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## March 2017 Parent Newsletter

### The Principal's Message – Mr. Greg Kenyon

We have started our new semester with several exciting developments. Firstly, as a result of new funding RSS was able to add two new teachers, Ms. Davies and Ms. Avery. This reduced class sizes in many of our junior classes. As well, we have had a great visit from our sister schools in Ono Cho, Japan, where we plan on sending 19 of our own RSS students over Spring Break.

Special events like the Tech Summit and the WorkBC "Find Your Fit" have given RSS students opportunities to experience different aspects of technology and careers as they prepare themselves for their post-secondary future. Seeing the excitement students show when they have these opportunities to think and plan for their post-secondary futures is so interesting for me. On one hand, RSS students feel that sense of adventure and opportunity, but also want to feel secure here at RSS. It's a dichotomy that creates a wonderful sense of tension and a feeling of the need to strive and succeed. I look forward to seeing where our students' passion and interests take them as they develop here at RSS and move into an adult role.

As we move towards Spring Break and away from the dark days of winter, everyone at RSS is looking forward to sunny days and the energy of the end of the year. Have a great 2nd semester, everyone!



### Reminders!

#### Absent and Late – (250) 837-2173

Parents are reminded to call the office or send a note to the school in the event their son/daughter will be late or absent. Also, please make sure to notify the office if they have a medical or dental

appointment and have to leave early. They should get an early dismissal slip from the office for their teacher before heading off to class.

#### Absences of 3 or more days?

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. It is the student's responsibility to meet with each of their teachers prior to leaving to check what assignments they need to attend to.

### From Your RSS Library

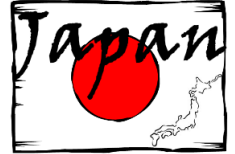
Just a reminder to all students from Ms. Mohn and Mr. Wilson in the RSS library:

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



### Students Travelling to OnoCho

Nineteen RSS students along with three chaperones will be travelling to OnoCho Japan from March 18 – 26, 2017. The group will be travelling with Ms. Theresa Browning and Mr. Jason Stevens (RSS Teachers), Ms. Ariel Mc Dowell (District Vice Principal) and Crystal Federico, MLI (Muskoka Language Institute).



Excitement is building for this trip!

### Message from Brushy

Hi medium sized humans, it's your friendly local assistance dog Brushy. I just wanted to give you a little update on how I'm doing. I have had a few seizures in the last couple of years but none lately. Dana says it's because I have been using lots of good stress-reduction exercises and that you have been cleaning up after lunch times so I can't graze on floor leftovers.

Thank you for continuing to clean up all of your messes after breaks and lunch and working hard to keep me healthy. Oh - have you found me on Facebook yet? My facebook page is called Brushy - PADS CAI dog. I hope you'll find me and post awesome pictures and stories.



Looking to keep your kids busy over Spring Break? The Youth Network can help you out with a few FREE options:

- Halcyon Hotspring Adventure on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Departs at 9:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm.
- Avalanche Rescue Training on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at RMR for youth aged 12-18. Avalanche gear is provided!
- Drop-In Sports on March 23 at RSS from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Don't forget your indoor shoes!
- Mountain Snowshoe on March 28<sup>th</sup> at RMR from 12:30 – 4:30 pm. Meet at the base of the Gondola.

For more information contact:

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## COURSE SELECTION for 2017/2018 School Year



Course selections for the 2017/2018 have begun! Counsellors have met with students to discuss graduation requirements and elective options for next year. Students will be receiving a printout

of the courses they've requested this week. Please review the attached courses your son/daughter has selected to take next year and sign at the bottom of their course request form. Students should have 8 courses selected for within the school day. Some courses, such as Jazz Band, Choir, Superfit, Yearbook, Academic Writing 12 and Planning 10OFF, run outside of the school day and will count as an additional course.

If there are any changes you'd like to make, please just cross out the course you'd like to change and initial by the new course you'd like to add.

Course descriptions, as well as detailed information about graduation requirements, are available on the RSS website in the counselling section. Your son/daughter should be able to show this to you if you need assistance finding it.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your son/daughter's choices, please indicate this on the course selection form. **Course selection forms should be returned before spring break.**

## SCHOLARSHIPS



A reminder that the local scholarship application **deadline is Tuesday, March 14 at 8:45 am**. Applications should be handed in to your counsellor.

Remember to check out the Scholarship board at the high school, 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.

## Order your 2017 Yearbook

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! Forms are available from the main office or you can download a copy from the school website.



## Did You Know...

Need to know the daily block schedule? You can add our school calendar to your very own google calendar. Just go to the RSS website and scroll down to the RSS Mini calendar and click on the "add to google calendar" icon in the bottom right hand corner.



## Grads! Submit your Grad Photo Write-ups!

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

The deadline for paper submissions is March 17th. If you miss the paper deadline, online submissions will be accepted during the first week of March Break.

## Dates to Remember

Mar 14	RSS Band Concert 7:00 PM
Mar 14	Scholarship Application Deadline
Mar 18	Students travel to Japan
Mar 20 - 31	Spring Break
April 3	First day back after Spring Break
April 6	Grad Parent Meeting 7PM – RSS Library
April 14	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Monday
April 20	End of Term 3
April 21	Ivan Coyote School Performance
April 21	Term 4 Begins
April 24	RSS ICBC Presentation
April 25	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM – RSS Library

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**Have a Fantastic Spring Break from all the staff at Revelstoke Secondary School!**