ToursPlus – Durham GTA Campus](#)

[Trent University Durham GTA](#)

November 16, 2018

11 am & 12 pm tours

[Saturday Engineering and Design Sessions \(SEDS\)](#)

[Carleton University](#)

November 17, 2018

[Fall Preview](#)

[McMaster University](#)

November 17, 2018

10 am – 4 pm

[Fall Open House](#)

[University of Ontario Institute of Technology \(UOIT\)](#)

November 17, 2018

[Music Audition Workshop](#)

[University of Windsor](#)

November 17, 2018 – January 19, 2019

November 17, 2018

January 19, 2019

Contact the School of Music or [visit the School of Music website](#) for details.

[Fall Campus Day – Keele Campus](#)

[York University](#)

November 17, 2018

10 am – 3 pm

[Fall Preview Day](#)

[Western University](#)

November 18, 2018

Various activities are scheduled throughout the day, from approximately 9 am to 4 pm.

[Fall Open House](#)

[Western University – Huron University College](#)

November 18, 2018

9 am – 2 pm

[Fall Campus Day](#)

[York University – Glendon Campus](#)

November 18, 2018

10 am – 2:30 pm

[Parent Night](#)

[Lakehead University](#)

November 20, 2018

[Explore Carleton University's Faculty of Engineering and Design](#)

[Carleton University](#)

November 24, 2018

[Portfolio Clinics](#)

[OCAD University](#)

November 24, 2018

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

[Fall ToursPlus - Peterborough Campus](#)

[Trent University](#)

November 24, 2018

10 am and 1 pm tours

[Fall ToursPlus – Peterborough Campus](#)

[Trent University Durham GTA](#)

November 24, 2018

10 am & 1 pm tours

[BFA Acting, Monologue Workshop](#)

[University of Windsor](#)

November 24, 2018 – December 1, 2018

Windsor: November 24 2018

Toronto: December 1, 2018

[School of Dramatic Art Workshop and Showcase](#)

[University of Windsor](#)

November 25, 2018 – December 2, 2018

Windsor: November 25, 2018

Toronto: December 2, 2018

[Design Day](#)

[Carleton University](#)

November 30, 2018

This date is tentative.

[Portfolio Clinics](#)

[OCAD University](#)

December 1, 2018

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

[Parents' Information Evening \(Ottawa\)](#)

[Carleton University](#)

December 4, 2018

The December 4, 2018 date is tentative.

[Portfolio Clinics](#)

[OCAD University](#)

December 8, 2018

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

[BIT Interactive Multimedia and Design Portfolio Day](#)

[Carleton University](#)

January 12, 2019 – February 23, 2019

The BIT: IMD Portfolio Day will be held on January 12, 19, 26, February 9 and 23, 2019.

[Portfolio Clinics](#)

[OCAD University](#)

January 13, 2019

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

[Portfolio Clinics](#)

[OCAD University](#)

January 26, 2019

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

[Bachelor of Architectural Studies Open House](#)

[Carleton University](#)

February 1, 2019

Winter ToursPlus – Peterborough Campus

Trent University

February 1, 2019 – February 2, 2019

Science ToursPlus: Friday, February 1
10 am & 1 pm tours
Arts ToursPlus: Saturday, February 2
10 am & 1 pm tours

Winter ToursPlus - Peterborough Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

February 1, 2019 – February 2, 2019

Science ToursPlus: Friday, February 1
10 am & 1 pm tours
Arts ToursPlus: Saturday, February 2
10 am & 1 pm tours

Winter ToursPlus - Durham GTA Campus

Trent University

February 15, 2019

11 am & 12 pm tours

Winter ToursPlus – Durham GTA Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

February 15, 2019

11 am & 12 pm tours

Grade 10/11 Information Night – Peterborough Campus

Trent University

February 20, 2019

6 pm

Grade 10/11 Information Night – Peterborough Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

February 20, 2019

6 pm – 8 pm

Grade 10/11 Information Night – Durham-GTA Campus

Trent University

February 21, 2019

6 pm – 8 pm

Grade 10/11 Information Night – Durham GTA Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

February 21, 2019

6 pm to 8 pm

Thunder Bay – Grade 11 Day

Lakehead University

February 22, 2019 – February 22, 2017

Information Evening (Greater Toronto Area)

Carleton University

February 25, 2019

The date of this event is tentative.

Winter Open House

University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)

March 2, 2019

Spring Open House

University of Windsor

March 2, 2019

10 am – 4 pm

Music Auditions

University of Windsor

March 2, 2019 – April 27, 2019

March 2, 2019

April 6, 2019

April 27, 2019

Please contact the School of Music for details.

Business and Media Studies Program Preview Day

University of Guelph-Humber

March 3, 2019

Various start times. Check out the event schedule online and register for the sessions you are interested in.

Spring Open House

Laurentian University

March 9, 2019 – March 15, 2019

Saturday, March 9th: 10 am – 4 pm

Monday, March 11th to Friday, March 15th: 12 pm – 4 pm

March Open House – Durham-GTA Campus

Trent University

March 9, 2019

1 pm – 4 pm

March Open House – Durham GTA Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

March 9, 2019

1 pm – 4 pm

King's Open House (Spring)

Western University – King's University College

March 9, 2019

12 pm – 4 pm

March Open House – Peterborough Campus

Trent University

March 15, 2019

10 am – 2 pm

March Open House – Peterborough Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

March 15, 2019

10 am – 2 pm

Winter Open House

University of Ottawa – Saint Paul University

March 23, 2019

10:00 am - 02:00 pm

BFA Acting Auditions

University of Windsor

March 23, 2019 – April 14, 2019

Please contact the School of Dramatic Art to schedule your audition.

Campus Day

University of Guelph

March 24, 2019

All day.

Applied Sciences Program Preview Day

University of Guelph-Humber

March 31, 2019

Various start times. Check out the event schedule online and register for the sessions you are interested in.

Expérience Glendon

York University – Glendon Campus

March 31, 2019

10 am – 2:30 pm

Drama in Education & Community and Concurrent BA/BEd Interviews

University of Windsor

April 1, 2019 – April 30, 2019

Contact the School of Dramatic Art to schedule your interview.

Spring ToursPlus – Durham-GTA Campus

Trent University

April 5, 2019

11 am & 12 pm tours

Spring ToursPlus – Durham GTA Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

April 5, 2019

11 am & 12 pm tours

Open House

Brock University

April 7, 2019

11 am – 4 pm

Graduate Exhibition

OCAD University

May 1, 2019 – May 12, 2019

TBA

McMaster's Open House Event – May@Mac

McMaster University

May 11, 2019

10 am – 4 pm (Subject to change; please check our website for more information.)

Spring ToursPlus – Peterborough Campus

Trent University

May 11, 2019

Science Tour: 10 am

Arts Tour: 1 pm

Spring ToursPlus – Peterborough Campus

Trent University Durham GTA

May 11, 2019

Science Tour: 10 am

Arts Tour: 1 pm

Convocation and Graduation Ceremonies

Royal Military College of Canada

May 16, 2019 – May 17, 2019

TBD: Convocation Ceremonies, Kingston Military Community Sports Centre Field House.

TBD: Sunset Ceremony, RMC Parade Square

TBD: Graduation and Commissioning Parade, RMCC Parade Square

Summer Workshops

OCAD University

July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019

9:30 am – 5:00 pm daily. Visit our website for further details.

Reunion Weekend

Royal Military College of Canada

September 13, 2019 – September 15, 2019

Friday, 1 pm: Obstacle course for first-year students.

Saturday, 10 am: Badging parade.