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RUTLAND SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 2018

★ **Student Information Verification Forms**

These forms were distributed during the first week of school. Please return these forms to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for the school to have correct student demographic information on file. Thank you.

★ **Interim Week – October 1 – 5**

Interims will go home for all students during the first week of October. Please watch for them. Teachers will be providing an interim progress report either electronically or directly to students. If you have any questions please email or phone the teacher directly by clicking on the link below.

★ **October 5 - Implementation Day**

Classes will not be in session on this day. The focus of this year's Implementation Day will be to work on the Patterns brought forward by our staff and students last year: Connections, Relevance & Engagement and Gr. 9's. The Afternoon will be spent working with our colleagues from SMS and RMS on the OECD7 Principles of Learning.

★ **School Photos**

School photos were taken on September 18 by Artona. Photo proofs will not distributed through the school. Photos can be viewed and ordered online: www.artona.com. Completed Photo orders will be mailed directly to your home by Artona. Photo retakes will take place the morning of October 22.

★ **Early Dismissal / Parent Teacher Interviews – October 10**

Students will be dismissed at 1:15 pm on October 10th. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place in the gym, **5-7 pm**. No appointments necessary. If you are unable to attend but would like to speak to your child's teacher, you can contact them directly by going to the RSS website, clicking on the "Contact US" tab for a directory listing of teacher emails and voicemails.

★ **PAC Meeting – October 16 - 7 pm**. We extend an invitation all parents to attend the PAC meeting. We have a hard working PAC at RSS please come out to support them and the work they do for our students.

★ **October 19 – Pro-D Day**

School will not be in session on this day.

★ **School Fees**

Reminder to pay your student's school fees. Fess can be paid on-line at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/> or by cash/cheque in the office.

★ **School Communication—Text Messages**

Parents who would like to opt into our text reminders can do so by texting "Y" to 978338. Reminders will be for items such as pro-d, parent teacher interviews, ½ day, picture days etc. We promise not to spam you with unnecessary information!

Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 1-5.....	Interim Week
Oct. 5.....	Implementation Training Day
.....	No Classes
Oct. 8.....	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Oct. 10.....	Early Dismissal 1:15 pm
.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7:00 pm
Oct. 17.....	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 19.....	Pro-D Day—No Classes
Oct. 22.....	Photo Retake Day
Oct. 29/30.....	Post Secondary Prep #1 –Gr.12
Nov. 7.....	Gr. 9—Take Your Kids To Work Day
Nov. 8.....	Term 2 Begins



★ **Voodoo Café**

The Voodoo Café opened on September 25 and will be running throughout the year from Tuesday to Friday. (It is closed on Tuesdays after a holiday and for a few weeks between semesters)

Hours of Operation:

- 8:45 am – 9:00 am (before school)
- 10:15 am – 10:26 am (morning break)
- 11:40 am – 12:30 pm (lunch)

Baked goods, bagels, fresh fruit cups, yogurt parfaits and beverages are sold before school. During the morning break, eggos, veggie plates, sandwiches and more baked goods are added to the menu. Every lunch hour the café also offers an entrée, soup, salads, subs, paninis, fresh potato fries, burgers and much more! On Fridays there is always pizza for \$2 a slice (including gluten-friendly options). The weekly menu of the Voodoo Café is posted on Monday at <http://www.rss.sd23.bc.ca> under Services and then Cafeteria Menu. The café only accepts cash or prepaid \$20 punch cards – these are available for purchase from the office or the Voodoo Café by cash or cheque.

★ **Grad News**

The first round of Grad Wear orders are now available for ordering. In the first round only two item options are available: a black hoodie and a white hoodie; an additional colour selection and other items MAY be available in later rounds (order dates are listed in the 2019 Grad Parent Letter). For your order to be processed you must: submit your order request through the Google Classroom no later than October 12th; AND pay for your order on-line or to Mrs. Kennedy in the office no later than 9 a.m. on October 15th. Items which are not requested AND paid for before the order deadline will be available for purchase at the second order date (to be delivered before Winter Vacation).

★ **Dry Grad:**

The first Dry Grad organizing meeting will be held Wednesday October 3 at 7:00p.m. in the RSS Library. Thank you to Chuck Cullen and Tammy Sali who have stepped forward to serve as Organizing Committee Co-Chairs and to Audrey Dudka who continues to maintain the RSS Dry Grad Information Facebook page.

Parents of Grads willing to support Dry Grad 2019 are asked to sign up for the RSS Dry Grad Facebook page for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/rutlandseniorsecondarydrygradinfo/>

★ **Career Center News:**

RCMP Spotlight—October 2, D Block; 12:30—1:45. All grades are welcome. Sign up in the Career Center.

Job Crush Powered by Accelerate Okanagan FREE EVENT; Fri. Oct. 5th 9:00am-12:00pm Innovation Center – 460 Doyle Ave.

Calling all students! Come and hear first-hand what it's like to work in tech.

This is the chance to learn about all kinds of different career options within the local tech eco-system and explore the kinds of game-changing companies that are based right here in the Okanagan. Tech employees from all over the Okanagan will be taking the stage to pitch why their job is awesome, how they got hired, and why their company rocks!

Click the following LINK to register....<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/job-crush-tickets-49417745808>

Please complete the following entry form www.okanagan.bc.ca/tuitiongiveaway to enter the \$5000 tuition giveaway draw.

★ **Post Secondary Prep Sessions—Gr. 12**

Counsellors will be leading **Post Secondary Prep (PSP #1) sessions for Grade 12's - 1 hour sessions in the library on October 29th and 30th during the first half of the blocks.** It is strongly recommended that any students who are planning to attend college or university attend **one** of the sessions for valuable information.

★ **Post Secondary Info. Night at OK College** on Oct. 2 at 7:00 pm (E Building—Atrium). Applications for Ok College open November 1. OK College is holding a Career Fair—Nov. 4. 10:30—3:00pm

★ **Athletic News:** Home Games—come out and support our teams!

Senior Girls Volleyball

Wednesday Oct 17th & 24th - 5:00 pm

Grade 9 Girls Volleyball

Tuesday, Oct 2nd & 9th - 5:00 pm

Senior Boys Volleyball

Wednesday, Oct 17th & 24th—7:00 pm

Senior Boys Soccer

Wednesday, Oct 3rd, 17th & 24th—4:00 pm

Gr. 10 Girls Volleyball

Thursday, Oct 11th—5:00 pm

★ **Sr. Boys Soccer**

The RSS Senior Boys' Soccer Team begins play Sept 26 and then heads to their first tournament in Kamloops the same week. The team is coached by John Wasilenko, Jennifer Starling, Jeff Balkenhol, Antonio Dulpessis and Tarnvir Sidhu. The boys enter the season with high expectations after making the Valley Final two years in a row. Come on out and cheer on the Voodoos. Games are Wednesday with kick off set for 4pm.



Kitchen Brigades Program is coming to SD23!

We are very excited to announce that "La Tablée des Chefs" and "Les Brigades Culinaires" has made it's way to SD23 and British Columbia! The program will be in a pilot year as we unfold the English program to our students at RSS and our partner school in Surrey SD36. We are one of the two only schools in British Columbia, launching this program to the province. The Kitchen Brigades Program's mission is to feed people in need and to develop youths' culinary education. The program consists of 20 culinary workshops, 3 Culinary Challenges and local, provincial, and national Iron Chef type competitions. The 20 culinary workshops are held as extra-curricular activities from November to May and allow students to develop their culinary skills and food knowledge. There is no cost to the students. Travel, hotels, and all expenses are funded through the many sponsors that are supporting this program. If this sounds like something that may be of interest to a student in Grade 9-12 at RSS, please email Mrs. Loveridge-Marks (julie.loveridge-marks@sd23.bc.ca). We hope to see you soon! Workshops will be starting at the end of October! For additional information, please visit: <http://www.tableedeschefs.org/en/educate/brigades-culinaires>

REVISED CURRICULUM INFORMATION & ASSESSMENT/REPORTING

In 2011/12, the Ministry of Education consulted with educators, parents and students throughout the province about the current state of curriculum, assessments and the graduation program. The overwhelming response was a desire and need for updates to the education system to better prepare students for opportunities and challenges in today's world. As a result, British Columbia has a revised educational curriculum from K-10, with Grade 10 being implemented this year. Curriculum for Grades 11-12 will be implemented September 2019.

The revised curriculum has been reorganized around a Know-Do-Understand model with an emphasis on competencies, rather than content. These competencies are arranged around what students know, what they can do with these competencies, and how they can demonstrate their understanding of the content and competencies. Just as we are moving towards personalizing the learning for our students, we are also moving towards personalizing the ways in which we assess and communicate student learning. New ways of assessing and communicating student learning are necessary to support the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.

In response to these changes, our District has formed Interim Guidelines for Assessment/Communicating Student Learning (K-9). Please find these guidelines posted in their entirety on our website. There are members of our school community who are transforming their reporting practices, working within these guidelines.

While this option allows educators to not assign letter grades to students, the reporting necessitates that educators provide ongoing and complete reports detailing where your child is in terms of grade level expectations, achievement in regards to course outcomes, and how they are functioning and interacting within the classroom environment. The aim is to provide parents with a more complete picture of how their child is performing in the classroom by indicating achievements, strengths, and stretches or areas of improvement, in the pursuit of the strongest student development. The goal is to enhance the student's learning experience and to provide the maximum amount of support possible; however, should you prefer that your child be assigned a traditional letter grade, one can be provided at your request.

Additionally, two new provincial graduation assessments are being introduced to ensure alignment with the redesigned curriculum. The assessments provide system-level information (schools, districts, province) about student performance in literacy and numeracy, and communicate feedback to students regarding their proficiency in numeracy and literacy. These new assessments are not "tied" to a course nor are scores blended with classroom courses.

The new **Graduation Numeracy Assessment** was first introduced in 2018 and will continue this year. All students must complete this assessment for graduation. Further details regarding sittings for this assessment will be provided later. The new **Graduation Literacy Assessment** will be introduced in January 2020

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either the administrative team at Rutland Senior Secondary School or your child's classroom teacher.

Please see <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/> for more information.

