

REGIOPOLIS-NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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January 2020 Newsletter

Newsletter is issued at the beginning of each month

Principal's Address

Happy New Year! I hope that all RND community members were able to find a bit of quiet, amidst family time, in the Christmas Season. As we begin the new year, may we all find the resolve and optimism central to achieving the best possible results for the end of Semester One. We continue to pray for those in our community – staff and students – who struggle with their well-being. We need you, value you, miss you and hope for a speedy return to physical, mental and spiritual health.

Our school experienced an incomprehensible loss, **Maranda Mitchell**. As we continue to struggle with grief after losing a friend and classmate to a brief illness, we turn to our faith for solace. We trust that Maranda is in God's embrace in Heaven and that He will also support Maranda's family, especially Lisa, Randy and Damien, and friends in their sorrow.

We will have teachers finish their assignments at the end of this semester and others return to us. For anyone moving on to another assignment, we thank you and wish you all the best. Details will be shared once they are available.

Congratulations to the cast, crew, volunteers and staff supervisors of **Matilda** – a wonderful production. **Mr. Cunningham**, **Mrs. Lord**, and **Mr. Murphy**, the many staff, students and volunteers who made this show magic, thanks for taking on this extracurricular commitment in a time of labour uncertainty. We live in faith, hope and optimism and, as a result of your hard work, our school benefitted from yet another topnotch musical. It is amazing what talent, dedication and commitment will produce – professionalism beyond what anyone could expect of a high school production. To the cast and pit band, you were each amazing and right on point. Bravo to one and all. Thank you to the crew for enhancing the RND experience. We are grateful for our vibrant RND Arts community and thank them for sharing their time and talents.

This month, we look forward to our **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Mass** and the **Memorial Games**. And then, we focus on culminating activities and final exams. Maybe not in that order. Looking forward to the Roaring Twenties and all the blessings this new decade may bring.

God bless!

Pastoral Services

The mass for the feast of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys will take place in the CND gym on **Tuesday January 14th at 9:30 am**.

Student Services

Timetables for Semester 2

Students are reminded to review their timetables for second semester by logging into their Maplewood account. Additional sections of courses have been added to semester 2 and some classes have been split. As a result, student timetables could look different since the beginning of the school year. If students need to make other changes, they should book an appointment with their guidance counsellor ASAP to avoid scheduling conflicts. There is a waitlist already for several semester 2 courses.

Reminder for students applying to Ontario Colleges and/or Ontario Universities

Applications received and paid for on or before **February 1st, 2020** will be given equal consideration by the **Colleges**. After **February 1st, 2020**, applications are still processed but are considered by the Colleges on a first-come, first-served basis. The College application can be found on www.ontariocolleges.ca.

The deadline for **University applications** through OUAC is **January 15th, 2020**. The University application can be found on www.ouac.on.ca. Students are encouraged to see their guidance counsellor if they have any questions or concerns.

All applications require payment to be submitted. A confirmation email receipt will be issued upon payment.

If you are applying to a post-secondary institution outside of Ontario and require a transcript, please see **Mrs. Warren** in Student Services.

Grade 8 School Visits

Guidance Counsellors recently finished visits to Grade 8 classes from our partner schools. Registration packages and course selection sheets were distributed at that time. Our grade 8 students will complete their course selection using myBlueprint, an online planner found on their ALCDSB homepage. Course selection should be completed by **Thursday, January 9th** and registration packages are due to Student Services by **Thursday, January 16th**.

Course Selection for 2020-2021 School Year

Students will begin the course selection process at the beginning of semester two. Homeroom and period 2 classes will visit Student Services, where students will select courses using the online planner, myBlueprint. Student Services will start with the grade nines and tens, wrapping up with the grade elevens. All students can access myBlueprint on their RND homepage, so we encourage parents and guardians to begin those conversations in anticipation of course selection being activated at semester start. Students are encouraged to meet with their guidance counsellor if they have any questions or concerns.

Grade 8 Parent Information Night

Regiopolis-Notre Dame's Grade 8 Information Night will be held on **Thursday, January 16th**. Presentations will include academic, extra-curricular and enrolment information. The presentation will take place at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria followed by an open house of classrooms and displays in the school from 7:15 to 8:00pm. Students and parents interested in information on the International Baccalaureate Program should plan to attend an information session beginning at 5:30 pm 6:20 pm in the Upper Room.

Regi Reads

We are just beginning 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 have arrived and are on display on the circulation desk in the Library. This reading program runs from mid-December 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 30th, 2019**. 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 the staff 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 Bhathena

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

EQAO

January 16, and 17, 2020.

