

# REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## April 2021 Newsletter

Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month

### Principal's Message

As you read this newsletter Octomester 6 will be coming to an end. Students have worked hard this Octomester which was made a bit more challenging with the postponement of the March Break. I would ask students to finish strong remembering that a well-deserved break is only days away. Spring uniforms can be worn starting **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Unfortunately, the RND uniform shop is still closed. Please visit [McCarthy Uniforms - School and Workplace Uniforms](#) to purchase a spring uniform.

Congratulations to RND's Beacon of Hope winner **Harriet Quirk**. Harriet is a grade 10 student at RND who has a quiet and faithful presence in the classroom, school community, and parish. She lives out the virtues of being a Catholic student with her positive attitude, humility, kind, and warm nature. As a member of the yearbook class, she was very responsible and "quietly got things done". As a volunteer with St. Paul's Youth Ministry, she has embraced many opportunities for leadership with her peers and with the youth in the "Totus Tuus" summer camp program. We look forward to more of Harriet's faith-filled leadership here at RND in the years to come and celebrate her as a 'Beacon of Hope' for the RND community!

I would like to thank the RND community for their patience and understanding as we transition our student management system from Maplewood to ASPEN. As you can imagine, transferring thousands of student records from one system to another poses some technical issues that we are working hard to resolve.

By now all students have completed their course selection for the 2021 – 2022 school year based on interest, ability and, post-secondary destination or pathway. If your son or daughter has not made course selections for next year, they run the risk of not getting into the classes they require or desire. Please ensure that course selections have been made.

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On behalf of the staff of RND I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Easter full of hope. May the risen Christ bring happiness to you and your family all year round.

Mr. Paul Melim  
Principal

### Pastoral Services

Beauty now for ashes wear,  
Perfumes for the garb of woe,  
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,  
Dances for sad footsteps slow;  
Open wide your hearts that they  
Let in joy this Easter Day.

- stanza from the poem "Easter" (1865) by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Alleluia! Happy Easter! We have made it through what feels like a year of Lent! Let's celebrate all that Easter brings! We celebrate Easter for 50 days until Pentecost- the feast which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit.

May the Easter weekend of prayer, feasting and family bring you fullness of life in body, mind and spirit.

And may the subsequent 'April Break' find you safe from illness and refreshed in spirit, ready to face the final two Octomesters!

Let us recall in prayer this month our staff members and student who have passed away in the last school year in hope of the resurrection. The beginning of April brings us to the one-year anniversary of the sudden passing of **Ms. Barb Megill**, an RND Alumni and beloved staff member. She is greatly missed and yet her spirit will live on here at RND with the **Barb Megill Memorial Bursary** at graduation.

We look forward to **Catholic Education Week** from **May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021** with the theme of "Nurturing Hope" which is so appropriate this year. #CEW2021 and #NURTURINGHOPE

## Student Services

### Booking Appointments with Guidance Counsellors

Just a reminder that students should include their full name when booking an appointment to avoid confusion. Additionally, students must book with their assigned counsellor. If their counsellor is booked and the matter requires urgent attention, the student should report immediately to Student Services.

### Course Selection for 2021/22

By now all course selections should be complete. Due to the Maplewood-Aspen rollover, MyBlueprint is showing error messages when in fact there are no issues. To be certain that a list of choices is accurate, students should check with their guidance counsellor. If a student has not yet submitted choices for next year, they should contact their guidance counsellor to discuss a plan immediately.

### Returners

If you are considering a victory lap after graduation, you must contact either **Ms. Gaudet** or **Mrs. Glancey Cox** ASAP. You will consult on your Intent to Return plan, which will include courses that you wish to take for your returning year. Once complete, prospective returners will meet with **Mr. Melim** for approval of their plan. If approved, the student will be re-activated in Aspen with courses for 2021/2022.

### Summer School eLearning

If you are interested in taking a course this summer, please book an appointment with **Mr. Ryan Poser**. During your meeting **Mr. Poser** will register you for chosen course. If you included this course in your course selection, let **Mr. Poser** know what course should be put in its place. If you have any questions please email **Mr. Poser** at [poser@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:poser@alcdsb.on.ca).

### St. Lawrence College Dual Credits

SLC and our Dual Credit teachers have been working to support our students who are taking dual credits this semester. If you are having any difficulties, please contact your guidance counsellor.

Typically the SLC Dual Credit course options are available in Student Services in early April. Stay tuned for more information about the Dual Credit program for the 2021/2022 school year.

### Midterms to OUAC and OCAS

**Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the deadline for Ontario secondary schools to report octomester 5 and 6 final marks to OUAC and OCAS.

## Ontario Student Voice Awards

The Ontario Student Trustees' Association has opened the application for their annual \$1000 CAD Ontario Student Voice Awards. The purpose of these scholarships is to recognize the exceptional students of Ontario who demonstrate academic excellence and community leadership. The 2021 OSVAs will be awarded to six graduating students who dedicate their time and passion to one of the following:

- Commitment to Justice,
- Dedication to the Arts,
- Entrepreneurial Initiative,
- Environmental Stewardship,
- Sports Leadership,
- Student Voice.

