

September's News

Richmond Education Centre/Academy



Principal's Message

Welcome back! Hoping your summer was spent enjoying time with family and friends. We are off to a new and restriction-free school year :) We are sending home several information items and forms that require signatures during the first day or two of school. We would appreciate having all forms returned by September 9th.

September is a busy month, with several students getting to know the building for the first time. We will be meeting with students in small groups over the next few days, to review policies and procedures. At the assemblies for our grade

9 to 12 students, we will be discussing with them our primary concern around high school dances. These events are great opportunities to allow students to build deeper friendships and enjoy the school in a way that is not traditional seats-in-desks style. Having said that, our primary concern has always been, and will continue to be, student safety. Should administration believe that we cannot adequately supervise behaviour at these dances and/or alcohol/drug use, there will be no dances moving forward. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate this to your

children before each of the upcoming dances.

We wish all of you a happy fall and would encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns as the school year unfolds. You can reach each teacher via email (see schools website for email addresses) or at (902) 345-4949.

Sincerely,
Lisette MacDonald,
Acting Principal

Meet the Teacher

Each year the staff at Richmond Education Centre/Academy hosts a "Meet the Teacher" night.

This year, our event will take place on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm. As in previous years, we'll provide some information about the school and introduce all staff

members so that parents and guardians can put a face to names that their children will talk about and bring paperwork home from during the next ten months.

We hope to see you there!

Meet the Teacher Night:
Wed., September 14th at
6:30 pm

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Dates of Interest

- Meet the Teacher Night: Wed., Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm
- School Photos (Grades 5-12): Mon., Sept. 12
- SAC Meeting: Thur., Sept. 22 3:15
- Terry Fox Run: Thurs., Sept. 22
- Inservice (No School): Fri., Sept. 23

Information Sharing with Department of Health and Wellness

Annually, students across Nova Scotia are offered services delivered by Public Health including the Grade 7 School Immunization Program, Pre-school Screening, Enhanced Vision Screening Program and Fluoride Mouthrinse Program. Public Health works with the education system to distribute information about these programs and obtain consent for student participation.

Occasionally, Public Health practitioners may need to contact parents/guardians of students where consent information is incomplete or unclear, or when a consent form has not been returned. Public Health will not con-

tact you if you have signed a consent form indicating you do not wish to have your child participate in one of these programs. The Strait Regional Centre for Education takes its responsibility for the protection of personal student and family information seriously and will share limited information such as names of parents/guardians and students, with Public Health for the purposes of operating these public health services for students.

All Regional Centres for Education in Nova Scotia share certain personal information about students and parents/guardians with the Department of

Health and Wellness, for the purposes of operating these programs. This information sharing is required by the Public Health Protection Act and is permitted by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act and an Information Sharing Agreement signed by the Regional Centre.

Please contact your local public health office if you have any questions about these public health programs. If you have any questions about how your information is shared, please feel free to contact your respective school or our Regional Centre's Information Access and Privacy Manager at 902-625-2191.

School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a legally recognized body composed of the principal and representatives of parents, students, teachers, support staff and community members who work together to enhance the quality of education provided by the school.

The goal of the SAC is to bring educational partners together to im-

prove learning, participate in continuous school improvement, advise on school policies, and encourage

First SAC Meeting:

Thur. Sept. 22 at 3:15 pm

positive relations between school, families, and the extended school community.

Our SAC meets 6 to 7 times per year. Each year, we hold our first meeting at a date and time set by the previous council. At the first meeting, convenient times for council members are discussed and meeting dates for the remainder of the year are set. Please contact the school if you are interested in joining our School Advisory Council!

School Insurance Program

Every eligible child attending public school in Nova Scotia is automatically insured by the School Insurance Program's Basic Plan student accident coverage. This coverage is provided without deductible and at no cost. Basic Plan coverage can cover things such as physiotherapy, dental and medical equipment expenses, up to policy limits.

However, if parents/guardians wish to purchase additional coverage, the Gold Plan increases the time that your child is covered to 24/7 including summer

vacations. Many of the specific loss accident payments are triple those of the Basic Plan.

Please visit www.sip.ca for policy & limit information and for more information on how to purchase the optional Gold Plan.

Who Do I Contact with Questions or Concerns?

1 Start with your child's teacher.

2 Follow up with the school principal, if required.

3 For general inquiries:

Please contact the Strait Regional Centre for Education where we will be happy to connect you with the right member of staff:

902-625-2191/1-800-650-4448
srce@srce.ca

4 For questions related to student behaviour and/or discipline:

Please contact Brian van den Heuvel, Coordinator of Student Discipline at 902-625-7065;
brian.vandenheuvel@srce.ca.

5 For all other matters and media inquiries:

Please contact Deanna Gillis, Coordinator of Communications at 902-625-7065;
deanna.gillis@srce.ca.

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Getting off to a Good Start

My name is Denise Chiasson and I will be your school counsellor. I am looking forward to seeing some familiar faces, as well as getting to know some new students. Wishing everyone a fantastic year. Things to remember...

1. Attendance: It is very important to attend on a regular, daily basis – you can't win it if you're not in it.

2. Punctuality: Be on time for all classes and activities. This is a life skill! Learning how and what to do happens at the beginning of class.

3. Early to Bed: Getting 8-10 hours of sleep every night makes it easier to be alert in school each day – scientists say so – not just your parents and teachers.

4. A Solid Breakfast: Proper eating habits affect learning. Every if you don't think you feel hungry, your body needs you to fuel it. We offer a breakfast program every day. Take advantage and put your brain in gear.

5. Good Study Habits: Use an agenda or your phone calendar to stay organized. Keep it up-to-date so you

know what you have to do and when things are due. Keep scribbles and binders organized so you can find what you need, when you need it! Have a quiet place to study and work on assignments and projects.

6. Listen! Ask!! Contribute in class by observing and listening to the teacher, and don't be afraid to ask questions or answer them.

7. Get Help!! Ask your teachers, your guidance counsellor, principal, vice-principal, or any staff member if you are experiencing difficulty. Ask about the peer tutoring program for extra help.

8. Plan Your Day: Know what books and materials you will need for each class, and make sure you have them before you get here. Keep your backpack and locker clutter free – clean them out on a weekly basis. Being prepared keeps you less stressed!

GRADS OF 2023: Throughout the year, I will continuously meet with all potential grads regarding their post-secondary plans. **Check out the "Post Secondary" page under the**

School Counsellor tab for more info!

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES: Although it might seem early, scholarships and bursaries will start being posted soon in Google Classroom and on the school website (reca.srce.ca). Grads should make it a habit to check the site weekly for new postings.

As the school year progresses, please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concern. You can reach guidance at (902)345-4949 or by email: denise.chiasson@srce.ca.