

# REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## April 2022 Newsletter

*Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month*

### Principal's Message

As Easter approaches, many Christians and Catholics spend the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week reflecting on the past year. The Lenten season is inspired by the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his own sacrifice. During this time, many people give up something they love such as a favorite food while others prepare for Easter by supporting others in different ways. We thank everyone who has contributed to this year's RND Share Lent campaign supporting the **Mer' Family** from Syria.

April marks another important milestone in the year - student registration. Students who plan on returning to RND or who are registering for the first time, should do so immediately as planning for course offerings is based on enrolment and already underway. Space in some high-demand courses cannot be guaranteed for late registrants. Register now to avoid disappointment.

Good luck to all those students who are awaiting responses from colleges and universities. Be sure to follow all steps of the process carefully. As some of you are graduating, we'll be starting the transition process for incoming grade nine students. We are hopeful to have a planned welcome event in advance of the next school year for our incoming class.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of both **Eliana Neema and Jaiden Mattice**, co-recipients of the Beacons of Hope Award for RND in 2021 – 2022 school year. These students were recognized for their many contributions to the RND community and for their hard work, commitment, kindness, compassion, and strength of character. We at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic School are very proud. Congratulations **Eliana and Jaiden!**

The winter sports season has concluded with all teams making the playoffs. Having fans back in the stands made the atmosphere and experience for our athletes far more exciting. I would like to thank all winter season coaches and athletes for your hard work and dedication. We now turn our attention to the fields, tracks, and tennis courts, as preparations for the spring season are well underway at RND.

The optional Spring uniform can be worn starting **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The RND uniform shop is closed but you can visit [McCarthy Uniforms - School and Workplace Uniforms](#) to purchase a spring uniform.

**SAVE THE DATE – JUNE GRADUATION.** Plans are in the works for a June graduation celebration, on **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**. We are hopeful for a more traditional graduation ceremony, but this will be based on provincial and local public health guidelines at the time. Stay up to date with school news by following us on:



@rndstudcouncil



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On behalf of the staff of RND I would like to wish all of you a happy Easter full of hope. May the risen Christ bring happiness to you and your family all year round.

**Paul Melim**

### **Holy Week and Easter take place this month!**

Let us finish strong in our Easter preparations with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

### **Almsgiving:**

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## Prayers:

Prayers continue for peace between the Ukraine and Russia.

Please pray for and with the **Kort family** of Belleville in their tragic loss of daughters **Maddy and Joni** over the March break and for the healing and comfort of the surviving family.

We pray for staff and students who have lost loved ones recently.

We pray in thanksgiving for the work of Reconciliation that has taken place recently in Rome with Pope Francis and delegates from the Inuit, Metis and First Nations representatives and for the apology from the Pope along with the ongoing commitment to admitting sorrow for the crimes of Residential schools/colonization and planning to come to Canada soon to continue that healing.

## Fasting:

May our big and little sacrifices this Lent help us to grow in holiness and help to make this world a better place.

Speaking of fasting: Our Muslim brothers and sisters are entering into the holy month of **Ramadan this month**. This often involves fasting from sunup to sundown from all food and water, breaking the fast at sunset in celebration with family and friends, more prayer and more alms giving. If you are fasting or have your sleep schedule upside down because of Ramadan please let your teachers/coaches know so that we can be sensitive and make accommodations where possible. *May you and your families have a very happy and blessed Ramadan. Happy Ramadan! Ramadan Kareem!*

Let us proclaim "Alleluia" on Easter Sunday - **April 17<sup>th</sup>** when we celebrate that "Christ is Risen!".

RND will celebrate its first set of masses since before Covid on **Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>** in two groups at St. John the Apostle Parish. More info to follow.

## Student Services

### Course Selection for 2022/23

By now all course selections should be complete. If a student has not yet submitted choices for next year, they should contact their guidance counsellor to discuss a plan immediately.

### School Registration and Course Selection 2022/23

RND is still accepting registrations for incoming students for Fall 2022. Student Services has reached out to families for supporting documentation and course selection forms for applications that have already been submitted.

## eLearning as Graduation Requirement

On **Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, families of grade 8, 9, and 10 ALCDSB received a letter from the Board Office that outlined the Ministry of Education's Policy and Program Memorandum 167. It proposed eLearning as a new graduation requirement for Ontario schools and described the associated opt-out process.

