

**Parent Advisory Council
River East Collegiate
March 7th, 2017**

1. Our music program participated in the Optimist festival; we will be participating in the Brandon Jazz festival, preparing to go to Chicago and preparing for our spring concert series. Our grade 9 band did extremely well at the Optimist festival. We will also be holding a drum/percussion event in March.
2. We have had many athletic teams competing from November to March including indoor soccer, hockey, basketball, ringette, curling and indoor track. All teams have had great success over their seasons.
3. Semester 2 is well underway and students are settling into a good routine. We are pleased with the students and their engagement with their classes to date.
4. Open House/Tours- We toured over 300 middle years students on February 8 and 9 and had over 300 people join us for our Open House and Advanced Placement evening.
5. Registration for 2017-2018 will begin on March 1st, where students will receive information from their TA's regarding this year's process. We will hold a registration day on March 9th, 2017 where students and parents will come in to meet with their TA to be registered. Once again, we will invite parents to register for an appointment on-line through our booking system. Counsellors and administration will be available to answer questions throughout the day.
6. The REC Theatre Department is proud to present, Sixteen Candles! Evening performances run Wednesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 9 at 7 pm in the REC theatre. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door starting at 6:30 pm on show nights.
7. Graduation and Commencement-information is available on the school website. Graduates will receive a package of information on March 9 during registration day outlining all of the important events available to the students. Our grade 12 students will also complete an exit interview. We will also send home an email with the same information to parents.
8. Grade 12 students had the opportunity to visit Red River, University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg as they prepare for next year.
9. We have one trip going to Spain over spring break. The students and staff are very excited to get on the plane! Our ski trip to Panorama was a great success!
10. The Provincial government distributed a letter for parents regarding Mumps in Manitoba. To date we have not had any mumps cases at REC.
11. Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is holding there conference on May 5 and 6th. Registration information will be available at the meeting.
12. Parent Portal update- We are hopeful that we will be getting some access at the high school level by the 3rd term this spring.
13. Drug and Alcohol presentations- We hosted a MADD event at REC, have done an in-service for our staff on Fentanyl, we will be bringing in Rocking for Choices in April and will do another fentanyl presentation in May for our grade 10-12 students.
14. Mental Health Awareness- Our school division continues to share resources on mental health, our students were successful at gaining a Jack.org chapter for River East Collegiate, we sent 45 students to the Yamis event and will be holding a weeklong Mental Health awareness week at REC.