

REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Visit our website: www.reginotredame.ca



February 2022 Newsletter

Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month

Principal's Message

As we move into semester two, we would like to bid farewell to **Mr. Chris Charbonneau, Ms. Jessica Langlois, Ms. Carol Mok, and Mrs. Louise St. John**. We thank them for their contributions to the RND community over the past semester and wish them the very best in their new positions. We also thank **Mr. Wes Cole** (Mr. Chocolate Milk Man) for his decades of service and dedication to the school. The corner store and students will miss you. All the best in your retirement. You will be missed! We welcome back to the RND community **Ms. Allison Ross** to Social Science, **Ms. Alex Gilmour** Math and Science and **Ms. Clare Kenney** to Social Science and Physical Education.

Congratulations to all students for completing the first half of another complicated school year. As we start the new semester, I hope that all students and staff are ready to tackle the academic, spiritual, and extracurricular opportunities that arise. Activities such as wrestling, non-cohorted singing, and band are still on hold pending provincial and local health decisions. We hope these activities will resume soon.

I would like to emphasize the importance of being present – of taking the time to be witnesses in faith for one another (particularly as we prepare for the Holy season of Lent) and by being present in your classes.

As students fall into a pattern of absence, they may begin to feel more and more disconnected from their classroom activities and feel overwhelmed by the work that piles up – the connection between absences and failure is very clear. We will renew our efforts to encourage consistent student attendance to nurture a sense of community and academic success.

As we begin the second semester and new classes and routines form, we revisit existing expectations at RND. We expect students be in full compliance with our uniform policy as outlined in the Code of Conduct which can be found on our school website. I encourage parents/guardians to see that their sons and daughters wear the proper uniform to Regiopolis-Notre Dame.

BEGINNING OF SECOND SEMESTER – QUAD 3 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

As we prepare for Semester 2, I ask that parents/guardians to review the following items with their children before Thursday.

STUDENT TIMETABLES

- Students **MUST** check their most updated timetable in ASPEN on Wednesday night.

LEARNING OPTIONS

Remote Learners – The following expectations apply to students who chose to complete the ENTIRE Quad (online from the Director's Survey):

- Students will access their classes remotely for the entire Quad 3. Students will not be allowed to move between remote learning and in-person learning.
- Students must be logged into TEAMS by 8:30 a.m. for morning classes and 11:55 a.m. for afternoon classes.
- Students who are not on TEAMS when attendance is taken will be marked absent.
- Students who are remote learners may not participate in any on-site extra-curricular activities.

Attendance – In-Person Learners

- **Isolation or Illness:** If students need to isolate for 5 days, they can access class material asynchronously to begin and then synchronously until their isolation ends and they can return to school. This applies to any student who knows they will be absent for at least two days due to illness or isolation.
- For any other absences, students may access course materials asynchronously via D2L and will receive any missing materials upon return to class.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Semester 1 **Report Cards** (Quad 1 / Quad 2) will be printed and sent home with students by **February 11th**.
- Students are asked to return all textbooks to their Quad 2 teacher ASAP.
- **OSSLT** – Grade 10 Students – Please note that all students writing the OSSLT (graduation requirement) must do so in person. More information will be

provided as we get closer to the writing date. Tentative date is set for the week of **March 21st**.

- **STUDENT FEES** – Parents / Guardians are asked to pay all student fees. Payment can be made using school cash online. [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://www.schoolcashonline.com/)
- **GRAD PHOTOS** – Photos will be taken during the month of February. A link to book your appointment will be forwarded once the information is received from Life Touch.

Mr. Paul Melim,
Principal

Chaplaincy

Prayer for a new Quadmester

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new quadmester, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

May all that we are, all that we try to do even the frustrations and failings be placed in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this quadmester.

We thank you, Lord.
Amen -Xavier University

Black History Month - The United Nations' have declared 2015-2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024). Students will be supporting BHM with daily announcements and students are invited to support the 'Culture Show' being put together by our mentors at Queen's U in the the African Caribbean Students Association. Contact **Mary Elaine** in the chapel if you have ideas or want to help out!

Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent on **Wednesday March 3rd**. There will be a virtual liturgy of the word but the distribution of ashes is still to be determined.

Happy Lunar New Year to all our students, staff, family and friends who will be celebrating the Lunar New Year on and around **February 1st**. May the year of the Tiger bring peace, good health and continued blessings!

Student Services

College/University Applicants for Fall 2022 – IMPORTANT DATES

February 1st

Deadline for Ontario College Applications (www.ontariocolleges.ca) for equal consideration.

February 8th

Deadline for updated transcript upload to OCAS and OUAC.

Guidance Appointments

Online booking for guidance appointments is available. If a Remote Learner wants an appointment, they should book through Appointments on their D2L page. Guidance counsellors will send a Teams link in advance of the scheduled meeting time.

