RICHMOND EDUCATION CENTRE/ACADEMY

JANUARY NEWS 2024



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

I hope you all enjoyed having your child(ren) home over the holiday break! Before we get too far into our winter messages, I would like to take this time to acknowledge two important staff members who retired before our holiday break. Alfred Boudreau and Valerie Landry will both be missed by staff and students alike. Although we are sad to see them go, we are also so excited for them as they begin this new phase in their lives. Staff and students wish you both good health and much happiness! Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the students of Richmond Education Centre/Academy.

January and February are very important months for our grade 9-12 students. Summative assessments will be written from January 25-30 and report cards will be sent out for gr.9-12 students on February 8th. As mentioned last month, grade 9s will be having their Citizenship assessment on January 16th, to give them an idea of how assessments are presented.

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

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please reach out.

Sincerely,

Lisette MacDonald, principal

Winter Clothing and Outdoors

Students in grades 5-8 will be going outside every day unless the temperature is -15 (including windchill). Parents and students are reminded that proper jackets, hats and mittens should be worn every day.



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. As you may recall, several courses like Math and English are pre-selected for students because they are required to graduate.

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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. 23rd 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 courses in on time will be given first priority. While all students will remain on track to graduate, several of our elective courses have smaller classcaps and have been very popular.



Biologie 11 avec Mme. MacCuspic



Problem-solving fun!!!



Making butter with Ms. Danielle

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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

As in previous years, our grade 9 students will write their Citizenship 9 assessment earlier in January so they can learn about the importance of preparing thoroughly for these types of assessments. All gr. 9 students will write Citizenship on Jan. 16th. All assessments will be returned to students prior to assessment week, to help them to assess how effective their studying procedures were. It also means they only write three assessments the following week instead of four.

Students taking online courses will write their assessments on **Tuesday**, **Jan. 23**. All other assessments will run from **January 25 to 30**.

Summative Assessments will be written from 9-11am

January Summative Assessment Schedule

	Tuesday Jan 23	Thursday Jan 25	Friday Jan 26	Monday Jan 29	Tuesday Jan 30
AM 9am- 11am	ALL NSVS COURSES WITH Summative Assessments *Times will be	English 10 Imm Biologie 11 Imm Biology 11 Mi'kmaw Studies 11 Food Science 12 English 12 Geo. Planetaire 12 Imm	English 10 Plus Sciences 10 Imm Accounting 11 English 11 Physics 12	Math 10 Plus Chemistry 11 Canadian History 11 Global Geography 12	Math 11 Math at Work 11 Biology 12 Career Development 10
DNA	given later on.	English 9A English 9B English 9IMM	Math 9A Math 9B Maths 9IMM	Science 9A Science 9B Sciences 9IMM	
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*****Should there be storm days during assessments, each gets pushed ahead a day. Alerts will be sent for clarification, please ensure that your phone numbers and emails are up to date at the office.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan. 18th – SAC Meeting 3:15

Jan. 25-30- Gr. 9-12 Summative Assessments

Jan. 31st- Admin. Day- NO classes for gr.9-12 students

Feb. 8- Gr. 9-12 Report cards sent home electronically

Feb. 23rd- Course request forms due

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Special Thank you to:

November and December were busy months at RECA. Students and staff were actively preparing for the holiday season and there was great emphasis and focus on service learning and giving. Special "thank you" to Krista Norman and the Music Committee They raised \$1200 for breakfast program, music committee and Christmas families!! The vendors were assisted by members of various sports teams and the musical entertainment was very festive.



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 gnspes 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*) 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.

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