

REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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March 2019 Newsletter

Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month

Principal's Message

March has entered like a lamb, but the sunny day on the first of March brings some hope of spring days ahead. At this time of year, we cheer on our athletes competing in OFSAA festivals and thank all those involved whose seasons have wrapped up. We look forward to the RND Improv Team competing at Nationals and look forward to the spring season beginning shortly after the March Break. I think most of us are also looking forward to the March Break.

In terms of staffing, we welcome **Tonya Corkey** to our Art Department and wish **Kelly Vankoughnett** good luck as she takes on the Caretaking Role at St. Francis of Assisi. Of course, our whole board welcomes a new director, **Mr. David DeSantis**; he will come to visit RND in early April.

All are welcome to the RND Cafetorium on **Thursday, April 11th**, for a screening of **Over 18** and a panel discussion afterward on two weighty topics: childhood exposure to pornography through gaming and human trafficking. We hope to empower educators, parents and community members about how to stay connected, in proactive and healthy ways, with our youth. See advertisement at end of the newsletter for more information.

Students and staff are advised that parking is not allowed in our bus loading zones, at any time. We have provided warning notices and will have to tow cars who continue to block access for our buses. Please do not make this costly and inconvenient mistake.

Students were wonderful at our recent Semi Formal. It is so nice to see students have a good time and show respect for one another and their school. Next, we move into the Lenten Season. As Pope Benedict taught us, "The purpose of Lent is to keep alive in our consciousness and our life the fact that being a Christian can only take the form of *becoming* a Christian ever anew; that it is not an event now over and done with but a process requiring constant practice." (www.catholiceducation.org) Let us all prepare for Easter by becoming better Christians.

Terri Daniel

Chaplaincy Services

Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 6th** with Ash Wednesday! **Friar Jim** will celebrate mass with distribution of ashes at RND on **Wednesday at 12:30** in the CND Gym. (adjusted school day schedule)

Development and Peace Workshop on **Wednesday, March 20th** all day with FIAT (Faith in Action Team) and SHSM Non-Profit students. Any other interested students should see **Mary Elaine Carty** in Chaplaincy for a permission form.

Student Services

Online Course Selection for 2019/20

In early February guidance counsellors began the course selection process for next year with grade nines and tens. Counsellors will continue with grade elevens prior to March Break. Once again students will use myBlueprint to choose their courses; this online planner can be accessed through their Virtual Common and can be viewed from home. Parents are encouraged to discuss course plans with their children. Our course option sheet can be found on the RND website. All students should review their course requirements in their Maplewood account. Guidance counselors are available to answer any questions or concerns.

Grade 12 Returning Students

After March Break, guidance counsellors will visit grade 12 homerooms to have students complete an Exit Survey on myBlueprint. This will provide data as to students' intentions post-graduation - be it work, post-secondary, or a return to RND.

Any students who will be eligible to graduate this year but intend to return to RND must complete an "intention to return" form. This form will be available in Student Services once the Exit Surveys have been completed. Students will discuss their plan with a guidance counsellor then must meet with **Ms. Daniel** before they can complete course selections for the 2019-20 school year. Forms signed by **Ms. Daniel** must be returned to Student Services, and students will be re-activated at that time.

Report Card Dates and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Students will receive Early Diagnostic Reports for semester two the week after March Break. Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **Thursday, March 28th** from 3:00pm-5:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00 pm.

Booking Parent/Teacher Interviews

Once again, Parent-teacher interviews can be booked online. Go to the RND website to book your appointments by clicking the appropriate link. Parents will have access for booking appointments beginning **Wednesday, March 20th** at 8:00am. Online booking will close at 11:55pm on **Wednesday, March 27th**. Please, be advised that any request for appointments after the deadline cannot be guaranteed. Interviews will be limited to 10 minute blocks per student per teacher. Be sure to book your appointments early. If you have any questions or require further assistance with booking, please call Student Services.

Dual Credit Program at RND with SLC

Grade 12 and returning students at RND have an opportunity to earn college credits while attending high school. Dual credit programs are Ministry-approved programs that allow students, while they are still in secondary school, to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree, or an apprenticeship certification. To learn more about the program, please see our Dual Credit Teacher – **Ms. Linda Lott** in Student Services.