Quadmester 3 Timetables

Students must check their Q3 timetables in Aspen. It is possible their class or teacher has changed from earlier schedules.

Changes to Quadmester 3 & 4 Timetables

All students must remain in classes assigned on their timetable. If a course change is needed, students should book an appointment online with their guidance counsellor.

We will continue use of our official "Wait list" for any course that is full and will notify students if spots become available before **February 8th**.

The deadline for Q3 course changes is **Tuesday, February 8th, 2022**.

Grade 8 Students Heading to RND

Parents of Grade 8 students, who are interested in attending Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School for the 2022/2023 school year but missed Virtual Parent Night, can view the presentation by accessing the link on the RND website at reginotredame.ca.

Online registration is available via the link on the RND website or through the ALCDSB site. Students who have never been connected to a school in ALCDSB should complete all pages of the registration. If the student is coming from an ALCDSB school outside the RND catchment or were once in an ALCDSB school should complete the family information form only. Contact **Mrs. Lackey** at tlackey@alcdsb.on.ca for more information. The deadline for registration packages is **Friday, February 4th**.

Course Selection - 2022/2023 School Year

The course selection process will begin the week of **February 7th** for grades nine, ten, eleven, and Gr12 Returners.

Classes will meet with Student Services for grade-specific presentations and will make their choices using MyBlueprint. Remote learners will join with their class via their teacher's computer. The dates for all meetings will take place in February and early March.

Parents/guardians should be aware of their child's courses for their upcoming school year. Your child should show you their courses for approval prior to submission. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's guidance counsellor.

Students, who wish to return for a fifth year, will officially register for 2022/2023 at the end of February. Student Services will share the necessary steps of this process once course selection is completed for all other grades.

eLearning in Quadmester 3/Semester 2

By now students taking a course through eLearning should have received a welcome email from their teacher. In person eLearners should report to the Library on **Thursday, February 3rd** so an appropriate learning space can be designated for them. Students can stay at home to complete these courses.

Students must log in daily. These courses move quickly; therefore, it is easy to put credits at risk.

Dual Credits for Semester 2

Student enrolled in dual credits for semester 2 should have received notification from their SLC teachers by now. Congregated student orientation will be via Teams on **Wednesday, February 9th** at 11am. Questions or concerns should be directed to **Mr. Poser** in Student Services at poser@alcdsb.on.ca.

If students are still interested in dual credit, they should contact **Mr. Poser** as there are still some spots available.

Co-operative Education (Co-op)

All RND co-op students (quadmester 3 or both Q3 & 4) will be in class for the first week of Q3 before placements begin. They should report to Room 108 during their learning blocks. If you have any questions, speak with **Mr. Farrell** or **Mr. McDonald**.

Attention Gr. 11 Students

Course selections are coming up. Are you interested in exploring different modes of creative writing? If so, consider enrolling in the Grade 12 Writers Craft course for next year, course code: **EWC 4U1**.

See Mr. Ows if you have any questions.

Important OSSLT Information for RND Students

- The OSSLT spring session for all eligible grade 10 students will be the week of **March 21st 2022**.
- Grade 11 students who did not write in the Fall OSSLT session will also write during this time.
- Remote learners are not eligible to write the test from home, so will be invited in to take part with their class on the scheduled day.
- A reminder that Grade 12 students **who are graduating this year** do not have to write the test.
- Session dates for After School Literacy classes for grade 10 and 11 students will be forthcoming if extra-curricular activities are allowed to resume.

Parents and guardians can access more information on the [EOAO](#) website.

University of Waterloo Contests

Any students in grades 9-11 who would like to try these math contests should send **Mr. Santos** a message via email(santosh@alcdsb.on.ca) immediately before **February 6th**, to get registered. Regular Mathletes should have already signed up in the link provided in our mathlete school messenger account.

Our mathletes are practicing online individually and as team - stay connected with our school messenger. New mathletes are welcome all the time.

IB News

IB Interim Grades for Year 2 students will be available **February 15th**. These grades will be sent to OUAC for students applying to university. Please see **Mr. David** if you would like an individualized report.

March 1st is the final deadline date for Extended Essays to the IB Coordinator. IB DP students are reminded to check the EE Assessment Criteria located on the Regi IB 2DL page. Also, students are required to complete the three **RPPFs** and submit these as well. These forms are available on the Regi IB 2DL or please see **Mr. David** in the IB Office.

New RND Merch

All new RND Merch has arrived! It's available each **Friday** at lunch in the Student Common, or you can go online to reginotredame.ca to purchase with school cash online.



Pink Shirt Day

February 23rd we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day, an anti-bullying awareness campaign. Wear a pink shirt with your uniform to show that bullying has no place at Regiopolis-Notre Dame. Money raised from this event will go to support **Kids Help Phone**.

Non-Uniform Day

The February Non-Uniform Day is scheduled for Friday, **February 25th**.
