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December 2015 Parent Newsletter

The Principal's Message

Every time I talk about RSS, I talk about our 'school community'. This is the wide group that consists of students, parents, and school staff members who are inherently connected to the school and work together to ensure it is a positive and effective place to learn. Today, I want to also include the wider community as RSS serves as Revelstoke's only high school. As such, we partner with many groups in Revelstoke to provide space and services to our students.

As you know, our Student Well-Being goal is at the heart of our efforts at RSS and we are extremely happy to partner with many different community organizations to assist our students in many ways. The Neighbourhood of Learning spaces in our counselling area offer the perfect venue for our students to access community-based services. . . Our current community partners include Okanagan College, Community Connections, Child and Youth Mental Health, and the Revelstoke Youth Liaison and the Stoke Youth Network.

We are currently working with the Revelstoke OPT clinic to explore the provision of OPT services on a weekly basis within our community use spaces. If you have questions, concerns or ideas about the opportunities provided to our students through these, or other areas, please do not hesitate to call.

Of course, I want to end by wishing everyone a restful and safe holiday. See you next year!

Can you or your family host?

Crystal Federico is facing a challenge finding host families for the exchange students from OnoCho this year. Can you help?

7 host families are required from January 14 – 19, 2016.

Thank you to Mrs. Federico for coordinating these home stays. Her contact information is:

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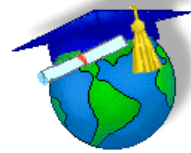
From Your RSS Library

Just a reminder to all students from Ms. Mohn and Mr. Wilson in the RSS library:

Please return **ALL** overdue Fiction/Non-Fiction books before Christmas Break. Thank you! Have a GREAT Holiday and Happy Reading!



Grad Transition Presentations



The World Is
Yours To Conquer

Once again we are looking for people to help us with Grad Transition Presentations by sitting on a panel as our grads individually present. Each student presentation is about 20 minutes and each panel will see 4 or 5 students. It is interesting to see what our students have accomplished and what their future plans

are. There will be at least one person on each panel who has done this in the past. Check out the Grad Transitions website to see what is expected of our grads:

<http://revelstokesecondary.sd19.bc.ca/departments/counseling/grad-requirements/1119-2/>

This year we have two presentation evenings. The first was held in November. The **NEW DATE** for our 2nd one is Wednesday, February 17th from 6:30-8:30 at RSS.

Please let me know if you are able to help out with these presentation evenings. Each year our grads are thrilled to present to some of their teachers from elementary school and it was great having so many members of the community join our panels last year. If you are chatting with someone else who would like to be a part of this, please feel free to pass the message along.



The next **Youth Initiative Committee** meeting is set for **Wednesday, February 3rd** from **9am-11am**, (location TBA).

Again this will be an opportunity for service providers, community members and anyone involved with youth to network, review progress made with the larger youth initiative and set priorities moving forward as to how we can best support youth in our community. I will send out a meeting reminder and further information in the New Year.

Until then, Happy Holidays!

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Band Parent Meetings

Band Parent meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Band Room.



Jazz Band Rehearsal

Jazz band rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The Jazz coffee house is on December 14 in the common area.

Fantastic concert on December 8th this year! It was enjoyed by all who attended. The students are looking forward to new music in the New Year as well as their trips to Cuba and Victoria, BC.



A Shout Out to our Junior Boys Volleyball!

Congratulations to the Junior Boys for a terrific season! These boys practiced 3 times per week and spent their lunches on Mondays practicing serves. They did not have league play but they played in the TRU Junior Howler tournament in Kamloops and the KSS Best of the West Junior tournament in Kelowna. The grade 8s among them placed 4th at the North Okanagan Grade 8 Boys Volleyball Championships. Thanks to Ken Bibby and Lucie Robidoux for filling in when Mr. Gale was unable to attend practice.

Order your 2016 Yearbook Now!

A yearbook is a great way to remember some of the good times here at RSS, so make sure that you have one for autographs in June!

Take advantage of our "Early-Bird" pricing and order your yearbook today. Forms are available from the main office or you can download a copy from the school website.

Way to go RSS Swim!

The RSS Swim had another successful season, which started with Friday morning practices on October 9th. We hosted the Okanagan Zone Swimming Championships on October 25th here at our very own Aquatic Centre.



Over 215 swimmers competed in the one day meet, and our 27-member team managed to earn the Valley 2nd Place Pennant. 10 swimmers travelled to Kamloops for the Highschool Provincial Championships on November 13th and 14th. Jordan Cwikula, Beth Granstrom, Brynn Hoshizaki and Nolan Gale managed to qualify in individual Finals or Consolation Finals. A special mention goes out to Beth, who brought home 2 golds and a bronze and set a new provincial record the Girls 50 meter backstroke! Thanks to Mr. Gale and Julia Gow for their fine coaching!

Would you like to earn a PERC Card?

What is a PERC Card and why would you want one? A PERC card stands for **P**unctuality, **E**nthusiasm, **R**esponsibility and **C**ooperation.

Students who attain straight G's or E's on their report card earn a PERC card. It entitles them to several benefits around town such as free swims at the Revelstoke Aquatic Centre; 2 for 1 slurpees at 7 – 11; and discounts off movies at the Roxy Theatre to name a few.

PERC Cards benefit the student when they apply for jobs, interview for positions and in Grad transitions as well as when applying for scholarships.

Some businesses will also give preferential hiring to students with a PERC card as the holder demonstrates qualities they look for in an employee. 122 PERC cards were handed out this week.

Dates to Remember

Dec 18	Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater Day
Dec 21 – Jan 3	Christmas Break
Jan 4	First Day Back – Blocks are 6824
Jan 13 – 16	GRAD Photos
Jan 22 – 27	Final Exams / Provincial Exams
Jan 24	Parent Advisory Committee Meeting – 7 PM RSS Library
Jan 29	End of Semester / End of Lifeskills Rotation
Feb 1	First day of the new semester
Feb 5	Curriculum Development Day – No School
Feb 8	Family Day – No School
Feb 17	Grad Transition Presentation Evening *NOTE the new date*
Feb 19	Pro Development Day – No School
Feb 23	Parent Advisory Committee Meeting – 7 PM RSS Library

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Please review the attached letter from Mr. Hooker, Superintendent of Schools regarding the changes to the Non-Instructional days for this school year.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday from all the staff at Revelstoke Secondary School!