SLC Applicants

Adele from Recruiting at SLC will connect with interested applicants at lunch on **Thursday, March 7th**. She will be contacting all applicants via email prior to her visit.

Ontario College Panel for Grade 11s

On **Monday, March 18th** a panel of Ontario colleges will present to grade 11 classes at RND. This is a great opportunity for students to continue their post-secondary research by learning more about what Ontario colleges have to offer.

Volunteer Opportunity at Martha's Table

Martha's Table is looking for senior students, who have a spare, and want volunteer hours. There are opportunities to cover shifts during the school day on a regular basis. If interested, see your guidance counsellor for more information.

Discovery Day in Health Sciences at Queen's

Discovery Days are one-day events that give secondary school students (primarily Grade 11) who are interested in science the opportunity to explore a variety of career options in medicine and the health sciences.

Discovery Day at Queen's will comprise a dynamic keynote lecture, interactive workshops and a career panel discussion on **Thursday, May 9th**. This event affords students a clear picture of what it would be like to be a health professional by interacting with researchers, clinicians and educators in their real-life work

setting. **Pre-registration is required and the deadline is Thursday, March 21st at noon.** The first 8 students will be guaranteed a spot. If interested, see your guidance counsellor.

Young Women in Public Safety (YWPS) Work Experience Program

This unique work experience program was created to introduce grade 11 female students to exciting employment opportunities in the realm of public safety, such as border security, corrections, correctional investigation, probation and parole, information and intelligence, and policy development. The program **will take place July 15th to 19th, 2019 in downtown Kingston.**

Applications for the program must be submitted through the poster on the Federal Student Work Experience (FSWEP) website. Online applications will be accepted **between February 5th to March 28th, 2019.** Students must submit a maximum one-page document explaining why they would like to participate with their application. For more information, see your guidance counsellor.

The Ontario Student Voice Awards

Ontario Student Voice Awards are given annually to outstanding students across Ontario. OSVAs are a way for Ontario Student Trustees to give back to the most exceptional students in our province.

The deadline for all applications is **March 30th, 2019.** **There are six categories of consideration:** student voice, commitment to justice, entrepreneurial initiative, sports leadership, dedication to the arts, and cultural involvement. **To apply follow this link:** www.osta-aeco.org/award-applications/.

Literacy

The OSSLT will be written **Wednesday, March 27th.** Eligible students are all Gr. 10 students, students in Gr. 11 and/or 12 who are new to the province or country, and some senior students who were either absent last year or taking it for a second time.

There will be a revised schedule for the day for Gr. 9 and 10 students. Senior students not writing the OSSLT will not come to school that day, as they will be given an independent study day with work given by their teachers to be completed off-site.

There will be an information assembly for Gr. 10 students and other eligible senior students on **Tuesday, March 19th** during Period 2. Grade 10 students will be given additional practice materials to be administered in each of their four classes over two days: **Wednesday, March 20th and Thursday, March 21st.**

On **March 25th and 26th,** previously eligible senior students and newcomers will be invited to participate in two half day practice sessions during the school day.

Regi Reads

The Forest of Reading Program is in full tilt with just a few months left to go. There really have been some amazing reads this year, and lots of interest in the titles. The display can be found on the circulation desk of the library, of the 10 titles, 5 are still available for loan (the other 5 are currently out on loan). Voting day will be held on **Canada Book Day** which is **April 30th, 2019**. To be eligible to vote you must read a minimum of five books from the list. For more details see **Mrs. Merjavec** in the library.

Books Nominated For The 2019 White Pine Award

36 Questions That Changed My Mind About You; Written by Vicki Grant

The Agony of Bun O'Keefe; Written by Heather Smith

Black Chuck; Written by Regan McDonell

Catching the Light; Written by Susan Sinnott

Chaotic Good; Written by Whitney Gardner

A Girl Like That; Written by Tanaz Bhathena

The Mosaic; Written by Nina Berkout

Munro vs. The Coyote; Written by Darren Groth

Prince of Pot; Written by Tanya Lloyd Kyi

Recipe for Hate; Written by Warren Kinsella

After School Numeracy Classes

As part of RND's Numeracy support strategy, After School Numeracy classes are available to provide one-to-one tutoring with math homework and review lessons of regular math class topics. Any student can drop by for help in room 234 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm on their specific day.

