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February 2018 Parent Newsletter

A Message from Principal Kenyon

We have started the 2nd semester and we're off and running right out of the gate. 1st semester is in the books, and it was very successful. We want to welcome new teachers Ms. Black, Ms. Hathorne, and Mr. Lacasse to RSS, as well as Anne and Asa as new EAs.

RSS is continuing to focus on student well-being. We have instituted a breakfast program in partnership with The Breakfast Club of Canada. As well, we are hosting several guest speakers this semester on positive cultures in schools and an ICBC Road Safety assembly.

Course selections are just around the corner at the beginning of March, so parents should look out for the paper confirmations from their children for review of next year courses chosen by the student. You can find the course list on the RSS website under the 'Counseling' section.

I hope everyone has a great start to the semester, and I'm sure we are already looking forward to Spring Break! Good luck and best wishes on the start of the second half of the school year.

Greg Kenyon
Principal – Revelstoke Secondary School



Absences and Lates – (250) 837-2173

Parents are reminded to call the office in the event their son/daughter will be late, absent or leaving early. Texting your child about appointments or notifying the teacher of their absence is not notifying the office. Please make sure the office secretaries are aware of all appointments and absences. As well, students **MUST** sign in at the office when **arriving late** and sign out **when leaving early**. This will avoid unnecessary calls home for absences from class.

Family Vacations

A vacation form must be filled out if you intend to take your child out of class for **3 days or more** during school time. Please have your child obtain a vacation form from the office.



Home Work (HW) Club

HW Club from 3:15-4:30 in the library with Mrs. Carey most Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. Please confirm dates on the online RSS calendar found on our website. HW Club is the place to go if you need help in any subject, if you need extra time to work on your assignments in a quieter setting, if you need to access the computers, if you need to write missing quizzes or tests, if you need time to get caught up from being absent or if you just want to get your HW done before you leave the building.

Student Cell Phones

Please do not call or text students during class time as students' cell phones are to be off while classes are in session.

The RSS Website!

Check out our website at revelstokesecondary.ca. Our home page has quick links to Teacher Blogs, Counsellors, Athletics, Student Opportunities and the RSS Calendar, as well as a scrolling daily events calendar. Students and staff can tweet @RevelstokeSec. You can also find a digital copy of the RSS Handbook, RSS newsletter and RSS calendar on line. Should you wish to obtain a hardcopy of the above please pick one up from the office. If you wish to have the newsletter sent to you via email, please email your request to rssnewsletter@sd19.bc.ca

What's Going on in Class? Check the Blog!

Many teachers at RSS use daily or weekly blogs as a way to communicate to parents and students. Visit your teacher's blog to get updates on homework, check your marks, and see when assignments are due. Visit revelstokesecondary.ca and click on Students & Parents, Teacher Websites for a full list!

Communicating Student Learning

Recently, RSS conducted a student survey regarding assessment and reporting. The results are currently being compiled and examined. RSS would like to receive feedback from our parent group as well. To that end, at the April Parent-Teacher Meetings a survey will be available for parents to complete on our iPads and should take less than 5 minutes to complete. This data, together with the student survey data, will help us learn better how to communicate student learning.

Parent Advisory Committee

Our Parent Group encourages parents to attend their monthly meeting. This group facilitates informational sessions for parents during the year, and secures money for specialized equipment for our students. **PAC meetings** are the last Tuesday of each month. The next **PAC meeting** will be held Tuesday February 27th at 6:30pm in the RSS Library.



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Student Reporters Wanted!



Both The Current and The Review are looking for students who want to contribute news stories about life at RSS, updates on sports teams, topics of concern to youth, and any fun events that are happening at the school.

News articles don't have to be big and pictures are always welcome. It looks great on a resume and your English teacher might even give you bonus marks if you are published. See Ms. Crucil or Ms. Atamanuk for more information.

Report Cards

Report Cards were put in the mail so hopefully everyone has now received them. Check your mail box and let us know if you are missing one.

Prom is May 12th

"Come Fly Away With Us..." at RMR.



Fair Notice

Our school community is committed to creating and sustaining school environments in which students, staff, parents and others feel safe. All reported threats and incidences of violence will be investigated.

RSS Custom Apparel

Check out our Online Store at urstore.ca/revelstoke-secondary

Order Your 2018 Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale for \$32 and order forms can be found in the main office.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A reminder that the local scholarship application **deadline is Tuesday, March 13th at 8:45 am**. Applications should be handed in to your counsellor.

Remember to check out the External Scholarship link on the RSS website, and to LIKE the RSS Counselling Department's Facebook page to get notified about upcoming external scholarship opportunities.

Grads of 2018 - Submit your Photo Write-ups!

