

# RICHMOND EDUCATION CENTRE/ACADEMY

FEBRUARY NEWS 2024



## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

January seemed like the best spring we have had in years!! Our Senior and Junior Leadership committees are planning a Winter Carnival towards the end of the month. Hopefully, some of this snow will stick around for outdoor activities 😊 We will send out alerts as activities are finalized.

February is the beginning of a new semester, and the Course Request Process will begin for our Gr. 9-11 students for next year. There will be a parent information session at RECA on Feb. 13 at 6:00. Student assemblies will be the following day. These sessions will review the course selection process.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions 😊

Lisette MacDonald, Acting Principal

## **In Sympathy**

We would like to offer our sincere sympathy to Wanda, Seth and Carter Atkinson, on the passing of Courtney Atkinson. Courtney was a long-standing member of our Student Advisory Council who always advocated for the needs of our students. His famous saying at every meeting was "anything for the kids" when we were making decisions on how best to spend money. We will miss his laughter and his contributions to our school.

## **Course Request Process**

As has been our practice in the past, students will receive information from guidance and administration immediately following the presentation to parents and guardians. Our intention is to ensure family members at home have a good sense of what the Course Request Forms mean when their children arrive home with them.

During those presentations, we'll outline all of the course requirements for graduation for each grade level, in English, O2, and Immersion. Several courses like Math and English are pre-selected for students because they are required to graduate.

Students will take their Course Request Sheets home with them once they have received the presentation from administration and guidance. **Those forms must be returned by Friday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:40 pm** in order to be included in our preliminary count of requested courses.

Should students pass them in later, the date will be noted and students will only be permitted in high-interest courses (e.g., Skilled Trades) if there is room. That is, students who passed their sheets in on time will be given first priority. While all students will remain on track to graduate, several of our elective courses have smaller class-caps and have been very popular.



## Guidance News



### GRADE 9-12:

Tuesdays, we have Patti MacDonald-David, Nova Scotia Works School Liaison at school. She can meet with students regarding career planning. Let me know if you would like an appointment.

\*Reminder of the Grades 9-12 Homework Hub - Mathematic online tutoring. It can be found be accessed through their gnses Launch page.

**Grade (11 & 12) CONTINUING THE APPLICATION PROCESS:** If you need help applying for college or university, please reach out.

**TRANSCRIPTS:** A reminder that any students who need transcripts **MUST** order them in the Guidance Office as soon as they know they need them. We can email or fax them. However, it is the student's responsibility to confirm that the institution received it. After marks are stored for reporting (February), students will need to resend their transcripts so their chosen institution will have second semester marks.

**SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES:** Graduating students should keep an eye on the RECA website ([reca.srce.ca](http://reca.srce.ca)) located under the Guidance Tab, as well as the Google classroom. All opportunities sent to me are posted as they become available. It is your responsibility to apply by deadlines! Most universities have an entrance scholarship deadline in March, so please be aware of your application timeline.

As the school year progresses, please feel free to contact me by email: [denise.chiasson@srce.ca](mailto:denise.chiasson@srce.ca) .

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Gr. 9-12 Report Cards  
Distributed Feb.8 (electronically)
- Course Selection Meeting for Parents Feb. 13 at 6:00 in the PA room.
- SAC meeting Feb.15<sup>th</sup> at 3:15
- Holiday- Monday, Feb. 19th
- Course selection sheets due at office by 2:40 on Feb.23rd.



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