The deadline to apply is **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Please note that all applicants require a reference letter to be considered, and applicants for the Dedication to the Arts Award must provide their most meaningful art contribution or product (see the application for submission details).

Apply at <https://osta-aeco.org/awards/ontario-student-voice-awards/>. If you have any questions about the OSVAs contact [osva@osta-aeco.org](mailto:osva@osta-aeco.org).

### ReStart Youth Job Connection Summer Program

This program is for youth **between the ages of 15-18** who will be **returning to school** in the fall in a full time program.

The program is online this year, and it will run from **June 7<sup>th</sup>- June 17<sup>th</sup>**. It is a **PAID** program where participants meet online every day from 3-4pm (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Youth will gain a variety of job-related tools including writing a resume, interviewing and how to maintain employment. Lastly, they will be paid minimum wage for the 20 hours online (\$285.00). **This 2-week training is followed by paid employment.**

Interested students should complete the YJCSP registration form at the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhWS3eMirCJNrUgJ2109wViLiYT5lbnJq8nyeJZoZIop8k8Q/viewform>. If you have any questions or would rather speak to a facilitator on the phone, please call Sherrie at 613-542-7373 (ext.114).

## IB News

The month of April will continue the very busy and hectic year for our IB students with Internal Assessments concluding midway through the month, then a quick break, and then exam prep and straight into Octomester 7, and IB Exams beginning in May.

Examination preparation will continue into April. Students are asked to check with their subject teacher to learn dates and times of mock exams.

Year 2 students should be meeting the CAS Coordinator to update reflections and experiences. Year 1 students will begin the Extended Essay process by selecting their subject and supervisor. **Students are required to read the Extended Essay Guidelines located on the Regi IB D2L page before beginning their EE.**

\*\* Parents and students should be aware that if the Public Health Unit and the ALCDSB issue a lockdown after April Break, RND would move from an "exam route" school to a "non exam route" which means that RND students would not be obligated to write IB Exams in May. Such a decision would be made for the general cohort and not on an individual basis. For more information about this, please contact **Mr. Jim David** at [david@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:david@alcdsb.on.ca).

### **EQAO Literacy Test**

All eligible grade 10's and 11's at RND will write the OSSLT online starting **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. (OSSLT). The test will be administered over the course of two weeks, during morning learning blocks, with classroom teachers. As per EQAO protocols, the test is only available to in-person learners. However, as this is a Field Test Year due to a new test format, students who do not write this year will not be penalized, and will be eligible next year once full in-class lessons resume.

Resources have made available to all students through their Literacy – OSSLT Course, on their D2L homepage. As well, students can access or retake EQAO's online practice test, in order to prepare and familiarize themselves with the new platform. Please visit <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/> for more information.

### **Poetry Contest**

In anticipation of April's Poetry Month, RND's English Department is once again running its annual Poetry Contest. All students are encouraged to submit their poetry entries, a maximum of three entries. Students need to enter their name and grade and email them in a Word doc. to **Mr. Ows** at [ows@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:ows@alcdsb.on.ca). There will be cash prizes for Junior (Gr. 9 and 10) and Senior Divisions (Gr. 11-12). Deadline for submission is **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Shakespeare's birthday!

### **CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS!**

**The Speaker's Award for Youth Writers** invites Ontario youth in grades 7-12 to submit their short stories and personal essays to this writing contest. Original fiction and non-fiction essay submissions are welcome, and a winner from each of the following three grade categories will be chosen: grades 7-8, grades 9-10, and grades 11-12.

Winners will be announced in autumn 2021 and they will have their work published on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website.

Visit our website for more information: [www.ola.org/en/visit-learn](http://www.ola.org/en/visit-learn)

Online applications will be accepted until April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Questions? Contact [youtharts@ola.org](mailto:youtharts@ola.org).

### **RND Mathletes**

Congratulations to all the mathletes who wrote the University of Waterloo contests in February. The individual results arrived recently and RND has good reason to be so proud of our mathletes.

RND has a new record score of 137/150 from **Guna Kim** in grade 9; just two questions away from a perfect score - an exceptional accomplishment for this very young mathlete.

### **Top honours for the following mathletes in alphabetical order**

#### **Pascal**

Nicolas Benavides, Ivy Bjerknes, Joseph Guay, David Hwang, Anthony Kilpatrick, Guna Kim, Owen Thiele, Abigail Van Der Plas

#### **Cayley**

Natalia Collins, Alex Duggan, Katie Fardella, Beatrix Lau, Mary Mekhaeil, Danielle Montgomerie, Birnie Wortley

#### **Fermat**

Alexandra Lee, Levi Prost, Erya Xu, Quintyn Zuber

These mathletes among many other top mathletes will be writing the next round of Waterloo Math Contests on **April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Our senior mathletes will be writing the Euclid Contest on **Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. See **Mr. Santos** for more information.

