

PARENT NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE AND UPDATE

RSS has started to find its groove after the frantic opening few weeks of school. Students are settling into their courses and we're sending out the first term reports. As always, the school staff members are focusing not only on academic success, but student care as well. This creates a very safe and caring environment. Do people sometimes make mistakes? Yes, and this is how we all learn and all do better next time. Let's look after each other when that happens!

A MADD assembly was held for all students on the afternoon of October 16th. The presentation dealt with both alcohol and drug related incidents. A great time for students to be thinking about making good choices in difficult situations—especially as the new cannabis legislation took effect the next day. There will be a parent evening on substance abuse on November 29th at RSS from 6:30-9:00 where parents can access doctors, lawyers, RCMP, counsellors, nurses, and other invested groups in keeping our children healthy.

Early dismissal days were October 17-18th. Parent-Teacher Meetings were held on the evening of the 17th. We are now victims of our success—in that we have a large number of families attending. We heard loudly and clearly parent frustration with the current system.

We will be looking at changing how we do these evenings to accommodate the larger numbers.

“Alive after Five” presentations were given on workplace safety and worker rights October 22nd. Our Career Education program has grown by leaps and bounds over the past few years, and these information sessions along with the opportunities to experience the world of work are essential to our students. The “Take Our Kids To Work” day on November 14th was our first try at this activity and we hope that it was beneficial for our grade 9 learners.

The Senior Girls Last Spike Volleyball Tournament was held Oct 12-13th. The Senior Girls competed and had very successful results. A huge thank you to Barry Rourke for his efforts to create a fun and memorable experience for all of the volleyball teams. For the first time in 7 years there was a Junior Boys Last Spike volleyball tournament on October 19-20th. This concluded 4 tournaments in 6 weeks for Barry. The RSS Jr. Boys team won!

Many RSS sports teams have been competing this fall. The Swimming Team and members of the Cross-

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Parents are reminded to call the office or send a note to the school in the event their son/daughter will be late, absent, or leaving early for a medical or dental appointment. Students should get an early dismissal slip from the office for their teacher before heading off to class. 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 of absences from class.

Country Team competed at the Provincial Championships in November. Volleyball teams have started their playoff cycles with, so far, the Senior and Junior Boys advancing to the Valley Championships. The coaches and parent volunteers have been great and RSS appreciates all the time and effort it takes to make a team work. Basketball is getting geared up and we look forward to a fun season.

October is always dominated by Hallowe'en. What a great day it is here at RSS. An overwhelming percentage

of the students dress up and the staff participates too. The Student Leadership Crew organized fun activities like a candy gram and costume contest. It truly is one of the most fun days at RSS!

It's six weeks until the Winter Holiday and the snow is starting to fall. Ski season is coming soon and RSS will slip into the winter with energy and a continued commitment to success. Have a great November!

SUBSTANCE INFORMATION EVENING @ RSS

A night of conversation for parents of all elementary & highschool-aged kids will be held at RSS on Thursday, November 29th from 6:30pm-8pm. Local practitioners from doctors to lawyers, nurses to counsellors, and community support workers will be on hand to answer your questions and share a few key take-away's on topics ranging from "What's the connection between mental health and substance use?", "What's out there for my kid to do?", "What are my legal rights when it comes to accessing information about my child?" and more. Have a question to ask before or want to find out more? Visit www.revelstokecymhsu.ca.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Bring your best smile to school on **Friday November 16th, 2018** for *Picture Retake Day*. If you missed getting your picture taken or if you want to have a new one taken, please be ready for picture retakes to take place Friday afternoon. Please note that all students will be photographed for the yearbook regardless of whether you plan to purchase a package or not.

DID YOU KNOW?

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.

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!

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 runs most Tuesday, Wednesday's and Thursdays throughout the school year from 3:20 - 4:40 (ish). There are some days that it doesn't run (1st Tuesday of the month, early dismissal days, the first couple days after a new term starts, etc). There is a sign above the library door that your student can glance at to see what days it runs in any given week. You are welcome to contact me at lcarey@sd19.bc.ca. Hope to see you there!

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 November 27th at 7pm in the RSS Library.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Student Leadership Council has been working hard on planning events and building a stronger school community. Spirit days, dances, more common area seating and overall school beautification are just a few of the initiatives they are taking on this semester! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! Those interested in school spirit and dances can join meetings every Tuesday at lunch in Ms. A's room. Ms. Davis hosts lunch groups every Wednesday for those interested in strengthening school community.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 16 th	Picture Retake Day
November 27 th	PAC Meeting – 7pm – RSS Library
November 29 th	Substance Information Evening @ RSS
December 24 th –January 4 th	Winter Holiday



~~DON'T TELL THE SECRET~~ January 15th, 16th, 17th

Revelstoke Performing Arts Center
Doors Open at 7:00
A Play By Stephen Gregg

 Playscripts

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