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Dear RSS Families,

As we approach the holiday season, we want to celebrate the incredible spirit of our school community! Thank you to our PAC and community partners for helping us create opportunities that make learning meaningful and enjoyable for our students. Over the break, we encourage families to spend time together, share stories, and recharge for an exciting new year of learning. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back in January with fresh energy and new opportunities! From all of us at RSS, have a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and connection. See you when we get together again in January 2026.

Important Dates:

- **Last day of classes:** Friday, December 19, 2025
- **Return to school:** Monday, January 5, 2026
- ★ **WRITTEN LEARNING UPDATES (Report Cards):** were published November 24 online in the student and parent MyEd portal. Students and parents can login to the portal to view their Learning Update. Link: [Student MyEd Portal Information](#); [Parent MyEd Portal Information](#)
- ★ **COBSS:** Beginning November 25, 2025 the Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) will open applications for scholarships & bursaries for the upcoming 2026/27 post-secondary year. One application opens students up to hundreds of awards. In order to apply for COBSS, students need to have attended one of the Post Secondary Prep #2 sessions that were presented on November 25/26. Grade 12 students who are taking a minimum of 6 courses this year, and plan on attending post-secondary full-time starting September 2026, are eligible to apply. Application deadline is January 19, 2026 at 11:59pm. All information & instructions pertaining to COBSS, scholarships, bursaries & financial aid is available in the form of a PowerPoint titled "PSP #2" which is posted in the Grad Google classroom.
- ★ **RSS Dance Presents: Timeless 2026** January 14, 2026 in the RSS Gymnasium. Show times are 6:30 and 8:30. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door, available after Winter Break in the Dance Studio.
- ★ **Reminder:** We are a SCENT AWARENESS zone. Please refrain from wearing scented products. Thank you.



Important Dates

Dec. 3	Gr 12 Capstone Presentations
Dec. 8-12	Interim Week
Dec. 10	Gr. 12 Crystal Ball
Dec. 19	Café open for morning break only
Dec. 19	Last day of classes
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	Classes resume
Jan. 12-30	Assessments Gr.10/12(Numeracy/Literacy)
Jan. 14	Dance Show 6:30 / 8:30
Jan. 19	COBSS Online Applications Close
Jan. 19	Café Closes until Feb. 24
Jan. 20	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 23	Term 2/Semester 1 Ends
Jan. 26	Semester turn around day-No Classes
Jan. 27	Semester 2 / Term 3 Begins

GRAD NEWS:

- ★ The 2026 Grad Council is proud to host the **Crystal Ball "A Night In Old Hollywood"!!** Ticket sales were run from November 24-28th during lunches. Students who did not purchase a ticket and wish to attend should see Ms Harvie during B block in the Career Counselling Center or Mr Werry during C block in the Career Counselling Center. Tickets are: \$10 for General Admission, or \$15 for VIP (which includes admission, subway sandwich, a drink and frozen yogurt). We are asking Grads to consider bringing a non-perishable food bank donation, which will enter them into a draw for a Grad Hoodie. Important event information:
Date: Wednesday December 10th
Doors Open: 6:00p.m.
Event: 6:30-9:30p.m.
Coat check and concession available.
***THIS IS AN RSS, GRADE 12 ONLY EVENT.* Students who violate the Code of Conduct at the event risk their participation in all other school sanctioned Grad Events for the year!**
- ★ The second round of **Grad Wear** orders has now closed. Hoodies will be delivered as soon as they arrive and a message will be sent out to Grads via the Grad Google Classroom, on our Grad Instagram page (@rutlandgrad), and on our announcements. We anticipate having these hoodies available for pickup before Winter Vacation! If you ordered a hoodie for a gift, please email Mr Werry (chris.werry@sd23.bc.ca) ASAP and note "Hoodie Gift" in the subject line as well as your Grad's name somewhere in the body of the text. For individuals who have not yet ordered a Grad Hoodie and would still like the opportunity to do so, our third round of Grad Wear orders will open at the beginning of January with orders open until the end of January. There will be no Grad Wear items after Spring Break, without exception.
- ★ **Artona** has now completed their **Grad photo** sessions at RSS. If you choose not to order, please make sure that you follow the instructions for refunding your sitting fee as outlined with your photo proofs—it is very important that you follow the specified timelines and return your photo proofs. For those grads who did not schedule a session and who would like to be pictured in the yearbook and/or composite, Artona will be back on **February 26th** for a limited time for catch-up photos. These photos will not be available for purchase. If you would like to schedule a full photo session or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Artona directly: www.artona.com
- ★ As mentioned in the special email sent out earlier in the month, our request for the Grad Walk on Friday May 22nd has been denied due to the Memorial Cup this year. We have requested an alternate date of **FRIDAY JUNE 5th**. We are exceptionally grateful to Hillcrest Farm and DJ Invizible have both graciously accommodated our date change request, and to the Band and Choir program who have gone above and beyond so that students in their program can participate by rebooking their trip dates.



CAREER CENTER NEWS

The following Career spotlights are coming up in December.

Please visit Ms. Momney in the Career Center for more information and to set up job shadows.