We need a write-up to accompany your grad photos in the yearbook, so pick up a paper form from the library, or use the link on the RSS website to submit your words of wisdom and/or gratitude.

The Numeracy Assessment

Coming this June for all Grade 10 and 11 students!

The point of the Numeracy Assessment is to assess who is numerate. It is NOT a math curricular exam but rather an application of math and other areas to real world scenarios and examples.

- Students have three opportunities to write.
- While it does not count towards university entrance at this time, it will appear on transcripts.
- The exam has been constructed using the 5 numeracy processes: Interpret, Apply, Solve, Analyze, Communicate.
- There is a great video series on the government website that explains the processes in a manner that is clear for students to understand:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment/graduation/numeracy>

Japan Cultural Exchange 2019

Are you interested in visiting Japan in the spring of 2019? Early preparations are underway for a possible trip to Ono, Japan to visit the community that sends Japanese high school students to us each year. There will be a meeting in room 313 at RSS on Thursday, March 8th at 7pm to determine interest and timing. Contact Mr. Gale (ggale@sd19.bc.ca) if you have an interest in travelling to Japan next year.



The Revelstoke Tech Summit – February 22nd

This event will address the opportunities and challenges surrounding the evolving job market, the diversity of careers that incorporate technology, and the skills Canada's youth will need to successfully integrate into the workforce.

The summit will kick-off with a keynote address from former VP of engineering at buddybuild and Mozilla Foundation, David Ascher, who will share anecdotes on the evolution of work, thoughts about working remotely, and suggestions on mistakes to make and mistakes worth avoiding.

David's presentation will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Simon Wex of Adobe, and made up of professionals from the games development, digital arts, web development, and tourism sectors.

A career trade show will be hosted at Revelstoke Secondary School in the afternoon, and the summit will conclude with an evening event celebrating the launch of Startup Revelstoke, an innovation collective for business incubation bringing together entrepreneurs, investors and mentors passionate about regenerative communities.



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Interested in becoming a TEDxYouth Speaker?

TEDxYouth is coming to Kelowna! On May 17th, at the Innovation Centre on Doyle Avenue, we'll hear some powerful ideas from some powerful youth across the Okanagan. Check out the website <https://www.tedx youthdoyleave.com/> for more information on how to apply. The application deadline is March 13th.

Pink Shirt Day

On February 28th don't forget to wear pink!

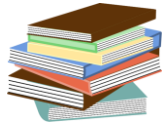


The 2018 campaign focus is on cyberbullying. In today's digital world, it can be impossible to escape online bullying, whether it takes the shape of harassment, spreading rumours, sharing embarrassing information or threats. This year, Pink Shirt Day is encouraging others to combat

cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead using the internet to spread kindness - because we know that Nice Needs No Filter!

From Your RSS Library

Please return **ALL** overdue Fiction/Non-Fiction books as we are well into second semester. Thank you!



Be in the Know with the Stoke Youth Network

Don't miss a beat and stay up to date with what's happening for youth in our community:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StokeYouthNetwork/>

Instagram: @stoke_youth_liaison

Twitter: @SYNetwork

Youth Drop-In Opportunities

Youth continue to identify that there needs to more easily assessable activities and after-school programs. For the second year in a row the Stoke Youth Network has partnered with local businesses to offer FREE drop-in programs for RSS students.

Drop-in Schedule:

Tuesday: Drop-in Games Night @ The Library (3:30-5:30pm)

Wednesday: Drop-in Yoga @ Balu Studio (4:00-5:00pm)

Friday: Drop-in @ Trans-Canada Fitness (All Day)

Sunday: Drop-in Boxercise Class @ Revelution (11:00-12:00pm)

Spring Break Activities

After last year's success with offering Spring Break activities, we have decided to do it again! We are currently organizing snow-shoe adventures, skating rink rentals, a hot-spring trip, art classes and much more. Dates will be confirmed within the next couple of weeks.

Students are already registering for the March Madness Basketball Tournament that we are hosting over the break.



Dates to Remember

February 22 nd	Tech Summit
February 23 rd	Pro-D Day
February 27 th	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 – RSS Library
February 28 th	Pink Shirt Day
March 5 th & 6 th	Grad Photo Retakes – See Ms. Maltby in the office for more info!
Week of March 5 th	Course Selections for 2018-2019 School Year
March 8 th	Japan Exchange Meeting @ 7pm – Room 313
March 13 th	Local Scholarship Deadline
March 17 th -April 2 nd	School Closure for Spring Break and Easter
April 11 th and 12 th	Early Dismissal Days
April 12 th	Parent-Teacher Conference 7-8:30PM
April 20 th	End of Term 3

