

REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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December 2019 Newsletter

Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month

Principal's Message

Excitement is building for Matilda – secure your tickets now online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/36198> or through the RND website, www.reginotredame.ca.

I am so impressed with the work ethic and the collaboration of the many volunteers who come together to make stage magic happen. I can't wait for the show. This musical is bound to be fun for all ages.

Our fall sports season wrapped up, with many success stories, and the winter season is now underway. Our Field Hockey Team were KASSAA champions. There are so many clubs and curricular activities at RND. Find one that matches your interests and get involved.

Parents and guardians, please contact the school if your son or daughter will be away from classes. This really helps us to be accurate in our record-keeping and to let the teachers know if an absence is legitimate.

We are into our final two months of the first semester. Use this time, and the feedback provided on midterm report cards, to do the very best work that you can in your classes. The Academic Awards Assembly is a yearly event, but it is the culmination of the daily work and care put into coursework. We were pleased to have 400 students honoured at this year's gathering.

As December begins, we enter the Season of Advent, the season of lights. May we all be light for one another. We have had many guest speakers in to talk with us about various aspects of mental health and well-being. Through a connection with Dr. Sue Buchanan, we also have a series of wellness lunchtime talks, on subjects selected by our students, called "Got Yer Back." It's really important for each of us to take care of ourselves and one another. Let the light of God's love shine on and through us.

Terri Daniel

Pastoral Services

"A God who became so small, could only be mercy and love."
- St Therese of Lisieux

This Advent, let us prepare for the birthday of Jesus by preparing our hearts!" Follow along with this fun link to "Busted Halo"'s digital Advent Calendar! <https://advent.bustedhalo.com/>

Faith In Action Team (FIAT)

Fiat is Latin for 'Yes' or 'Let it be done!' If it wasn't for Mary saying yes to God's plan, we wouldn't have Christmas. Our Faith In Action Team (FIAT) takes its meaning from her example. This Advent we will be inviting classes to fill a stocking with supplies and treats for the adults, youth and women/children who find themselves like Mary and Joseph without a place of their own this Christmas. Items like Tim Horton's gift cards with the amount on them, mitts/hats, candy, socks, hygiene items, etc.

Weekly Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony

Your homerooms are invited to join Students' Council in the chapel each Monday to light the Advent candles as we anticipate Christmas!

Grade 10 religion classes' 'Healthy Relationship'

Visits continue this month. Some Religion classes will also be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation with **Friar Jim** who is here most **Wednesdays** for anyone who'd like to participate in this sacrament.

Advent Mass

Our community will gather to keep Christ in Christmas when we gather to pray and celebrate the Eucharist in the CND Gym on **Wednesday, December 18th** at 9:30am.

Student Services

Reminder for Students Applying to University

The deadline for Ontario secondary school students to submit completed online applications to OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) is **January 15th, 2020**. Because of the high volume of applications received prior to this date, RND students are strongly encouraged to complete their application prior to the Christmas Holidays.

Students are encouraged to make an appointment with their guidance counselor if they need any further assistance with their application. Students must pick up their OUAC PIN in Student Services in order to apply.

Students applying to out-of-province universities must inform **Mrs. Warren** before final exams so deadlines for transcripts can be met.

Reminder for Students Applying to College

Applications received and paid for on or before **February 1st, 2020** will be given equal consideration by the colleges. Because of the high volume of applications received each year, RND students are strongly encouraged to complete their application prior to the Christmas Holidays. After **February 1st, 2020**, applications are still processed but will be considered by the colleges on a first-come, first-served basis. It is unlikely that an application for a highly competitive program to be considered after the deadline.

Students are encouraged to make an appointment with their guidance counselor if they need any further assistance with their application.

Semester Two Co-op Students

Any student in grade 11 or 12, who has co-op in their semester two timetable, should be searching for an appropriate co-op placement with the help of family and friends. If you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Lott** or **Mr. Farrell** in Student Services.

Winter Dual Credits

There are limited spots still available in some dual credit courses. If interested, please contact **Ms. Lott at extension 2527**.

Grade 8 Visits

Guidance counsellors have been visiting partner schools of RND for the last two weeks and will complete the visits by the first week in December. Students receive registration packages and direction for the course selection process for the 2020/21 school year. Completed registration packages for partner-school students are due in Student Services by **Thursday,**

January 9th, 2020. Registrants from non-partner schools must complete registration materials by **Thursday, January 30th, 2020**.