### **International Student Experience**

As the situation with the pandemic improves we have new interest in the number of international students eager to come study at RND. Therefore we are looking for families who would like to host a student and share a cultural experience with them. If you are interested and would like more information please call 613-544-2116 or email: [international@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:international@alcdsb.on.ca).

## Thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing patience while we upgraded our Student Records Management Software in February. We have many of the discrepancies ironed out however a few still linger, so we do continue to ask for your patience and understanding.

## Attention In-Person and Remote Learners

The Attendance Office would like to remind you that all requests to change students to remote or in-person learning needs to be directed to the school for approval and processing **on or before** the beginning of the next term (**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**).

If your child is designated to be an in-person learner, it is expected that they will be physically present in class daily. If they are absent from class, they will be recorded as such even if they participate in class online – this is necessary for tracking purposes by the Public Health Unit.

## Reminder

RND made reporting their absence even easier by launching the School Messenger app which can be downloaded for free on Google Play or the Apple Store.

If your child is going to be absent, arriving to school after 8:30am or needs to be excused from school before 2:30pm, the school needs to be notified so their attendance activity can be tracked accurately.

## Graduation June 2021 Update

Potential June 2021 Graduates should mark their calendars with **Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021** as their Graduation date! As of this moment we have no more details to share.

This year's grade twelve students will complete a Grad Intent form on the student Services D2L page. With this form, students indicate whether they intend to participate in the graduate ceremony, their graduation gown size, their number of attendees (max 4) and their plans for next year.

Also, this year's Grade 12 student fee is \$65, which includes the \$30 graduation fee; it covers gown rental and cap (you get to keep the cap). To confirm their participation in graduation, students are required to pay this fee using School Cash Online.

## Students' Council

What great weather to look forward to as we move into the month of April! Although our March break was moved to April, this octomester has moved with speed. Our student body is ready for that week break to catch up on sleep and take a breath after focusing on our subjects for 22 days at a time. In the month of March, we shared many new opportunities and ways for Panthers to get involved with the community.

## Relay For Life

Students' Council is hard at work organizing Relay for Life! On **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, we held our online Relay Rally. It is still available on the RND YouTube channel if anyone would like to watch it or share it with others. We are also selling chips for \$2.00 every Friday at lunch to raise money to help meet our school's fundraising goal of \$20,000! We encourage all members of the RND community to get involved in Relay for Life, whether it's joining a team, making donations, or helping to organize activities. Anyone interested in volunteering and helping to plan Relay for Life can contact **Hanna Repetti** at [hmrepett30@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:hmrepett30@alcdsb.on.ca) to learn more on how they can take the next step in getting involved. RND's Relay for Life sign up page can be accessed on the RND school website where one can donate or sign up for Relay! Let's support our community in raising money for cancer research! Check out @regirelayforlife on Instagram to stay up to date with RND Relay info!

## Blood Taxi

On **March 24<sup>th</sup>**, we also had our monthly blood taxi. We would like to thank everyone who donated! The next opportunity to donate will be on **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in donating, contact Autumn Thorp at [ajthorp71@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:ajthorp71@alcdsb.on.ca). On **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, we fundraised alongside Holy Cross to recognize the **Peter Carty Memorial** basketball game that would normally happen this time of year. The money raised went towards cancer initiatives in our community. On **April 8<sup>th</sup>**, RND will be having another virtual coffeehouse. Video submissions are due April 1st to Students' Council, and it will be posted onto the RND YouTube channel on **April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## School Merch

We have launched an online way to order your school merch! The link is available on the RND website, and is also listed below. Merch pickup is available in the commons every Friday at lunch, as long as the order is placed **before 8pm on Wednesday**. When you order, please indicate if you are a student picking up at lunch time, or an adult picking up at the main office.

## Spring Uniform

Students can start wearing the **spring uniform after April 19<sup>th</sup>**! The uniform shop is not currently open at RND, so new spring uniforms must be purchased online through McCarthy Uniforms, [mccarthyuniforms.ca](http://mccarthyuniforms.ca). Current delivery times for the uniform are approximately five days.

## Staying Connected

Check out RND Student Council on [Instagram @rndstudcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/rndstudcouncil), and follow RND on [twitter @RegiNotreDame](https://twitter.com/RegiNotreDame). To check out our online system to order merch, visit this website: <https://rnd-merch.myshopify.com/>

## **LIT - Leader in Training Online Course for Youth 13-17 years**

Practical and engaging sessions focus on developing the skills, attitudes, and behaviours needed to be an effective leader; youth will learn key skills to prepare for future volunteering and/or employment in recreation. Active participation in this course give youth attendees four volunteer hours.  
Instructors: CFB Recreation team and KMFRC Youth & Child Development Coordinator.

*Today's youth become tomorrow's leaders.*

**8:30am-1:00pm | Tues 13 April -Thurs 15 April 2021 |  
\$50 + HST**

Register online @ [www.pspkingston.com/register](http://www.pspkingston.com/register)

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