

Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
**Administrative Report**  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

1. We have had a very successful start to our school year. We have 1192 students at REC. (Grade 9 – 267, Grade 10 – 266, Grade 11 – 321, and Grade 12 – 320, SS – 18). We welcomed the students on the first day with Teacher Advisor activities and a BBQ lunch. We held assemblies where we shared our expectations for the year with students and welcomed them back.
2. We held our meet the teacher evening on September 12 and had standing room only in our theatre to begin the evening. We very much appreciated the parents who joined us for the evening and thank them for taking the time to meet with us.
3. We celebrated our students who achieved honor roll status for the 2016-2017 school year on September 21. We presented students with a certificate and a snack to celebrate their achievements. We had one of our counsellors join us to talk about future planning and scholarship opportunities as well. Student names are posted on our honor roll board outside of the office.
4. The government proclaimed September 25 to 29<sup>th</sup> as School Support Staff Recognition Week. We provided our staff with snacks and coffee on the 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate.
5. October 2 was a division wide in-service where all RETSD staff participated in a wide variety of Professional Development opportunities. It was an excellent day to collaborate with our colleagues and to expand our learning.
6. We spent a full day with 75 Leadership students and 5 staff leaders on September 27, 2017. We had representatives from our Students without Borders group, Key Club, Athletic Leadership team and our Student Ambassadors. The students spent the morning doing a variety of team building activities and the afternoon planning for the year. There are some awesome plans ahead from each of the groups.

7. A divisional post-secondary information evening will be held on November 14 at Kildonan East Collegiate. We encourage all students and parents to join the evening.
8. Extracurricular opportunities are well underway in a variety of areas (see the list attached). We encourage our students to get involved and take part in an activity that they are passionate about.
9. Communication- Parents have multiple ways to access information about their child or gain information about River East Collegiate. I would encourage you to check the following regularly:
  - a. River East Collegiate and the divisional websites
  - b. Parent Portal
  - c. Dialer and email messages
  - d. Teacher email/websites/Remind app/etc.
  - e. Calendar of events
10. Run for the Cure- River East won top school performance with the most money raised and the highest number of student participants.
11. Front entrance renovations and elevator installation. We are very excited that we will be getting a new elevator, a new accessible washroom on the second floor and a rework of our front entrance. The construction should last approximately a year.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE

Your high school experience is what you make it! Learn new skills, develop your talents, and meet new people by getting involved in extracurricular activities at REC. The following is a list of clubs, sports and activities planned for this year. Other activities may be added once the year begins, so listen for announcements.

please refer to the REC website <http://retsd.mb.ca/school/rec/Pages/default.aspx>  
and the REC Athletics <http://retsd.mb.ca/school/rec/Programs/Athletics/Pages/default.aspx>

Add us on Instagram and twitter for updates over the summer @kodiakathletics

## ATHLETICS

<b>Badminton</b>	Tryouts in Spring. Listen for announcements	Mr. C. Cymbaluk, Mr. D. Smith
<b>Basketball</b>	Tryouts in early November. Listen for announcements	Mrs. K. Asmundson, Mrs. D. Posthumus
<b>Beach Volleyball</b>	Two-day tournament on a Friday and Saturday in late May.	Mr. Z. Diboll, Mrs. T. Kabaluk
<b>Boys' Hockey</b>	Signup on September 6 on Mr. Anderson's door in Guidance.	Mr. P. Anderson
<b>Girls' Hockey</b>	Signup on September 8 in room 223.	Mr. E. Heinemann, Mrs. S. Lee
<b>Boys' Soccer</b>	Early spring 2018. Listen for announcements.	Mr. P. Neuendorff
<b>Indoor Soccer</b>	Girls' Indoor Soccer. Tryouts in early September. Listen for announcements.	Mrs. K. Heisinger
<b>Cross-Country</b>	Practices: Monday and Friday @ 7:10 am in September and October. Meeting will be on September 8 at noon in room 106.	Mrs. D. Fontaine
<b>Indoor Track</b>	November to March. Listen for announcements.	Mrs. D. Fontaine, Ms. A. Roach, Ms. A. Stepaniuk
<b>Curling</b>	Boys and Girls. Sign up in early October. See Mr. Grubert in the gym.	Mr. B. Cochrane, Mr. M. Grubert
<b>Girls' Field Hockey</b>	April 2018 tryouts. Listen for announcements.	Ms. K. Asmundson, Ms. J. Lamboo
<b>Fishing Club</b>	<i>Regular meetings 1 – 2 times per month. Six outings, 2 – fall, 2 – winter, 2 – spring.</i>	Mr. B. Cochrane, Mr. M. Grubert, Mr. E. Friesen
<b>Football</b>	Practicing for the 2017 JV season officially begins on September 8. There are summer workouts open to all future and current players on Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 a.m. starting July 11. Please direct your inquiries to head coach Robin Mead: <a href="mailto:rmead@retsd.mb.ca">rmead@retsd.mb.ca</a> This year's VARSITY football season and training camp begin on August 21st. Practices will be each weekday evening from 6:00 – 8:00p.m. from August 21st - August 31st, with the first regular season game being played on September 7th.	Mr. R. Mead, Mr. Friesen, Mr. Hildebrandt
<b>Golf</b>	New signups in March, 2018. Listen for announcements. KPAC golf championships happen in the second week of September.	Ms. J. Diggle, Mr. K. Moroski
<b>Lacrosse</b>	Spring, 2018. Listen for announcements.	Mr. E. Heinemann
<b>Outdoor Track</b>	April 1 to mid-June. Listen for announcements.	Mrs. D. Fontaine, Mr. H. J. Rempel Ms. A. Roach, Ms. A. Stepaniuk
<b>Run for the Cure</b>	Participate on the school team to raise money for breast cancer research. First meeting on Friday, September 8 at noon in 230. Participation takes place from the beginning of September until October 1, 2017.	Ms. D. Lovelace
<b>Ski Trip</b>	End of January or beginning of February.	Mrs. L. Black, Mr. M. Keller, Mr. R. Loewen
<b>Volleyball</b>	Open gyms for volleyball and basketball begin in late August. Tryouts begin in early September. Please see the Athletics page on the REC website for open gym and tryout dates.	JV Boys - Mr. C. Cymbaluk Varsity Boys - Mr. Z. Diboll Varsity Girls - Ms. S. Doyle Gr 9 Boys Gr. 9 Girls- TBA JV Girls - Mr. J. Spark

