

# REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## August 2019 NEWSLETTER

*Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month*

### Principal's Address

Welcome back to all of our students and staff and a special welcome to all those who are new to the Regiopolis-Notre Dame community. As of press date, we have yet to finalize staffing at RND and do appreciate the patience of all as we anticipate some changes in the weeks to come. We welcome **Regan McLeod**, teacher in the Life Skills Program, **Carleigh Clancy**, dramatic arts teacher, **Emily Withers**, music teacher, and hope to have other new and/ or familiar faces in various roles at the school very soon.

This year's pastoral theme, "St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, pray for us", runs through our school on many occasions. We return to our patron saint at Masses, during morning exercises and ahead of extracurricular events, in times of celebration and in times of need. As the school year begins, let us join together in a common mission: we are here as a faith-filled community to support one another. We make a commitment individually and together to make our school, our community and this world a better place, through kindness and thoughtful interactions. We are part of a bigger picture. We are part of God's plan. As St. Marguerite Bourgeoys showed us in her works, life is about joining a community, seeing a need and making improvements. At RND, though we may wrestle with fear and turmoil in today's everchanging world, we look to God, through the example of people such as St. Marguerite, and retain a great faith and hope.

For those of you who are new to RND, please understand that by choosing this school you have decided to walk a more difficult path. We expect a great deal from you. You will learn that Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School students rise to the challenge and even surpass many of our expectations.

To all of the RND parents and guardians – please do your part by taking the time to sit down with your child and review the documents that are posted on our newly revised school website. We hope that you will reference it regularly for information about what is happening at the school as well as information about, and for, your child - bookmark it! Please ensure that you have reviewed the school's Code of Student Conduct. We believe that it is very important that all members of our community understand and participate in our mission and are aware of the very high expectations that we have. If you have any questions, please call me, Mrs. Besselink or Mr. Woolley.

May God continue to bless the community of Regiopolis – Notre Dame!

*Terri Daniel, Principal*

### Chaplaincy Services

The Chaplaincy team at RND is here for all of our students and staff no matter what their faith tradition or belief in God. While our structure and tradition is Roman Catholic we also provide opportunities for sacred stillness and maintain sacred space in the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Chapel so that everyone has a peaceful and welcoming place to go in their times of trial or celebration.

The Pastoral services team is made up of **Mrs. Mary Elaine Carty** (Chaplaincy Team Leader) and **Friar Jim Fukes O.F.M.** (Priest Chaplain). Our office is located in the Chaplaincy Centre, through the St Marguerite Bourgeoys Chapel near the Cowdy St. entrance or opposite the music room. **Mary Elaine** is available Mon-Fri. 8-: 3:30 and **Friar Jim** is available most Wednesdays. Our door is always open to anyone seeking spiritual, emotional or sacramental support.

The Chaplaincy Centre is a place of hospitality and welcome. There is a kitchenette with a microwave and kettle that you are welcome to use. We also have a small thrift shop if you want to look for new-to-you clothing items. This is one of many eco-projects run and maintained by FIAT (Faith in Action Team) which also organizes food drives and fundraisers for the world's great needs. This year there will be an Eco-mission trip to **Costa Rica** in April, and we may still have room for a few more male students in Grade 11 or 12.

**Mary Elaine** will be doing a mini-tour of the chapel with our A-Head Start students, but will bring grade 9 classes to the chapel in September to learn more about the mass and how/why we celebrate it the way we do, so that we are ready for our first school-wide mass later that month. We also hope to have a Grade 9 Retreat day in early October.

## Monthly Newsletter

The RND newsletter is available by subscription and will be posted monthly on our website. For the latest news simply go to:

<https://www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/regi/Pages/pgHomePage.aspx> and sign up to receive the newsletter each month.

## Choosing Regiopolis-Notre Dame

The choice to come to Regiopolis-Notre Dame is a conscious decision to enter into a community which is Christ-centred and devoted to providing students with a Catholic education. This is what distinguishes RND from the neighbouring public high schools. When you accept the invitation to attend Regi-Notre Dame, you are entering into a covenant with the members of our school and greater Catholic community. A part of that covenant is to be open to the teachings of Christ, to participate as actively as possible in the faith life of our community and to dedicate yourself to the service of others.

