

REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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February 2021 Newsletter

Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month

Principal's Message

Let me begin by wishing outgoing principal **Terri Daniel** the very best as she takes on her new role as Principal of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. I have had the privilege of working with Terri for several years and I have always admired her professionalism, dedication, and compassion for staff, students and families. I would like to thank Terri for her support to ensure a smooth transition for Regiopolis-Notre Dame.

I am both grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve the Regiopolis-Notre Dame community as principal. As an alumnus, I am aware of the rich traditions that makes RND such a unique and distinguished school. I look forward to working with the staff, students, and supportive parent community at Regiopolis-Notre Dame. I am especially pleased to welcome back **Mrs. Gallant** who returns after six years as vice-principal of Holy Cross. Having worked with both **Mrs. Besselink and Mrs. Gallant**, I am certain that our combined dedication to and knowledge of our school community will be invaluable going forward.

Although we begin the second half of the school year under exceptional circumstances, we have proven to be resilient. Our staff and students have done a remarkable job since the beginning of the school year. Students should now be settling into Octomester 5 and are reminded to reach out for assistance when needed. Senior students must remember to meet all post-secondary application deadlines and to maintain their academic efforts throughout the semester.

We would like to thank and wish **Mr. Ruffolo, Mr. Compeau-Halladay, Mr. Akbari, Ms. Scovill, and Mrs. Marshall-Prior** all the best as they move on from RND. We welcome back **Ms. Smith, Mrs. Broekhoven, Ms. Withers and Ms. Ross**.

Mr. Paul Melim,
Principal

Pastoral Services

The Pope's monthly intention for February is: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Black History Month - The United Nations' have declared 2015-2024 as the [International Decade for People of African Descent \(2015-2024\)](#). Students will be supporting BHM with daily announcements and students continue to meet virtually as part of the Intouch_2020 and with our mentors from the African Caribbean Students Association. Contact **Mary Elaine** in the chapel or the Intouch group on Instagram if you have ideas or want to help out!

Ash Wednesday kicks off Lent on **February 17th**. There will be a virtual liturgy of the word but the distribution of ashes is still to be determined.

Student Services

IMPORTANT DATES

College/University Applicants for Fall 2021

February 1st is the deadline for Ontario College Applications (www.ontariocolleges.ca) for equal consideration.

February 11th is the deadline for updated transcript upload to OCAS and OUAC.

Guidance Appointments

Online booking for guidance appointments IS available. If a Remote Learner wants an appointment, they should book through Appointments on their D2L page. Guidance counsellors will send a Teams link in advance of the scheduled meeting time.

Octomester 5 Timetables

To view octomester 5 courses in Maplewood, students must click “Timetable” at the top of the screen then “This Year” then “Summary”. The schedule now reflects octomesters for semester 2, so students must change the view to “Term 1”. The bottom of the timetable will show the class for octomester 5 (semester 2, period 1); this information will also include Teacher’s name and room number.

Changes to Semester 2 Timetables

All students must remain in classes assigned on their timetable. If a course change is needed, students should book an appointment online with their guidance counsellor.

We will continue use of our official “Wait list” for any course that is full and will notify students if spots become available before **February 5th**.

The deadline for octomester 5 course changes is **Friday, February 5th, 2021**.

Grade 8 Students Heading to RND

Parents of Grade 8 students, who are interested in attending Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School for the 2021/2022 school year but missed Virtual Parent Night, can view the presentation on the RND YouTube channel. Find it on the RND website at reginotredame.ca.

Online registration packages are also available via the link on the Regi website or through the ALCDSB site. The deadline for registration packages was **January 29th**, but to account for a process complicated by Covid-19 protocols, registrations are still being accepted.

MyBlueprint online course selection for partner school students should be complete by **Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021**.

Course Selection - 2020/2021 School Year

The course selection process will begin the week of **February 8th** for grades nine, ten, eleven, and Gr12 Returners. Classes will meet with Student Services for grade-specific presentations and will make their choices using MyBlueprint. Grade meetings will be scheduled over Teams for all Remote Learners. The dates for all meetings will take place in **February and early March**.

Parents/guardians should be aware of their child’s courses for their upcoming school year. Your child should show you their submitted courses for approval. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child’s guidance counsellor.

Students, who wish to return for a fifth year, will officially register for 2020/2021 **in March**. Student Services will share

the necessary steps of this process once course selection is completed for all other grades.

eLearning in Octomester 5

By now students taking a course through eLearning should have received a welcome email from their teacher. In Person Learners should report to the Library on **Tuesday, February 2nd** so an appropriate learning space can be designated for them. Students can stay at home to complete these courses.

Students must log in daily. These courses move quickly; therefore, it is easy to put credits at risk.