All students, beginning with grade 9s from the 2021-22 school year, must complete two eLearning courses in order to graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or OSSD. The online learning experienced by high school students in 2021-22 will count as one credit of eLearning earned by last year's grade 9s.

## Returns

If you are considering a victory lap after graduation, you must contact either **Ms. Gaudet or Mrs. Glancey Cox** ASAP. You will consult on your Intent to Return plan, which will include courses that you wish to take for your returning year. Once complete, prospective returners will meet with **Mr. Melim** for approval of their plan. If approved, the student will be re-activated in Aspen with courses for 2022/2023.

## Summer School eLearning

If you are interested in taking a course this summer, please book an appointment with **Mr. Ryan Poser**. During your meeting **Mr. Poser** will register you for chosen course. If you included this course in your course selection, let **Mr. Poser** know what course should be put in its place. If you have any questions please email **Mr. Poser** at [poser@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:poser@alcdsb.on.ca).

## St. Lawrence College Dual Credits

SLC and our Dual Credit teachers have been working to support our students who are taking dual credits this semester. If you are having any difficulties, please contact your guidance counsellor.

Typically, the SLC Dual Credit course options are available in Student Services in early April. Stay tuned for more information about the Dual Credit program for the 2022/2023 school year.

## Midterms to OUAC and OCAS

**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for Ontario secondary schools to report quadmester 4 final marks to OUAC and OCAS. Students should check their OUAC and/or OCAS accounts after that date to ensure accuracy. If there are any problems, students should notify their guidance counsellor immediately.

## Volunteer Hours for Graduation

Many grade 12s have not yet completed their volunteer hours required for Grad 2022. The Ministry of Education has amended the total number required from 40 to 20 hours for the Class of '22, in response to COVID protocols that may have interfered with volunteer opportunities. An email to these students and their parents/guardians will be sent in the first weeks of April.

## Volunteers Needed

The Kingston Road Runners Association Board will be holding this year's Limestone Race Weekend on **April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. The Limestone Race Weekend is a Kingston race series consisting of a variety of road races (half marathon, 10k, 5k and 2k) and will be taking place this year both in person and virtually.

Race organizers are looking for volunteers for tasks such as registration tables, water tables, set up, tear down etc. This could be a great opportunity for any students looking for volunteer hours (or who just would like to get involved in helping the community). If interested, contact **Sarah Naughton** at (613) 770-1271.

## Jobs with Elections Ontario

Are you 16 years of age or older? Want to know about the election process? Want to add to your resume and make some money? Apply today at [jobs.elections.on.ca](http://jobs.elections.on.ca).

## Virtual Discovery Day in Health Sciences at Queen's

RND students are invited to participate in the virtual *Discovery Day in Health Sciences* event, hosted by Queen's University on Friday, **May 27<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Discovery Day is considered an individual learning opportunity for **grade 9 - 11 students** interested in sciences. Meet facilitators and health care professionals online to explore careers in medicine and the health sciences. The day comprises exhibits, a keynote lecture, an interactive workshop, and a career panel Q&A session.

Interested students should contact their guidance counsellor in Student Services.

## Poetry Contest

The deadline for this year's annual Poetry Contest is **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Submit up to two entries and email to **Mr. Ows**. ([ows@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:ows@alcdsb.on.ca).) Cash prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in both Junior and Senior Divisions.

## Attention Gr. 11 Students

Course selections are coming up. Are you interested in exploring different modes of creative writing? If so, consider enrolling in the Grade 12 Writers Craft course for next year, course code: **EWC 4U1**.

**See Mr. Ows if you have any questions.**

## IB News

### Congrats!!

Congratulations to all Diploma students for completing their Extended Essays and Theory of Knowledge Essays. This is a tremendous amount of work!

### IB Exams

1. IB students in Year 1 and 2 are getting ready for IB Exams beginning **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Students are asked to check the Regi IB D2L page for the M22 Exam Calendar and Schedule.
2. Exam preparation continues through April. Students are asked to check with their subject teacher about scheduling mock exams.
3. Information about Awarding of Final IB Grades; Exam Guidelines and Protocols are available on the Regi IB D2L page.

### Predicted Grades and Internal Assessment

1. Internal Assessments and Predicted Grades for all subjects are due to IB for **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Student transcript of PG is available upon request. Please email IB Coordinator at [david@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:david@alcdsb.on.ca) after **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### Creativity, Activity, Service

Year 2 students should be meeting with the CAS Coordinator to update reflections and experiences.