We accomplish this mission in a number of ways: religious education classes; our teachers incorporate Catholic teaching into the daily curriculum; we pray at school regularly; our students and staff actively participate in charity and social justice work; **and our staff and students regularly attend Mass and other liturgies.**

It is not possible to opt out of any of these activities and we will not give permission to students to be absent or to not participate. **If you have made the choice to attend Regiopolis-Notre Dame, then you must understand and be accepting of our mission and our expectations.** No one is required to attend a Catholic school; therefore having made the decision to do so, you must be prepared to meet the obligations that accompany that decision.

## School Cash Online

The transition to School Cash Online over the past two years has been extremely smooth with majority of parents utilizing the system. Thank you to everyone who has used the system as it makes receiving payments seamless. Please pay all fees (with the exception of the text book deposit cheque of \$100.00) at RND's *School Cash Online*, which can be found on RND's homepage.

**Online?** School Cash Online is an online payment system that offers a **safe, fast and convenient** way to pay for school activities, field trips, hot lunches, and events. Simply click on:



**How To Register and Add a Student;** Registration opens Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Go to: <https://alcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Once parents/guardians register and create an account, they can proceed to adding their student. After student(s) are added, items for that student will appear and be available for purchase. Parents will also get email notifications when new items are posted for their students. If parents run into problems finding their school or student when registering, visit: <https://schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support>.

**PLEASE NOTE: The school's *Cash Online* will be available for fee payments by mid-August.**

## RND Catholic School Council

The RND Catholic School Council forms an advisory body which provides ideas and opinions to assist the principal and, where appropriate, the Board in their decision-making on educational issues. The advice is based on the general views of the school community and in the best interests of Regiopolis-Notre Dame students.

Council meetings are generally held five or six times throughout the school year and are open to all members of the RND school community. Interested parents or guardians who wish to let their name stand for election are asked to complete a nomination form and return it to the attention of **Ms Terri Daniel, Principal**, by **September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The first meeting is on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the **library**. All welcome. Nomination forms are available on our website or through **Mrs. Patricia Maheral** in the main office; 613 545-1902, ext 2502.

## Student Services

### Timetables

Student timetables for the 2019-2020 school year are available online. Students can access their timetable by using the Maplewood Student Portal on the RND website. There are still conflicts being resolved by the guidance counsellors. If you notice an issue, please email your counsellor in order to know what your options might be. Changes to existing timetables will be made the first week of school.

Students who have a timetable and have decided not to return to RND for this September are asked to notify Student Services as soon as possible. Students **who do not have a timetable** should call **Mrs. Warren**, Secretary of Student Services, at extension 2503 to book an appointment with your counsellor for the first week of school. The last day to change classes will be **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## Planning for Post Secondary Important Dates

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:** Grade 12 Meeting Post Secondary Information @ 10:15 am

### Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) at RND

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs will suit students pursuing all pathway destinations (apprenticeship, college, university or the workplace) who want to explore and refine their career goals and make informed choices about their next steps after secondary school. By combining sector related courses, certifications, career exploration opportunities with on-the-job co-op experiences, students develop essential work habits and skills while they acquire specialized knowledge in their field of interest. The SHSM programs allow students to focus on career paths that match their interests while they meet the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

**RND offers three SHSMs: Arts and Culture sector with a focus on Arts & Culture (Broadcast Journalism and Performance), Non-Profit, and Sports.** For more information and/or an application speak with a counsellor in Student Services or one of the SHSM lead teachers:

- **Mr. McDonald**, lead teacher for Broadcast Journalism and Performance;
- **Mrs. Zborovsky**, lead teacher for Non-Profit;
- **Mr. Poser**, lead teacher for Sports.

### Dual Credit

Any students interested in enrolling in the Dual Credit program at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School should contact **Ms. Lott** in the Student Services Department. The Dual Credit program offers students the opportunity to take a College course free of charge. The student is provided academic support by the Dual credit teacher. Successful completion of the course will provide a College credit on a College transcript and a Ministry of Education credit that will go on the student's Secondary transcript. Please contact **Ms. Lott** or your guidance counsellor for further details.