Dual Credits for Semester 2

Student enrolled in dual credits for semester 2 should have received notification from their SLC teachers by now. Integrated courses (students in class with SLC students) began in late January and congregated courses (classes with only high school students) begin the first week of February. Due to Covid-19 protocols, the start of some courses has been delayed. Questions or concerns should be directed to **Mr. Poser** in Student Services at poser@alcdsb.on.ca.

If students are still interested in dual credit, they should contact **Mr. Poser** as there are still some spots available.

Co-operative Education (Co-op)

All RND co-op students (octo5 and 6 or full semester) will be in class for the first week of octomester 5 before placements begin. They should report to Room 109 during their learning blocks.

Young Authors Awards

Avery Marcella, Sienna Matheson, Alexander Nam, Hannah Darling, and Alexandra Lee are the winners of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association's Provincial Young Authors Awards. The awards are given out for exemplary pieces of writing in the categories of short story, poem, play and non-fiction. Each of these students were first successful in winning at the local level of ALCDSB. Their work was then entered into the provincial competition where they again won. Congratulations!

2020 – 2021 STUDENT FEES

Please note that Student Fees must be paid online. Unfortunately due to the Covid pandemic, lockers, RND T-shirt, Students' Council sponsored extra-curricular activities and charitable non-uniform days will be delayed. It is our expectation that we will be able to return to a normal school routine in the near future.

Grade 9 Student Fees (\$80 with yearbook, \$55 without yearbook)

This fee for grade 9 students includes a student activity card, RND t-shirt, a school approved combination lock, face mask and a yearbook. The Student Activity Card is necessary for participation in Students' Council sponsored extra-curricular activities and also covers four non-uniform days. The card also entitles students to discounts from various local merchants. The Grade 9 Student Fee without yearbook is \$55.

Grade 10 and 11 Student Fees (\$60 with yearbook, \$35 without yearbook)

This fee for grade 10 and 11 students includes a student activity card, face mask and a yearbook. The Student Activity Card is necessary for participation in Students' Council sponsored extra-curricular activities and also covers four non-uniform days. The card also entitles students to discounts from various local merchants. The Grade 10 and 11 Student Fee without yearbook is \$35.

Grade 12 Student Fees (\$95 with yearbook, \$70 without yearbook)

This fee for grade 12 students includes a Student Activity Card, face mask, 2021 graduation fee and a yearbook. The Student Activity Card is necessary for participation in Students' Council sponsored extra-curricular activities and also covers four non-uniform days. The card also entitles students to discounts from various local merchants. The Class of 2021 graduation fee covers the grad gown rental and a Class of 2021 grad photo. The Grade 12 Student Fee without yearbook is \$70.

Waterloo Math Contests

Mathletes will be writing Waterloo Math contests in school or virtually on **February 23rd, 2021**. For the first time, the University of Waterloo has prepared for the case that schools might be in a shutdown later. If your child has not yet let **Mr. Santos** know that he/she would like to write the Waterloo math contests, please email him by **February 9th** in order to register your child. Students cannot register or get the online link on their own. Registration must go through a high school. Mathletes are being coached online on weekends.

The Waterloo medal winners and recipients of Certificates Of Distinction from the 2020 Waterloo Math contests



Left to right: Levi Prost, Asher Herx, Shianna Buchanan, Delaney Beacock, Lorelei Secrieru, Erya Xu, Beatrix Lau, Suzie Pinder, Ella Hsu, Isaiah Koziar, Lucas Olmstead

Music Notes

All grade 9 students who took music in Octomester 2 are reminded to return their RND instrument to the music room as soon as possible.

Our junior band and senior band virtual rehearsals are still going strong in 2021. If you'd like to participate in either of these awesome ensembles, please see **Mrs. Lord** in the music room (123) any day after school! Senior band rehearses Monday from 4:15 - 5:45 and Junior Band rehearses Tuesdays from 4:15 - 5:45.

Do you know a student coming into grade 9 at RND in September? Help us spread the word about the amazing experiences you can have when you take music class. Check out all the important information about music on the school website and don't forget to subscribe to RND's Youtube Channel where you can find videos of the 2020 Broadway Gala, the CAPP A Awards, and the Music Department's Christmas Concert!

Connecting with RND Music

[http://www.alcgsb.on.ca/School/regi/Pages/sbpgArtsMusic.aspx#/=](http://www.alcgsb.on.ca/School/regi/Pages/sbpgArtsMusic.aspx#/)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFpxk_uPG-ugezCe01m6_gQ

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @RNDmusic

Students' Council

Welcome back, Panthers! We are so happy to see students back at school. Before we dive into the February news, let's recap December! During the last few weeks before the winter holidays, student council put together a virtual Christmas Coffeehouse! It was so enjoyable to watch everyone share their amazing talents with the RND community. The coffeehouse is posted on our YouTube channel – go check it out! We also had Christmas spirit week! Unfortunately, Monday and Tuesday were exam days, but we made up for it in the last few days. We had cozy day on the Wednesday, tropical tourist day on the Thursday and lastly ugly Christmas sweater day on the Friday! As a school, we wanted to give back to the local community, so throughout Christmas spirit week we asked students and staff to bring in non-perishable food items. We want to thank everyone who participated in our events. We look forward to organizing more events this year!