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

<b>Athletic Leadership</b>	<p>Athletic Leadership is open to students in grade 9-12 who are interested in helping out the Physical Education department and any events that take place in Physical Education throughout the building. This could involve duties such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• helping with after school sports and organizing activities for these games.</li> <li>• promotion of our school sports through posters/advertising/social media.</li> <li>• assisting in planning, organizing and officiating intramurals.</li> <li>• other duties that arise throughout the year (spirit week/pep rallies/athletic banquet etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Interested students will have a chance to sign up in early September with Mr. Spark</p>	Mr. J. Spark
<b>Humanitarian Leadership</b>	<p>Humanitarian leadership is open to students in grade 9-12 who are interested in helping out the social justice groups with their initiatives, and networking with the other leadership groups to connect ideas. It is suggested that students interested in being leaders in this area are also involved in either Students Without Borders or Key Club. Listen for announcements in early September.</p>	Ms. L. Jackson

<b>School Spirit/Leadership</b>	School Spirit/Leadership is open to students in grade 9-12 who are interested in helping out the school community with events, and networking with the other leadership groups to connect ideas and initiatives. This could include involvement in events such as: school dances, Graduation Garden Party and the Kodiak Karnival. Listen for announcements in early September.	Ms. J. Diggle Mrs. H. MacNeil Ms. M. Sales
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## TRAVEL

<b>Educational Tour – Europe</b>	March 23 – April 1, 2018	Mr. Hallick
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## HUMAN RIGHTS, PEER SUPPORT, AND SERVICE CLUBS

<b>Autism Support</b>	The purpose of this peer-lead group is to assist students with autism in navigating the challenges presented by high school life. Students apply for support and are matched with peer support leaders. The peer leader will assist students with getting involved in extra-curricular activities, peer relations and friendship development.	Ms. K. Heisinger, Mr. G. Mandrick
<b>Big Brothers/ Big Sisters</b>	Mentoring program for students at Donwood Elementary.	Mr. C. Semenek
<b>Gay-Straight Alliance</b>	<b>(GSA)</b> Meets Wednesdays in 103. All students are welcome.	Ms. A. Sever, Ms. J. Yeo
<b>Key Club</b>	Kiwanis service club for students. Hands-on projects to support causes in the local community and world. Each year students decide on causes to support through bake sales, hot dog sales, and volunteering.	Mrs. Black, Ms. Derwin, Ms. J. King
<b>Natural Helpers</b>	A peer support program identifying students that others go to for assistance. Students will go on a retreat to learn skills that will enhance their ability to help their peers.	Mrs. H. MacNeil, Mrs. J. Smales
<b>Peace of Mind</b>	Mental health awareness – student advocacy for raising awareness about mental health.	Ms. J. Yeo
<b>Peer Tutors</b>	A peer support program to help students with their studies. Student tutors provide one-on-one tutoring during the school day.	Mrs. K. Heisinger, Mr. G. Mandrick
<b>Students Without Borders</b>	Social justice and service club. UNESCO student group exploring, raising awareness, and taking action about human rights issues in Canada and around the world. Meets on Wednesdays at lunch in 103.	Ms. L. Jackson, Ms. L. Laxdal, Ms. J. Yeo