### International Baccalaureate (IB) News

1. All returning IB students – IB fees for the 2019/2020 school year are due **August 30<sup>th</sup>**. The cost for the first Certificate Course is **\$310**. Each additional course will be **\$260**. These fees are non-refundable. **It is MANDATORY that these fees are paid ONLINE.** Simply go to RND's homepage and click on



2) All IB students in Grades 9-12 are to check for important announcements and news items on the D2L page for IB students. The page will be launched in the last week of August.

### RND's A-Head Start Program

**August 26 to August 30**  
**8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

If your child is heading into grade 9 and hasn't yet registered for the A-Head Start program, you still have time. 99% of ninth grade students attend this amazing program. This program gives the student an opportunity to get to know the school, some teachers, school policies, map, and new classmates. It helps them get settled in with lockers, books, counselling, safety lessons, and ready for math and English classes. For more information and to register go online to [www.A-Headstart.com](http://www.A-Headstart.com). Parents and students are encouraged to join RNDs\_Ahead\_Start on Instagram to stay informed.

On **August 27<sup>th</sup>**, **Kingston Transit** will be at RND for any students interested in registering for a 2019/2020 bus pass.

On **August 29<sup>th</sup>**, the grade nines will have their school photo taken for their student card as well as for the 2019/2020 year book.

### RND/McCarthy Uniform Shop Hours

The uniform shop is open on the following dates and times:

**August 12: 12 pm – 3 pm**

**August 14, 19 and 21: 9 am – 3 pm**

**August 26 and 27: 3 pm – 8 pm**

**August 28 and 29: 9 am – 2 pm**

**August 30: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

Shop early for best availability! Beginning **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, the uniform shop will resume regular school year hours, i.e. **Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

You can also order uniform items anytime by calling **613-546-6400** or **1-800-668-8261** or online at [www.mccarthyuniforms.ca](http://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca). We accept cash, debit, Mastercard or Visa. No cheques. Items will be delivered to your home or work place.

### Bookroom Hours

The Book Room, located opposite the cafeteria at the Russell Street entrance, will be open **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for students to pick up their first semester textbooks before the first day of school. Once the school year begins, textbooks are available Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Friday.

**IMPORTANT!!**  
**Student Fees are to be paid Online**  
**Text Book Deposit remains as CHEQUE**

**Grade Nine Students**

1) **Textbook Deposit** - a \$100.00 CHEQUE payable to 'RND' postdated to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Students need to present this cheque to the main office during the **A-HeadStart Program**. Please ensure that the student's name is indicated on the front of your cheque. This cheque will not be cashed as long as ALL text books are returned at the end of each semester.

2) **Student Activity Fee** - \$60.00 - This fee for grade 9 students includes a student activity card, an RND t-shirt, a school approved combination lock and a yearbook. The Student Activity Card is necessary for participation in Students' Council sponsored extra-curricular activities and also covers two charitable non-uniform days. The card also entitles students to discounts from various local merchants. **This fee is paid ONLINE.** Simply go to RND's homepage and click on



Upon payment of the **textbook deposit** and the **Student Activity Fee**, timetables, locker tags and receipts will be issued so that students may pick up their textbooks.

\* Grade 9 Student Activity Fee without yearbook is \$35.00.

**Grade 10 – 12 Students**

1) **Textbook Deposit** - a \$100.00 CHEQUE payable to 'RND' postdated to March 2, 2020. You must present this cheque to the main office prior to obtaining your text books. Please ensure that the student's name is indicated on the front of your cheque. This cheque will not be cashed as long as ALL text books are returned at the end of each semester.

2) **Student Activity Fee** - \$45.00. This fee provides the student with a student activity card and a yearbook. The Student Activity Card is necessary for participation in Students' Council sponsored extra-curricular activities and also covers two charitable non-uniform days. The card also entitles students to discounts from various local merchants.

Upon payment of the **textbook deposit** and the **Student Activity Fee**, timetables and receipts will be issued so that students may pick up their textbooks.

\* Grade 10 – 12 Student Activity Fee without yearbook is \$20.00

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students **MUST** have a receipt of payment from the *School Cash Online* in order to submit their \$100.00 text book deposit and obtain their text books for Semester One.

**Attendance at RND**

At RND we are very concerned that all students realize their full potential. The Education Act of Ontario is very specific in addressing the expectation that every student under the age of eighteen be in attendance at school.