The EQAO Mathematics Testing

The EQAO Mathematics testing will take place on **Jan 16th and 17th, 2020**. Attendance is mandatory for all students registered in grade nine applied or academic mathematics.

RND offers after school help in mathematics on **Wednesdays** from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 234 for Grade 9 Academic students, and on **Mondays** from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 234, for Grade 9 Applied students.

If parents have any concerns or questions regarding the EQAO Mathematics Assessments, please contact their child's classroom teacher or **Mrs. Raposo** at 613-545-1902 ex.3049.

IB News

- 1) IB students are reminded to book an appointment with **Mr. David** if you want to change your IB pathway.
- 2) Students submitting work to IB for the **May 2020** session are reminded to follow the guidelines described on the handout "Student Submission of Work to IB **May 2019**". Students are also reminded to submit the Candidate Consent form to their teachers for every sample of work being submitted to IB. Copies of the form are on the Regi IB D2L page.
- 3) Grade 12 IB Students will upload the following components on **February 6th** in Period 4 in the Library: TOK Essay and Form TK/PPF, Extended Essay and Form EE/RPPF, English Written Assignment, and French Written Assignment. All documents must be ready to upload at this time.
- 4) Grade 8 Information Night is **January 16th**, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. There will be an hour long presentation followed by a Q & A.

Mental Health Ambassadors

Art Battle Results

Thank you to all participants and supporters of Art Battle 2019. The theme of "hope" resulted in awe-inspiring paintings from our competitors. As usual the audience witnessed creativity in action, just one example of a healthy stress-busting strategy.

This year's winner of the "Movie Night for Two" was **Avery Goreglad** (gr.11). Additionally, honourable mention and Starbucks cards went to **Anna Faaren** (gr.12), and **Alexandra Lee** (gr.10) for their entries. Lastly, MHA wishes to extend a special thank you to our judges **Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Besselink, and Mr. White.**

Beat Exam Blues

Once again, the Mental Health Ambassadors will host lunch hour activities to keep exam stress at bay from **January 13th to January 17th**. Get ready for therapy dogs, KanJam, contests, candy, and more. Let's take advantage of this week and "beat exam blues".

Student Council January Newsletter

Welcome back, hopefully everyone had a merry Christmas! Just like that, 2019 has flown by. Our final month of the year was very short, however full of spirited activities from Advent Liturgies to skating at the Memorial Centre. Our Advent Liturgies ran every Monday with lots of attendance and student and teacher participation. On **December 5th**, nine panthers donated blood! **December 6th**, we had a Christmas coffee house with many talented performers. Students had a chance to vote on the Semi-Formal for this year, and the theme is Casino Royal! We ended December on a high note with a great Christmas spirit week!

Upcoming events and dates in January:

Tickets for Semi-Formal – tickets for Semi will continue to be sold every day in the student commons until exams and will then resume after until **February 14th**. Tickets will cost **\$25**. The ticket includes food, drinks and photos.

Guest tickets for Semi-Formal – This year we are opening Semi to students from other schools. We have begun to sell guest tickets for **\$25**. The Regi student who wishes to bring a guest will need to sign a form saying they are responsible for the actions of their guest. The guests' principal will be notified and must give written consent.

Climate change speakers from Queen's - On **January 9th**, two Queen's students who are members of Queens' Backing Action on Climate Change (QBACC) will be coming to our school during third period to talk about the climate crisis, large scale solutions, and community initiatives.

Peter Carty Memorial - January 17th, the annual boys' basketball memorial will be held at Regi. Juniors at 5:30 p.m. and Seniors at 7:00 p.m.

Music Notes

Congratulations to the cast, crew, pit band, and production team on a successful run of "Matilda". Audiences were thrilled to see our cast handle drama, comedy, and storytelling like professionals.

Highlights include: **Jan Batuta's** opening riff in "Revolting Children", **Madi Miernik's** fierce dancing and singing in "Loud", **Dominic Kilpatrick** bringing the house down in "Smell of Rebellion", **Noah Salomons'** passion for television in "All I Know", **Kylie Meyerman** pulling at the heartstrings in "My House" and of course **Michaela van der Hoeven's** confident execution of "Naughty" every night!

Up next for our musical theater folks will be Broadway Gala in May. Don't miss it!

The RND Senior Concert Band will be performing at the Grade 8 information night on **January 16th** at 6pm in the cafetorium. We hope to see many prospective music students there - come visit us after the info session in room 123.

The music department is still selling chocolates for \$2 to fundraise for our trip to NYC in April. We will also be selling chocolates at Walmart on **Saturday, February 1st** from 10-6 in the main lobby. Come visit us for a sweet treat!