## CREATIVE ARTS, MATH, AND LANGUAGE

<b>Art Club</b>	Create and use the art room during lunch. Special activities or projects will run throughout the year – listen for announcements. Open to all students.	Ms. M. Sales, Ms. J. Lodewyks
<b>Brain Bee / U of T</b>	The Brain Bee, a neuroscience competition for secondary students, begins with chapter competitions that feed into regional and world competitions. The club will focus on preparing for the Winnipeg competition which usually occurs on a Saturday in March.	Mr. C. Kentner
<b>Cornerstone Christian Club</b>	A student-led Christian group that provides students with an opportunity for growth in their faith through fellowship, volunteer opportunities and guest speakers. Meetings on Tuesdays in room 217.	Mr. E. Friesen Mr. E. Hildebrandt Ms. J. King
<b>Choral</b>	<b>Jazzmyn and Vocalease</b> are two performing groups that receive full school credit. Students sing vocal jazz repertoire and learn to perform with microphones. <b>Jazzmyn</b> is more introductory in nature and meets outside the schedule. <b>Vocalease</b> is more advanced in nature and meets outside the schedule. <b>Chamber choir</b> is a full credit performing group that meets outside the schedule. They perform a wide variety of music.	Mrs. N. Ens
<b>Dragon Boat</b>	Are you interested in trying a new sport and fundraising for a great cause? The <b>Canadian Cancer Society's annual Manitoba School Dragon Boat Challenge</b> takes place in early June. A dragon boat is a 20-person canoe. Teams are made up of 16-24 students. Participants will have a minimum of two 1-hour long practices prior to the event (during the month of May). Students will also participate in fundraising activities for the Canadian Cancer Society throughout the school year. Listen for announcements in February.	Ms. Laxdal

<b>Drama Fest</b>	Spring, 2018. Open to all students. Create drama production and perform it at Prairie Theatre Exchange.	Ms. S. Brereton
<b>Drama Production</b>	Open to all students. After-school and some lunch hour involvement. Listen for announcements.	Ms. K. Bartlett, Ms. S. Brereton Ms. J. Lodewyks
<b>German Language</b>	<i>Sprachdiplom I and II</i> , a globally recognized German proficiency exam/diploma that students receive for their fluency in the German language. Gr. 9 and Gr. 12 students should apply early in September to ensure proper registration with the Central Agency for Schools Abroad. Students in Gr. 10 are encouraged to receive relevant information in apply early in September.	Mrs. I. Graeber
<b>Improv</b>	Open to all students starting early in fall. Lunch hour commitment.	Ms. S. Brereton
<b>Instrumental Music</b>	<b>Jazz Band</b> (less experienced musicians): Meets Wednesdays and Fridays 3:15-4:30 pm <b>Jazz Orchestra</b> (more experienced musicians): Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15-4:30 pm and Wednesdays and Fridays 4:30-5:45 pm <b>Wind Ensemble</b> : Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:15-8:20 am <b>Percussion Ensemble</b> : Meets Mondays 3:15-4:30 pm and Wednesdays 7:15-8:20 am <b>Contemporary Music Ensemble</b> : Student run consortium of musicians celebrating contemporary music. Listen for announcements. <b>Flute Ensemble</b> : Meets Wednesdays 7:15-8:20 am	Mr. J. Kula
<b>Reach for the Top</b>	Reach teams represent their schools in a fast-paced trivia challenge testing both their knowledge and speed of recall. Teams consist of four players, but can have up to any number of substitute players and compete at the regional, provincial, and national levels with other schools. REC will have both an intermediate team (grade 10 and under) and a senior team (grade 12 and under) meeting daily at noon; listen for announcements.	Mrs. C. Kentner Mrs. C. Ramsay
<b>REC SCOPE School Newspaper</b>	Meets weekly at lunch in 211. Listen for announcements for first meeting date. Students can choose to work on articles, comics, photography, editing, and/or layout. Contributions from all students welcome.	Ms. E. Bourbonniere
<b>Science Club</b>	The REC science club will allow students to explore their scientific interests in out-of-class projects. Physics, Chemistry, and Biology knowledge will be put into practice as we: launch a high altitude balloon; program and build circuits; make REC a greener building through vermiposting and other green initiatives; and take part in national contests (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) and competitions (Envirothon, Brain Bee, Reach for the Top).	Mr. D. Bohart, Mr. D. Hallick, Mr. K. Moroski, Ms. D. Lovelace Mr. Heinemann
<b>Writers' Club</b>	Creative writing club. Will begin in mid-September. Listen for announcements.	Ms. S. Doyle, Mr. P. Stastook
<b>Yearbook</b>	Photography, layout, write-ups. Meets at lunch in 117. Yearbook cover contest in fall.	Mr. Keller

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