Grade 8 Night 2019

Parents interested in learning more about what Regiopolis-Notre Dame CHS has to offer their children should attend Grade 8 Night on **Thursday, January 16th, 2020**. An information session about the International Baccalaureate Program will be from **5:30 to 6:20pm** in the Upper Room. The general information portion of the evening will be from **6:30 to 7:15pm** in the Cafetorium, and it will be followed by an open house from **7:15 to 8:00pm**.

Literacy Update

All grade ten students, and students who have not yet completed the OSSLT graduation requirement, completed a practice test in October. Students received feedback on this test, and next steps for improvement, in November. In the New Year, we will offer after-school classes to help prepare students for the reading and writing components of the test. All test-writers are welcome, and we will send letters home with students identified as needing extra support. There is lots of information about the test, and practice questions for students, at eqao.com. Please contact **Mr. Woolley** or your child's guidance counsellor anytime if you have any questions.

2019 Mathlete Awards

Our mathletes were zone champions across 5 school boards in 3 Waterloo Math Contests and second place in another 3 contests.

Pascal Medal winner & Certificate of Distinction: **Kevin Lui**.
Pascal Certificates of Distinction: **Alexandra Lee, Pyper Woodman**.
Pascal Honors Certificate: **Erya Xu**.

Cayley Medal winner & Certificate of Distinction: **Lucas Olmstead**.
Cayley Certificates of Distinction: **Anna Maria Aji Thomas, Laurie Yuzichuk**.
Cayley Honors Certificates: **Lily Rich, Ella Hsu, Isaiah Koziar, Isobel Moore**.

QLSMA Math Challenge Champions: **Lucas Olmstead, Ella Hsu, Isaiah Koziar**.

Canadian Intermediate Math Contest: **Lucas Olmstead, Ann Maria Aji Thomas**.

The following mathletes were the top Fermat (Gr. 11) team champions across 5 school boards in Eastern Ontario;

Fermat & QSLMA Medal winner & Certificate of Distinction: **Trevor Shillington**.
QLSMA Medal winners & Certificates of Distinction: **Alvin Aji Thomas, Kylie Meyerman**.

Fermat Honors Certificates: **Donovan Bisson, Tanner Ozcan**.

Fryer Medal & Certificate of Distinctions: **Kevin Lui, Erya Xu.**

The following mathletes were the Galois Champions across 5 school boards in Eastern Ontario;

Galois Medal & Certificate of Distinction: **Lucas Olmstead.**
Galois Honors Certificate: **Isobel Moore, Isaiah Koziar, Laurie Yuzichuk, Avery Marcella, Alexia Oriecuia.**

Hypatia Medal & Certificate of Distinction: **Trevor Shillington.** Hypatia Honors Certificates: **Alvin Aji Thomas, Donovan Bisson, Abigail Berube.**

Euclid & QSLMA Medal & Certificate of Distinction: **Alexander Nediak.** QSLMA Euclid Medals: **Catia Farquharson, Nathan Pinder.**

Last year, our grade 12 mathletes won the Euclid Championship across 5 school boards in Eastern Ontario for the third year in a row

EQAO

EQAO dates are **January 16th and January 17th, 2020**

Regi Reads

We are just getting ready to begin our journey through the, **The Forest of Reading Program.** This reading program offers high school-aged teens the opportunity to read the best of Canada's recent young adult fiction titles. The New titles will arrive soon and will be on display in the Library. This reading program runs from **mid-November until the middle of April** which gives students ample opportunity to read as many titles as they wish. Voting will be held during the month of April and all votes must be submitted online by **April 30, 2020.** To be eligible to vote you must read a minimum of five books from the list. The winner of the White Pine Award will be announced at the Festival of Trees in Toronto on May. For more details see **Mrs. Merjavec** or **Mrs. Evans** in the library.

Winner of the White Pine Award 2019: ★The Agony of Bun O'Keefe ★ Written by Heather Smith.

Books Nominated For The 2019 White Pine Award

All Our Broken Pieces Written by L.D. Crichton

Baggage Written by Wendy Phillips

Beauty of the Moment Written by Tanaz Bhatena

Comics Will Break Your Heart Written by Faith Erin Hicks

Crown of Feathers Written by Nicki Pau Preto

Field Guide to the North American Teenager Written by Ben Philippe

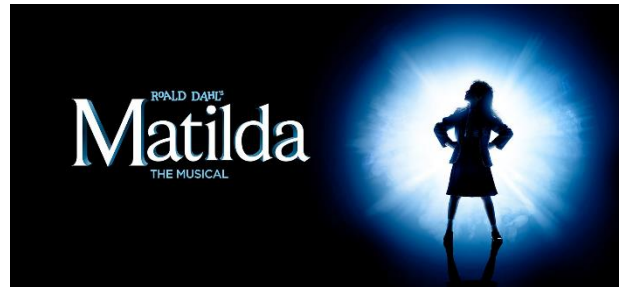
The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali Written by Sabina Khan

Sadie Written by Courtney Summers

Synchro Boy Written by Shannon McFerran

We Contain Multitudes Written by Sarah Henstra

A display will be set up in the library to showcase these books, as soon as they arrive.