Our direct expectation is that students attend all of their classes in uniform and complete work that is assigned. At RND we are very concerned with ensuring that no student is unsuccessful as a result of irregular attendance. We will make every effort to keep parents aware of any problems with respect to attendance as it relates to their child. **Parents can expect contact by the school and, where necessary, administration in dealing with student absence. Administration will inform parents and guardians in writing when absences from a class reach critical levels.** In order to accomplish this goal, the following procedures will be followed.

1. Attendance will be taken during each class. All student absences will be checked. **If you know that your child is going to be away, please call the school. Otherwise, the attendance office and/or classroom teacher will be contacting you at your home or your place of business.** If a call has not been received from the parent, the student must bring a note the next day explaining their absence.

2. All students who are absent from school or any class during the day who cannot satisfactorily account for their absence (normally by bringing a note signed by their parent, guardian or a doctor's certificate) will be required to make up missed time.

**Punctuality**

All students are expected to be on time for all classes. Punctuality shows consideration for others. If you are late, you inconvenience the teacher and class causing unnecessary additional work and disruption to all. Sometimes lateness is unavoidable and may be excused. However, students who are repeatedly late will be subject to the discipline policy of the school. Study Hall, in school suspension, or suspension from school, may occur.

**Use of Suspension**

A student may, according to the Education Act, be suspended from school for the following reasons: persistent truancy, persistent opposition to authority, habitual neglect of duty, the willful destruction of school property, the use of profane or improper language, or conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school or to the physical or mental well-being of others in the school. Parents or guardians will be informed in writing of a suspension involving their child.

Suspension is one means of dealing with a student's difficulties; however, it is not the preferred method since that student will have to miss valuable school time. This reality does not diminish the fact that suspension remains as a reasonable consequence for behaviour inconsistent with the values held by the school community. It is also true that for the most part students recognize the responsibilities that accompany the right to attend school. These responsibilities are similar to those of any citizen of Canada who enjoys the right of citizenship and, like any citizen, when a student fails to live up to their responsibilities, they run the risk of having their right of participation restricted.

**The staff of RND will do everything possible to ensure that students know and understand the expectations and responsibilities we have established for them.** We will employ a progressive system of intervention when students are experiencing difficulty and we will incorporate parents and guardians into this strategy. However, where all else fails or where a serious breach of the rules of the school occurs, the option of suspension will be considered.

### **Uniform Policy**

All students enrolled at RND are required to wear the school uniform. The uniform exists as a means of identifying each student of RND as a member of the school and the wider Catholic community. Uniform violations affect the learning environment. We address uniform issues vigorously and we seek parental cooperation in having students comply with the regulations. No student will be denied access to RND as a result of being unable to afford the uniform.

**The uniform is not intended to be a fashion statement for students.** Students must present themselves in school uniform in good repair at all times during the school day. T-shirts worn under shirts and blouses must be white, with no printing. Similarly, socks are to be non-descript and worn in such a way that they promote uniformity rather than distinction. Jackets and coats are not permitted during the school day. Ball caps are not permitted in the school; they will be seized and reissued at the end of the semester. The fall/winter uniform consists of an RND shirt/blouse, RND pants (or kilt with black tights for girls), an RND tie (for boys), white, grey or black socks and dress shoes. Accessorizing the uniform or otherwise individualizing it (for example by tucking pants into colourful socks) is not permitted. Appropriate attire for shop, gym, drama and art will be determined by the teacher and worn for that period only. On non-uniform days, unacceptable and/or immodest clothing and clothing with inappropriate design/language or promoting drugs/alcohol/sex will not be permitted. Persistent violation of the uniform policy will result in suspension from school.

**Please note: Any student who is not in proper uniform will be sent home to change.**

### **Controlled Substances**

There will be zero tolerance for the use or possession of alcohol, narcotics, tobacco products, inhalants and other restricted drugs. The aim of the policy on Substance Abuse is to eliminate the use of alcohol and drugs from the total context of school life (including off-campus school sponsored events) and to provide assistance to students with alcohol and/or drug problems. Infractions will be dealt with according to the **"Safe Schools: Our Commitment to Each Other"** policy. School authorities have a duty to maintain order and discipline at the school. The school administration has a broad right to search a student and their property, where that student is reasonably suspected of being under the influence or in possession of an illicit drug or alcohol.