### Extended Essays for Year 1 Begins!

Year 1 students will begin the Extended Essay process by selecting their subject and supervisor. An information meeting for all DP Year 1 students will take place in the third week of April. Students are required to read the **Extended Essay Guidelines** located on the Regi IB D2L page before beginning their EE.

## EQAO OSSLT Update

Results of the Fall OSSLT session show that our grade 11 students did very well overall—89.7% of students were successful on the literacy test! The Grade 10 Spring OSSLT took place **March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**, with results to be released in June.



## Graduation June 2022 Update

Potential June 2022 Graduates should mark their calendars with **Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2022** as their Graduation date! As of this moment we have no more details to share.

This year's grade twelve students will complete a Grad Intent form on the student Services D2L page. With this form, students indicate whether they intend to participate in the graduate ceremony, their graduation gown size, their number of attendees (max 4) and their plans for next year.

Also, this year's Grade 12 student fee is \$100, which includes the \$35 graduation fee; it covers gown rental and cap (you get to keep the cap). To confirm their participation in graduation, students are required to pay this fee using **School Cash Online**.

<https://alcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

## Mathlete News

The second round of Waterloo contests are coming up. The grade 9-11 contests are on **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** during period 1 in the cafetorium.

The grade 12 Euclid contest is on **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** during the morning in the library. Please confirm with **Mr. Santos** that you plan to write this contest.

## Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

All students registered in MTH1W (Grade 9 Destreamed Math) in **Quad 3** will write the EQAO exam on **Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>** in the library during their scheduled Math Course. Students should speak with their teacher if they have any questions about the exam.

Students are encouraged to attend the after-school Numeracy classes on **Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm** for extra preparation for the exams.

## Music Notes

### RND BANDS

Exciting news! The RND Senior Concert Band will be preparing a recording for MusicFest Nationals on **Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>** from 2:45 - 5pm in the cafeteria. Band members need to wear their band uniforms with sweater vests. The performance can be viewed at the MusicFest website ([www.musicfest.ca](http://www.musicfest.ca)) at the end of May.

The RND Senior and Junior Concert Bands will be heading to Canada's Wonderland for performances in the Wonderland Music Festival on **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Permission forms will be handed out at the end of April.



### MUSICAL THEATRE

RND is taking the stage with our production of **Disney's High School Musical**. This musical will be performed live with a real audience in the cafetorium!

Performance dates are: **Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. There will also be a matinee performance on **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of May through the school website. All ticket sales will be sold online, and you will have the ability to choose your seats.

Follow **RNDMusic** on Instagram and Twitter for all updates in the music department.

## 2022-23 Students' Council Elections

Anyone interested in running for a position on the 2022-23 Students' Council should attend an important meeting at lunch on **Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** in Room 210. The important dates for the election cycle are:

- **April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Complete Candidacy Declaration Form by noon
- **April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Campaign video submitted for approval. Banners are given to candidates
- **April 25-28<sup>th</sup>** – Campaign Week
- **April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Online Town Hall and voting

See **Mr. McDonald** or a member of the current Students' Council if you have any questions.

## Semi-Formal

The RND Spring Semi-Formal is scheduled for **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale in the Zarichny Commons at lunch.

## RND Merch

Get your all new RND Merch each Friday in the Zarichny Commons. You can also purchase your spirit wear using School Cash Online at [reginotredame.ca](http://reginotredame.ca). Online orders will be available for pick-up on the Friday following the purchase.



## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES Busing EXPIRES July 1st, 2022

All **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES** transportation expires annually on **July 1st**. If your child needs **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE** bussing in September, you need to **re-apply** prior to **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## Returning Grade 12 Students

Please notify **Student Services** by **June 24<sup>th</sup>** if a **current** Grade 12 student will be **returning** in September. This will ensure they do not lose transportation.

## Cancelled Services Due to Bus Driver Shortage

The frequency of bus cancellations has increased due to a provincial shortage of school bus drivers that has been exacerbated by the pandemic. As a result, school transportation services can be cancelled for various reasons and may occur with little notice. It is recommended that all families have alternative transportation and/or care plans and sign up to receive bus alerts by email or through the BusPlanner Delays App. If you have any questions, please contact **Madeline Bouvier** at 613 545-1902; ext. 2200.