Matilda Tickets On Sale

Get Yours Before They Are Gone!

Matilda is the award-winning musical by Dennis Kelly and Tim Minchin, based on the book by Roald Dahl. Plan to attend the staging of Matilda, a fun and heartwarming musical presented by a most talented cast of RND students. See a group of young students stand up against their cruel headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and find out what happens when Matilda takes matters at home into her own hands. The show goes up at 7pm nightly in the RND cafeterium from **Wednesday, December 11th to Saturday, December 14th.** Cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for students. Saturday also features a special 1:30pm matinee. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and \$6 for children under 12.

Tickets are available online through the RND website www.reginotredame.ca and will be sold in the student common at lunch from **December 2nd – 13th.**

The Bill McLeod Memorial Wrestling Tournament At RND

The Bill McLeod Memorial Wrestling tournament is being held on **December 5th** in memory of Bill who was a grade 11 RND student who was murdered in 1986. This tournament, which will be hosting teams from Quebec, Ottawa, Trenton and Toronto has been running for 30 consecutive years.



Student Council

In the blink of an eye November has ended, and the festive month of December has arrived! This past month was filled with many exciting events. On **November 7th**, eight panthers took a trip on the RND Blood bus and seven of them were successfully able to donate! Next, we had our Remembrance Day ceremony on **November 11th** to commemorate our fallen soldiers. Our guest speaker James Dawe inspired some deep thinking about the meaning of Remembrance Day while our school choir and band provided soulful music. On **November 20th**, our grade nines headed over to Lady of Fatima Parish with **Mary Elaine** for the annual grade nine day retreat! On this same day, the RND community came together in the CND gym to celebrate the academic success of our students at the Academic Awards ceremony. We ended off this month with a successful Christmas Movie Night on **November 28th** watching Home Alone!

In December we have three fun filled weeks leading up to Christmas Break! Here are some important dates:

Advent Liturgy December 2nd (continue every Monday until Christmas!) All homeroom classes are welcome.

RND Blood Bus December 5th @11-1pm

Christmas Coffeehouse December 6th @6pm

Skating at the Memorial Centre December 20th @10-11am. Please bring a helmet!

Spirit Week December 16th - 20th

Monday: Jersey Day with Uniform (Candy Cane hunt at lunch)

Tuesday: Ugly Christmas Sweater with Uniform (Santa photos at lunch)

Wednesday: Mass Day- Full Uniform (Karaoke at lunch)

Thursday: Cozy Day (Hot Chocolate at lunch)

Friday: Red and Green Day (Skating at the memorial centre in period 2)

Reminder to follow us on social media @rndstudcouncil.

2019 KGH Auxiliary Teddy Bear Campaign *Show children you care*

Your support will make a difference in the lives of many children treated at the Kingston General Hospital (KGH) and Hotel Dieu Hospital sites of Kingston Health Sciences Centre.

These young patients face challenges we cannot imagine.

Your kind sponsorship will support much-needed patient care equipment for the inpatient pediatrics unit at the KGH site. Your generosity will also deliver a message of hope and comfort, in the form of a teddy bear, to children in hospital.



Sponsorship forms are available at the KGH Auxiliary Office at the KGH site of Kingston Health Sciences Centre or by calling 613.549.6666 ext. 6352

Thank you to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 560 and Ladies Auxiliary to RCL Branch 560 whose generous financial contributions cover the cost of this year's campaign.





The Cathedral Of St. Mary Of The Immaculate Conception Winter Coat Drive

The Coat Drive had 150 visitors in the first 50 minutes of operation this year. As a result The Cathedral Of St. Mary Of The Immaculate Conception is in very short supply of coats this year. Please check your closets for any winter coats or warm articles that you no longer use which are still in good shape and consider donating them. They are in real need of men's and women's coats, size L, XL, XXL.) You can drop your donation off in the main office of Regiopolis Notre Dame, **Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday

