



RUTLAND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL March-April 2019

V O O D O O N E W S

- ★ **Interim Week** – March 4-8 with interim reports sent to all parents, either via email or handed to students for them to bring home. Please watch for them.
- ★ **Early Dismissal** – Wednesday, March 13th at 1:15 pm for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ★ **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held March 13th from **5:00 -7:00 pm** in the RSS gym and other areas of the school. If you are unable to attend that evening but wish to speak to your child's teacher, please go to the school website, and under Staff Directory you will be able to connect with them via email.
- ★ **Yearbooks** are still available to purchase \$40 through School Cash Online: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com> Deadline is March 31.
- ★ **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL is coming to RSS!** Under the artistic direction of Jo Ward, musical direction of Jeff Saunders and choreographed by Chantelle Manzuik, this extra-curricular production involves over fifty students from grade 9 – 12 as either performers or members of the crew. Shows are on Tues.5th, Weds.6th, Thurs.7th and Fri.8th March. Doors open for general seating at 6:30pm – shows starts at 7pm. There will be one, short intermission during which refreshments from the RSS Culinary Arts program will be served (included in the ticket price). This fun and colorful show is suitable for all ages. Tickets are \$15 available at RSS (on sale during lunchtime) or at the door (cash or check only please). Or, pre-order tickets by emailing your requests to joanne.ward@sd23.bc.ca
- ★ **Vancouver Opera Trip:** any students interested in going to Vancouver on May 1 to see “La Cenerentola” (Cinderella) opera, please see Ms. Kacy in room 2048. Join the Google Classroom code: #ylvysxz for more information.
- ★ Check out the **RSS counselling** website for more information on scholarships and bursaries. REMIND messages are regularly being sent to students with information about upcoming scholarships. As well, reminders about scholarships are posted on the Grad Page. Please see Mr. Charland or Mrs. Voykin for more information on scholarships and bursaries.
- ★ **PSP #3** (Post Secondary Prep Session - last one of the year) will be offered in the library on April 16th/17th during the first half of every block. All students who are planning on attending post secondary in the fall are encouraged to attend.
- ★ **Spring Sports:** Sr Girls Soccer; Track and Field—Co-Ed; Golf-Co-Ed; Jr. Boys Rugby; Sr. Boys Rugby; Ultimate Frisbee-Co-Ed. Tryouts for these sports are happening now! See Mr. Major for more details.
- ★ The RSS **Sr Boys' Basketball** recently hosted the AAAA Valley



Championship. The event was a big success with thanks to a large fan turn out and the efforts of Kara Aylard and the rest of the parent group. The team ended up placing 3rd in the Valley bringing a full season of basketball to a close.



Important Dates

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| Mar. 4-8..... | Interim Week |
| Mar. 5-8..... | Musical Theatre Production—7:00 |
| Mar. 12..... | PAC Mtg 7:00 |
| Mar. 13..... | Early Dismissal 1:15 pm |
| Mar. 13..... | Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00 –7:00 pm |
| Mar. 15..... | Hockey Academy applications close |
| Mar. 18-29..... | Spring Break |
| Apr. 1..... | School Reopens |
| Apr. 10..... | Cultural Performance |
| Apr. 16..... | PAC Meeting 7:00 |
| Apr. 19..... | Good Friday Holiday |
| Apr. 22..... | Easter Monday Holiday |

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE—NEW SYSTEM: School Messenger



Please note, our new Absence Reporting System through School Messenger is now officially our sole absence reporting system for school attendance. Parents now have 3 options on how they can report an absence, late or early departure:

- 1) use the SchoolMessenger App on your smartphone (Download the “SchoolMessenger” app from the App or Google Play Store) Important: You must use the same email address that the school has on file for you.
- 2) Use the SchoolMessenger Portal at www.go.schoolmessenger.ca
- 3) Phone the school (250-870-5110) and push “1” to report using the SchoolMessenger automated system

Visit www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger for parent resources to help you get started with SchoolMessenger. Please use the app/web or phone system before school starts to report an absence/late for your child. You can also enter partial day absences in SchoolMessenger, but please be sure to come to the school to sign your child out.

SchoolMessenger system will be calling you to confirm if your child is absent if we have not received this notification from you through the app/web/phone. You can then use the touch tone system to let us know that your child will or will not be attending school that day.

MINGA

Minga is an online platform/app that will be available to RSS students and school staff only!

MINGA will be used to help simplify and improve communication and engagement. It is a

safe place that will allow students and staff to post and keep up to date on what is happening in our school. It will allow students to see the daily block rotation, upcoming events, announcements, post pictures, see the calendar of events and share information. This will be coming out in the near future, stay tuned!



GRAD INFORMATION:

- ★ On March 4th, the spring newsletter was sent home to Grade 12 parents by e-mail, and was posted to the school website and to the Grad Google Classroom. **Please Note: Receipt of this letter is NOT verification that your son/daughter is graduating. They must verify this with their school counsellor.** It contains ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION for both Prom and Commencement ceremonies, including important dates and times. If families have any additional questions or concerns after reading this newsletter they can e-mail Ms. Margaret Harvie at margaret.harvie@sd23.bc.ca
- ★ Grads should be aware that in order to purchase tickets for prom (April) and/or pick up tickets for commencement tickets (beginning of June), students must:
 - Be in a calculable position to graduate, including having a plan to complete their MAP program and to complete their 30 hours
 - Return or pay for any outstanding textbooks/library books—in order to renew books which are still in use students must bring the book in to the library
 - Pay any outstanding school fees (visit <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>)
 - Return any athletics uniforms, or pay for damaged/lost items—see Mr. Major for more information
- ★ Yearbooks will be on sale until March 31st. Avoid disappointment by paying for your yearbook online or by seeing Mrs. Kennedy in the school office!
- ★ The Grad Carnival fundraiser for the 2019 Legacy Project was a tremendous success! Funds raised will go towards purchasing new books for the library at Pearson Road Elementary School and is the third legacy project to support projects at Rutland feeder elementary schools. Grad Council would like to thank all the staff and students that volunteered their support and, additionally, would like to thank the following programs and businesses for their generous donations:
 - Artona
 - Black & Lee Formal Wear
 - Voodoo Cafe
- ★ Applications for 2019 Historian are now open for submission in the Grad Google Classroom. The Historian is an honorary title given to a Grad who speaks at prom to the common Grad experience in their journey through school. In addition to meeting academic requirements, the successful candidate must have come from a feeder middle school and will need to work with a committee in writing and preparing for their speech. Applications are due by 3:30 on Tuesday March 12th, 2019.

CAREER PROGRAM NEWS

- ★ **UBC-Okanagan Workshops**
Click on the link for more information regarding upcoming workshops at UBCO.
<https://www.accelerateokanagan.com/community/events/community-career-advising-workshop/>
- ★ **Career Conference: Is The Force For U?**
Grades 10-12
April 30/19 Blocks B/A
Sign up in the Career Centre.
- ★ **RCMP Spotlight**
March 7, Grades 10-12
12:30 – 1:45 Block A
Sign up in Career Centre
- ★ **Hairdressing Spotlight**
March 14, Grades 10-12
1:00-1:45 Block D
Sign up in Career Centre
- ★ **Animation Spotlight**
April 18, Grades 10-12
9:15-10:15 Block B
Sign up in Career Centre
- ★ **Volunteer Opportunities:**
Salvation Army is looking for volunteers in a variety of position. Come into the Career Centre and see our bulletin board.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



DATE: Friday March 8, 2019

LOCATION: UBC Okanagan campus

OPEN TO: Grade 10 students

COST: Free

REGISTRATION: Contact your school's career centre



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Substance Use: Relationship over Responsibility

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Being a parent of a young person with substances use challenges is hard. What do I do? what can I say? how can I make them stop? These are all things that many parents ask themselves. This ITK is a facilitated discussion to help share some practical ways to move through the challenges.

Topic Presenters:

Judith Bertholm, Mother with lived experience
Dan Reist, Grandfather, Father, Associate Director, CISUR
Keli Anderson, President/CEO of FamilySmart®, Moderator

Saturday March 9th, 2019
11:00am – 1:00pm

Foundry Youth Lounge
1815 Kirschner
Kelowna, BC V1Y 5M6

FREE OF CHARGE

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March 18-29