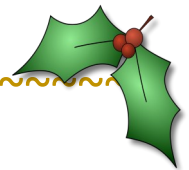
The Film Factory	December 4th, 2025	10:30
Emil Anderson Construction pathways	December 10th, 2025	10:30
KF Aerospace - Aviation Careers Aircraft Mechanical Engineer and Medeva Pilot	December 12th, 2026	10:30



ATHLETIC NEWS:

Basketball season is in full swing at RSS this year with 6 teams in total participating in the Central Zone or the Valley. The entire basketball program would like to thank 'Orchard Smiles Dentistry' for once again stepping up and sponsoring warm ups for all of the teams! Games begin the week of November 24th. Check RSS Athletics for more information or follow RSS Athletics on Instagram.

Go Thunder!



DECEMBER LEADERSHIP EVENTS

RSS Leadership classes are coordinating some exciting events for the month of December!

- ★ Dec. 1: Great Union Day (Romanian Celebration)
- ★ Dec. 8-10: Bake Sale towards the Angel Tree Fund
- ★ Dec. 9: Staff vs student trivia at Lunch in the Forum
- ★ Dec. 15: RSS Lock in Rooms Fundraiser for the Foundry from 4:30—8:00 pm
- ★ Dec. 18: Christmas Pep rally
- ★ Dec. 19: Holiday Cheer from Mosaic Club
- ★ Dec. 15-19: Spirit Week –more information to come!
- ★ Every Monday: Phone Free Mondays
- ★ Every Wednesday—Volleyball Intramurals

Season's Greetings
~From Your RSS Yearbook Crew~

Buy Your Yearbook Today \$55 While Quantities Last!
School Cash Online or at RSS Office (cash only)

Find Us Online for Contests & Announcements!
Website: rssyearbook.weebly.com Instagram: @rss.yearbook

SCENT AWARENESS ZONE

Help us keep the air we share
healthy and fragrance-free

The chemicals used in scented products can make
some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma,
allergies and other medical conditions.

please

do not wear perfume, cologne,
aftershave and other fragrances.

use unscented personal care



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SENIOR SECONDARY

Ruck n' Roll

RETURN-IT FUNDRAISER INSTRUCTIONS *New*

Thank you for participating in this community habit! Funds raised from the return of refundable containers will be split evenly between:

- RSS Music Program's spring trip
- RSS Rugby teams' tournaments

Anyone can participate, so feel free to recruit neighbours, workmates or grandparents! Deposits can be made anywhere across BC.

STEP 1: COLLECT REFUNDABLES



Collect your cleaned, empty containers into clear plastic bags. (approx. 36 inches tall and 30 inches wide and around 70-75 litres in capacity). *They do not have to be sorted. You do not have to remove caps. You do not have to count.*

STEP 2: DROP OFF AT DEPOT (OR PARENT HUB)

Return-It App makes donations easy, to get started:

1. Create/Log-in to your account through the Return-It App (found on Google Play Store or the iOS App store) or visit <https://app.return-it.ca>.
2. Donate to our organization using the following link:
<https://app.return-it.ca/rutlandruck'nroll>
You'll have the option to set auto-donations or a one-time donation.

STEP 3: DROP OFF AT DEPOT (OR PARENT HUB)



Thank you for supporting Rutland Senior Secondary Ruck n' Roll students!



RSS DANCE PRESENTS

TIMELESS

**WED.
JANUARY
14TH**

**6:30 AND 8:30
@ THE RSS GYM**

**\$5 IN ADVANCE
\$10 AT THE DOOR**

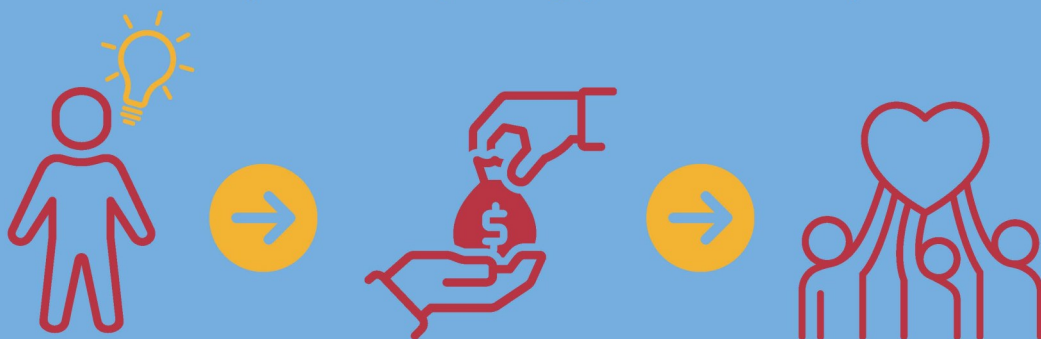


Strong Neighbourhoods **YOUTH** Development & Engagement Grant

Be a leader. Build connection in your community.

The City of Kelowna offers up to **\$1,000** in matching grant funds for youth-led community projects or events.

Have an idea that will improve your neighbourhood or build relationships? Team up with fellow youth aged **13-24** in your community to get creative and take the lead. Rack up volunteer hours, boost your resume, hone your leadership skills, and build friendships while improving your community.



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