



# Runnymede CI School Council Newsletter

## December 2018

### Dates to Remember

**Dec 1- Masters Entrance Test**

**Dec 5 - Winter Arts Night (6:30 – 7:30 pm) \$3 per person**

**Dec 7 – PA Day (No School!)**

**Dec 8 – FLL Tournament**

**Dec 11 & 12 – Cookie Challenge!  
\$1 for 2 cookies**

**Dec 11 – Mountview Holiday  
Concert**

**Dec 12 – RCI Dance Works  
Conference and Exhibition**

**Dec 21 – Holiday Bash @ noon**

The holiday break is almost here! Read on for all RCI has going on to celebrate our teachers, staff and students!

#### School Council Update

Our November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was full of great information in many different areas:

- We got some great tips on how parents and staff can help our kids be successful in study habits, scholarship searches and post-secondary applications. Thanks to Carla Cernic (RCI Guidance) for telling us about all the great things planned for Guidance.
- We welcomed Melanie Sutherland (Mountview Alternative Parent Council Co-Chair) and toured the space their new home will be in RCI starting September 2019.
- We learned about the new courses being offered next year to keep our students excited about school and be more successful in today's marketplace.
- We heard from Harsimarin Gulri (RUSTCO President) about all the student activities going on outside the classroom and upcoming events planned to increase school spirit.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

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| <b>Jan 14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Helping Your Student with Exam Prep</b>   |
| <b>Feb 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>TBD – Have an idea for a topic? Let us know at <a href="mailto:Kimberly.dewitte@live.com">Kimberly.dewitte@live.com</a></b> |

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

## Dates to Remember

**Jan 7 – First Day Back to School**

**Jan 9 - Mountview Transition  
Meeting #2 @ RCI**

**Jan 14 – School Council  
Meeting 7pm-9pm**

**Jan 15-16 – EQAO Numeracy  
Test**

**Jan 16 – Ontario University  
Application Deadline**

**Jan 17 – RCI Dance Works  
Conference & Exhibition**

**Jan 24 – Period 1 Exams**

**Jan 25 – Period 2 Exams**

**Jan 28 – Period 3 Exams**

**Jan 29 – Period 4 Exams**

**Jan 30 – Student Review Exams  
& Final Marks**

**Jan 31 – Semester 2 Prep @  
1pm**

**Feb 1 – Semester 2 Starts  
Ontario College Applications  
Due**

## While Your Shopping for the Holidays...

The RCI Prom Committee wants to hold a Raffle Fundraiser to help keep final tickets costs as low as possible. They are looking for prizes and you can help! When you're doing your holiday shopping, consider buying one extra gift as a prize for their fundraiser. Or if you know of a business that might donate an item, ask them to help out.

The prizes should be items teenagers would want, such as:

- Movie tickets
- Gift cards (EB Games, Foot Locker, etc)
- Candy

Please drop off donations to the office by **Friday, December 21**. Thank you for your support!!

## Education Survey closes Dec 15

Have your voice heard! The Ontario government is asking for parents to respond on a variety of subjects around education. Take a few minutes to fill out the survey:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>

## Spotlight on: Guidance

Curious about how your student is being supported during the school day? Look no further than RCI's Guidance Department. Carla Cernic and Wilma Pidhayny's doors are always open for students. Along with an ear to listen, the Guidance Office has information on:

- Scholarship opportunities
- Community service options
- Co-op and apprenticeship programs
- Ontario College & University materials
- Other post-secondary options

### **Working Sessions for Student Success**

In December, Guidance will be working with Grade 12 students with the application process for colleges and universities. In January the focus will be on improving study habits for Grades 9 and 10 (although Grade 11 and 12 students are welcome to join in). These sessions will be held during the school day so all students can benefit no matter what extra-curricular activities they participate in.

DATES	TOPIC	LOCATION	TIMES	GRADES	NOTES
Dec. 6, 13, 20	Post-Secondary Applications	Library	10:55 – 12:45 (Period 2 & lunch)	11 & 12	Sign up via the APP or in Guidance. Special attention will be paid to first generation opportunities & access
Jan. 10 & 17	Post-Secondary Applications	TBD	10:55 – 12:45 (Period 2 & lunch)	12	Sign up via the APP or in Guidance. Individualized application session <b>by appointment only</b>
Jan. 7 & 11	Study Skills Working Sessions	Library	Per. 1 & 2	9 & 10	Schedules will be pre-determined with teachers closer to January
Jan. 14 & 18	Study Skills Working Sessions	Library	Per. 1 & 2	9 & 10	Grade 11 & 12 students can sign up in Guidance to attend a session
Jan. 24 – 29	Exams		Mornings	All students	

### **Course Selection for 2018/2019**

Make sure to speak with your student about all the new courses being offered RCI. Guidance and the Program Review Committee have come up with some great new courses to help better engage students and meet new market demands. Some classes began this year (Forensics) and some will start next year (Ideas Worth Sharing, similar to TED Talks).



# Winter melodies

Winter Arts Night  
December 5th, 2018

6:30 pm  
Tickets \$3