### **Smoking & Tobacco Products Ban**

Students are **not** permitted to smoke nor are they permitted to be in possession of tobacco products, including chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes and vaporizers. It is the policy of our School Board that smoking is not allowed on their property and it is a distinct expectation that all will respect this policy. We recognize that the decision to smoke or not to smoke is an individual one, upon turning nineteen but we sincerely hope that in the face of mounting evidence with regard to the risk to our health that anyone thinking about beginning or ending "the habit" will give it serious thought.

### **Code of Student Conduct**

Please review and discuss the **Code of Student Conduct** with your son(s)/daughter(s). This is available on the RND website or you may pick up a copy in the Main Office.

It is our expectation that parents/guardians and students will read this document and use it to guide their actions. If you should have any questions, please direct them to the Main Office.

### **Transportation**

All students are to arrive at the school before 8:15 a.m. If you require transportation information, please call the school (**613-545-1902**) or TriBoard Transportation (**613 354-1981**). It always takes some time to normalize bus routes at the beginning of a school year. Students are advised to arrive at their pick-up location a little early for the first few days. In the event that you are at the stop at the correct time and the bus does not arrive, please contact the school.

## Lockers and Locks

Lockers are preassigned. Therefore, it is important that you make sure you occupy the locker assigned to you. Locker assignments are indicated in the upper right hand corner of your timetable. This year, lockers will be assigned alphabetically.

Only locks **bought through the school** are permitted on RND lockers. These locks have serial numbers which allow us to “remind” those students who have forgotten their combination number over a holiday period. They also allow us to reuse a lock with a student who knows or suspects that another person has discovered their combination.

Locks have been put on lockers assigned to all Grade 9 students. Grade 9 students can pick up the combination for their locks the week of **August 26<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>** or on the first day of school.

## Use of Lockers

Students ARE NOT to share their locker combinations with their friends. Expensive and/or attractive items should not be brought to school and stored in lockers. The lockers are the property of the School Board and, therefore, authorized school personnel will conduct locker inspections when deemed appropriate without the consent of the student. Any damage to lockers must be reported to the Main Office immediately. **Under no circumstance will the school or the School Board assume any financial responsibility for items that go missing from lockers.** Students are encouraged not to bring valuable items to school or, when necessary, to store them in the Main Office for safekeeping.

## Student Parking

**Student parking is limited to the parking lot on Russell Street on a first come, first serve basis.** Students are **NOT** permitted to park in the lots on Cowdy Street. Parking is **NOT** permitted in either of the circular driveways as these are fire access lanes and bus loading zones. Cars parked in these areas will be ticketed and/or towed away at the owner’s expense. Staff and other adults are permitted to use either lot. The streets around RND, east of Stephen Street (with the exception of one block on Russell Street, from 2-3), have free parking.

## Writer’s Craft

Are you a Gr. 11 or 12 student interested in the art of writing? If so, there are still spots available in the Writer’s Craft course (EWC4U1) being offered in Semester 2. If you want to develop your love for the language in different forms, please see your guidance counsellor to enroll. For more information about the course, please see **Mr. Ows**.

## KINGSTON WRITERSFEST

Our students often participate in the daytime workshops associated with Kingston Writersfest. We encourage students and parents alike to take part in this opportunity, wherein noted authors, essayists and poets gather right here in Kingston. If you are interested in learning more about the five days of telling stories taking place in later September, please visit [www.kingstonwritersfest.ca](http://www.kingstonwritersfest.ca).

## Medical Information

Parents of students at Regiopolis-Notre Dame are asked to ensure that the medical information supplied to the school is the most current / up to date possible. Items such as OHIP numbers, allergies & medications are vital to the swift and efficient response that may become necessary in emergency situations.

To update your child's medical information, please contact **Mrs. Besselink 613-545-1902**.