Grade 9 Academic Math help is on Tuesdays starting on **February 26th**. Grade 10 Academic Math help is on Wednesdays starting on **March 6th**. Grade 9 & 10 Applied Math help is on Mondays starting on **March 18th**.

Registration forms and letters with additional information are being sent home in the next couple of weeks. If you expect your child to attend these classes, please complete the form and have your child return it to his/her math teacher. The After School Numeracy teacher will monitor your child's attendance and report any serious attendance issues to the parent.

IB News

1) Course selection is to be completed by **Friday, March 8th**. IB students should see **Mr. David** if they have questions about what courses they need to select to meet IB requirements or if they want to make changes to their IB pathway. Please request an appointment by email to: david@alcdsb.on.ca

2) Year 1 and 2 IB Candidates – The IB exam schedule has been posted on the Regi IB D2L page. Please be advised that these dates and times are rigid and unchangeable.

3) Year 1 and 2 IB students – Teachers will upload IA's in all subjects to IBIS on or before **March 27th**.

Need your High School Diploma? Looking to get into College?

Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education offers many options to support you in achieving your goals including high school credit courses, an accredited Personal Support Worker program and English as a Second Language classes. If you are over 18 years old and ready to take the next step in achieving your future, visit our website for more information: www.learningatloyola.ca

RND Senior Band Chicago 2019

On **April 5th** the RND Senior Concert Band will be travelling to Chicago to perform in the Invitational Heritage Festival of Gold. The performance will take place in Orchestra Hall home of the Chicago Symphony. Some members of the band will also perform in Honors Ensembles lead by world renowned conductors. When not performing or rehearsing students will attend performances of Broadway in Chicago shows Hamilton and Anastasia, have dinner at Andy's Jazz Club, tour the City and the Art Gallery and attend Mass at Holy Name Cathedral.

Student Council News

Thank you to all students who came out to RND's semi-formal on **February 22nd**. It was a great night, don't forget to check out your photos of the night on social media!

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear will continue to be sold **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at lunch in the commons. If these times do not work for you, you can also come to the student council room at any time or see **Ms. Emmerson**.

Relay for Life

Start forming your team for Relay for Life! It takes place on **Friday, May 24th** from 1pm to 1am at the school. Listen for announcements for when your team can register!! As a school, we are aiming to raise \$20,000 for Cancer research. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the event, please see **Ms. Emmerson** or **Ms. Zolnierczyk** to sign up!

Regi Blood Team

Regi blood team is continuing in second semester! We are always looking to add people over the age of seventeen to our team to give blood. You don't have to be a student to contribute. Next time you give blood, let them know you are part of our team and give them our partner ID to contribute to our annual goal (Partner ID-REGI011404).

Next Year's Student Council

Any students interested in running for Student Council next year should listen for announcements to hear when the meetings will be. If you have any questions, feel free to find a member of council to chat about it!

MCCARTHY UNIFORMS AND REGIOPOLIS
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**WILL BE HOSTING EXTENDED SPRING UNIFORM
SHOPPING HOURS**

ON

Monday, April 8th from 3:30pm to 7:30pm

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Monday, April 15th from 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Regular shop hours are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm. To contact In-School Shop call 613-546- 6400. Cash, Debit, Master Card and Visa are accepted. No Cheques.

Purchasing a Uniform can be done In-person, On-line at www.mccarthyuniforms.ca or by calling the Call Centre at 1-800-668-8261.

**The Spring Uniform cannot be mixed or matched with the
Fall Uniform.**

You may start to wear the Spring Uniform on Monday, April 29th till the end of June.



**RND CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
Hosts a Free Screening Open To All**



This documentary contains explicit language and is not recommended for children under 16. www.over18doc.com.

Over 18 is an examination of online pornography and its effects on children and youth. The goal is to educate parents on the realities of on-line pornography and propose solutions to help parents talk with their children about on-line pornography.

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: RND Cafetorium (130 Russell Street)

Community partners panel for Q & A will be featured after the screening