The month of January was almost entirely virtual learning. This meant that students and staff had to teach and learn from home. It was obviously a huge transition for many of us, but we are so proud of our school for rocking it! We would like to thank all classes that participated in the RND Trivia Kahoot. We will be reaching out to the winners from each class.

Looking forward, we are excited to see what February has to offer. We will be hosting a virtual Valentine's Day coffee house and we will officially begin second semester as we enter octomester 5. Student council is brainstorming fun and safe activities to bring to the school that we can't wait to share. Reach out to us if you have any ideas you would like to share!

We are still looking for students who are 17 years old to donate blood. If this is something you're interested in, please reach out to our Faith Representative, Autumn Thorp.

Stay tuned for more information and be sure to follow us on social media! Instagram and Twitter: @rndstudcouncil

Driver Education Course

Offered by
The Omni-Lateral Driver Education Centre Inc.
1 877-533-9507

Theory Classes start date is **February 24th, 2021**. The theory component will be done via e-learning. You will be able to progress at your own pace. You will receive further instructions from the Omni-Lateral office upon registration.

In-Vehicle Classes; Each student will drive for 10 hours. Driving times will be arranged at the student's convenience. Successfully completing the course will reduce the period of Level One in graduated licensing from 12 months to 8 months as well as giving the graduate the usual insurance benefits.

To Sign Up: To ensure your placement on this course, be sure to leave your name on the sign-up sheet in the main office at Regiopolis-Notre Dame.

Payment: \$685.00 (\$606.19 + \$78.81 HST)
You may break the course fee into two payments. An e-transfer of \$342.50 is due upon registration and commencement of the course.

For further information, please contact Omni-Lateral Driver Education Centre at 1 877-533-9507

Regiopolis Notre-Dame French Club



THE MISSION: THE FRENCH CLUB AIMS TO PROMOTE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND FRANCOPHONE CULTURES THROUGH ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND MUCH MORE!

HOW DO I JOIN?

The meetings will be run by students and teacher(s). If you would like more information or would like to register, send an e-mail to beliveau@alcdsb.on.ca

WHO AND WHERE?


Open to everyone, at all levels of French!
The French Club will meet twice a month in Room 209.

Activities include: French cooking, French movies, French music, French karaoke contest, French Board games, French arts & crafts, French books

*Language shapes the way we think,
And determines what we can think about.*
-Benjamin Lee Whorf

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is coming up on **February 24th**. Students and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing a pink shirt **WITH** the uniform. The theme for this year's Pink Shirt Day is "***Be Safe, Be Kind, Be You.***" All shirt sales support anti-bullying and positive mentoring programs. You can support the campaign by purchasing a pink shirt, or by donating. The deadline to purchase a shirt is **February 3rd**. Go to this link to purchase: <https://bgc-kingston-2021-pink-shirt-day.myshopify.com/>



COVID-19 Update for Schools

Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health at KFL&A Public Health is asking everyone to consider voluntary, asymptomatic testing for COVID-19 if you:

- have travelled outside of the region (i.e., beyond Hastings, Prince Edward, Leeds, Grenville, or Lanark counties),
- have had visitors from outside the region, or
- have moved to the region in the last 14 days.

This asymptomatic testing initiative is being recommended in the KFL&A region, as KFL&A Public Health has received a lab confirmed B.1.1.7 case, a new, more easily transmissible variant of COVID-19 that was first found in the United Kingdom.

The recommendation is to monitor closely for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested 5 to 7 days post return to the KFL&A area, even if no symptoms have developed. Students and staff do not need to isolate while waiting for results of *asymptomatic* testing.

Tests can be booked at the:

- COVID-19 Assessment Centre – Beechgrove Complex, 51 Heakes Lane, or
- COVID-19 Assessment Centre Lennox & Addington – LACGH Westdale Campus, 12 Richmond Park Dr. Napanee.

Please remain vigilant and continue to adhere to public health measures over the coming weeks and months as schools begin in-person learning. The continued efforts of individuals and families to stay home, stay local, and to not travel unless for essential purposes will help keep the number of positive cases low in our area and help our community stay safe until vaccines are available to all.

*Note: International travel requires a mandatory 14 day quarantine upon return.