For those with anaphylaxis please see the following information regarding student/parent responsibilities:

***RND Anaphylaxis Plan (abbreviated)***

### Student Responsibilities

- Inform your teachers, coaches, supervising adults and friends of your allergy, emergency treatments and location of your Epi-Pen®.
- Keep your Epi-Pen® in a close location at all times, NOT in your locker.
- Take your Epi-Pen® with you on field trips.
- Be aware of anaphylactic exposure risk at school and on field trips and take measures to prevent anaphylaxis.
- Wear a Medical Alert bracelet or necklace at all times.
- Know the signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction.
- Let someone know if you are having an anaphylactic reaction
- Encourage your friends to learn how to administer Epi-Pen®.
- If you carry a cell phone, pre-program it to dial “911” and inform your friends.

### Parent Responsibilities

- Ensure school staff, classroom teachers, coaches and supervising adults are informed of your child’s allergy.
- Complete medical forms and return them to the office.
- Provide a current Epi-Pen® for school use.
- Ensure your child wears a Medical Alert bracelet or necklace.
- Notify school staff if there is a change in your student’s allergy condition or treatment.

## Extracurricular Eligibility

All students are encouraged to participate in the extracurricular life of the school for this is an integral part of the high school experience. In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at RND, a student must satisfy all of the following criteria to be deemed “a student in good standing”:

- full-time status;
- passing grades at most recent reporting period and throughout the season of activity;
- a good record of punctuality and attendance;
- evidence of cooperation with teachers and effort, including uniform conformity; and
- a paid user fee (if applicable) and a current student activity card.

## Band Notes

### RND Band Travels To New York City In 2020

The Band will be travelling to New York City to perform in the **Worldstrides Music Festival** from **April 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Auditions are during class in the first week of school or on **Friday September 6th**. See **Mrs. Lord** to book your audition. First rehearsal is **Monday September 9th**.

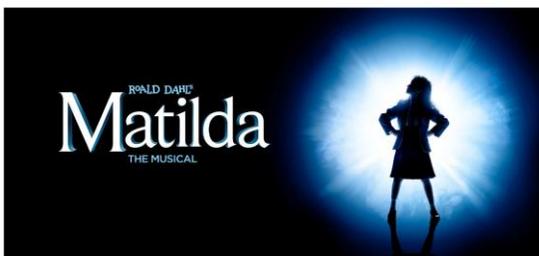
## Junior Band

Junior band will begin on **Thursday, September 19th** at 11:30 in the music room. All grade 9s and 10s with previous experience on a band instrument are welcome to attend. See **Mrs. Lord** for more details.

## RND Arts Presents Matilda

Music by **Tim Minchin**  
December 11 to 14

Open meeting for all interested will be on **Thursday, Sept. 5th** during lunch in the music room. Auditions will take place on **Monday September 9th** at lunch, **Tuesday September 10th** at lunch and after school, and **Wednesday September 11th** at lunch and after school. See sign-up sheets outside of the music room (123).



## Spain and Portugal

Spend March Break 2020 with your friends exploring **Spain** and **Portugal**. The lands where explorers set sail and proved the world was round! Home of Picasso, soccer, inspired classical guitarists and flamenco dancing. See magnificent ancient architecture, test your Spanish and Portuguese language skills and learn about the area’s rich history. Limited spaces are available. For more information and registration details contact **Mrs. Zborovsky; zborovsk@alcdsb.on.ca**.

## Is Your Son/Daughter 18 Years Old?

Schools are obliged to conform to “The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1989)” which means **the school cannot share with parents/guardians any aspect of the student’s activity at the school including marks, attendance, etc. without the written consent of the student.**

We at RND believe that parents do want to be involved in their children’s education. **Parents should encourage students to provide this written consent to the school on the forms provided in Student Services.** Prior to a student turning 18 years of age, the school will attempt to contact the parent/guardian to remind them of this requirement.

## RND Students’ Council Information

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Students’ Council Executive who have done much to prepare for this school year. This year’s Executive is comprised of:

**Zach Dodge** - Head Boy  
**Gwen Van Duinen** - Head Girl  
**Rachel Oleschuk** - Communications Officer  
**Roxann Forget** - Treasurer  
**Sydney Kalin** - PAW Rep  
**Sarah Jewell** – Faith Rep  
Cabinet members are **Jeremy Dubé, Mackinley Szumlanski, Julia Patterson, Mitchell Roantree** and **Brandon Sawyer**.

The Students’ Council is anticipating another active year of service to the students of the school and the community as a whole. The Students’ Council moderator for this year is **Ms. Emmerson**.

Student council will be in the school to answer questions and sell RND merchandise during the week of the A-Head Start program. They will also be running some workshops with grade 9 students new to the school.

If you have any questions for next year’s Student Council, feel free to visit them in the Student Council room at school or send a question on Instagram or Twitter. The username for both is **@rndstudco**.

## Youth Work Services

The Youth Worker role exists to address the social, emotional and behavioural needs of the students, their families and the school community. The needs are identified by the students, administration, parents, outside service agencies, as well as teaching and support staff. Our youth workers are **Ms. Rhonda Storms (ext. 2509)** and **Mrs. Amey Cancian (ext. 2217)**

## Kingston Transit Passes

Starting **August 14<sup>th</sup>**, all Grade 9 through 12 students in Kingston will be able to renew or sign-up for their free Kingston Transit bus pass for the upcoming 2019-20 academic school year.

“Free bus passes for high school students gives youth an opportunity to work, volunteer and participate in community events giving them a greater connection to the Kingston community at large,” says Mayor Bryan Paterson. “The success of this initiative can be seen every day when you see buses full of high school students – starting with our youth, we are creating a new transit culture in Kingston.”

Students attending public, separate, and private schools or receiving a home-based education are eligible for the free pass. The high school Kingston Transit pass will be valid from Sept. 1 until the end of Aug. 2020.

“We started this pilot program in 2012 with just Grade 9 students. In that year, more than 28,000 trips had been taken by Grade 9 students. Over the course of seven years, the program has grown to now include Grade 9-12 students. In the 2018-19 school year alone, high school students accounted for roughly 425,000 rides,” says Jeremy DaCosta, Director, Transit and Fleet Services. “We are excited to both renew the existing bus passes of Kingston high school students, and to offer this opportunity for a whole a new cohort of Grade 9 students.”

The current 2018-19 student pass can be used until Sept. 15 to allow students a period of time to renew. Eligible students can begin using their 2019-20 passes on Sept. 1 and can obtain their Kingston Transit ID bus pass as follows:

### **Grade 9 students:**

On **August 27<sup>th</sup>**, Kingston Transit will visit Regi to issue Grade 9 passes and to complete a complimentary transit training session. For Grade 9 students who wish to receive their pass prior to their school visit, please follow the steps below:

1. Download a registration form at: [www.KingstonTransit.ca/studentpass](http://www.KingstonTransit.ca/studentpass)
2. Bring the filled-in form to City Hall (216 Ontario St.), or the Guest Services Desk at the Cataraqui Centre (945 Gardiners Rd.), along with:
  - a 2019-20 Grade 9 student photo ID card; or
  - a 2019-20 Grade 9 student timetable and a birth certificate.

The initial \$3 fee for the photo ID pass is waived for Grade 9 students.

### **Grade 10, 11 and 12 students:**

On **August 27<sup>th</sup>**, Kingston Transit will be available at Regi to renew existing high school bus passes. Kingston Transit can also issue a new pass at this time for students who may have lost their bus pass. Students should contact administration to confirm the time that Grade 10-12 students are able to visit with Kingston Transit. For Grade 10-12 students who wish to receive their pass prior to their school visit, please follow the steps below:

1. Download a registration form at: [www.KingstonTransit.ca/studentpass](http://www.KingstonTransit.ca/studentpass)
2. Bring the filled-in form to City Hall (216 Ontario St.), or the Guest Services Desk at the Cataraqui Centre (945 Gardiners Rd.), along with:
  - a 2019-20 Grade 10, 11 or 12 student photo ID card; or
  - a previous Grade 9, 10 or 11 transit bus card and a 2019-20 Grade 10, 11 or 12 student timetable; or
  - if you do not have a previous Grade 9, 10 or 11 buscard, bring a 2019-20 Grade 10, 11 or 12 student timetable and a birth certificate.

The \$3 fee for a new or replacement card applies to Grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Those waiting for Sept. 1 to use their free passes are encouraged to explore Kingston Transit’s other fare options at [www.KingstonTransit.ca](http://www.KingstonTransit.ca)

For questions concerning this program, please call City of Kingston Customer Service at 613-546-0000 or email [contactus@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:contactus@cityofkingston.ca).