



## **November 2018**

### ***Way to Go!***

What a great month we have had at RPS.

- Our first school social was a hit – Thanks to all who came in costumes.
- Grade 8 students took part in an AMathing Race organized by Mme. McCallum.  
Thanks to the parents who helped out in the rain.
- Thanks to our fantastic Home and School parents who planned and delivered a fabulous chili dinner. And, thanks to our community support for the event. We raised \$1,255.00 for our new lockers.
- Wellness Week was a relaxing time of comfy clothes and lots of healthy snacks organized by leadership students.
- Mr. Shea had a New Comers lunch party to welcome new students to RPS.
- Our students have all now received the EPI pens training – reminder that we are a **scent free** and **nut free** school. Many staff and students have sensitivities to scents. We thank you for respecting that when visiting RPS.
- Grade 7 students were immunized in record numbers again this year!

### ***Activity Period***

We are always looking for parents or other family members who are interested in offering an activity. Do you have a contact with a community business or organization who would be interested in offering an activity? Please contact the office if you would like to offer something in December.

Thanks to Susannah Monroe and Lisa Bustin for offering a cooking activity in October.

### ***School Website***

If you have not checked out the school website, please do. There are Homework pages for each teacher as well as an Athletics page with helpful information. Our lobby TV displays the website.

### ***Guidance***

November is a busy week in schools. The first week of November brings both Halloween and Canada Career Week.

Please take a moment to have a conversation with your child about their skills and interests and how those could match up with a future career. It's no surprise that parents are the #1 career coach.

Also, your child always has access to their [careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com) account which houses a wealth of career info.

Later in the month (Nov 20th to 24th), we will celebrate Diversity and Respect week, a time to recognize the impact of bullying behavior, the value of diversity and the importance of inclusion. We are lucky to have people from many different backgrounds and cultures in our building, from whom we are learning all the time.

Our recent presentation by Alex Chisholm-Guibault gave us an opportunity to reflect on what respect, fair treatment and human rights mean to children.

Thank you and enjoy the fall!  
Mr. Shea

### ***Building Character and Building Success***

This month our Positive Behaviour focus will be Empathy. Each day students are encouraged during their advisory class to think about the quote that is read during announcements.

Thanks to Cam Stewart, Dylan MacDonald and Addison McClune for demonstrating responsibility during the month of October. Each month we made draws for prizes during our assembly. These students received one of our hot off the presses RPS stickers.

### ***Cafeteria***

Did you know that you can order lunch for your son/daughter online? If you have not already tried this service, please check out the link on our website under "Parent Information".

### ***Home and School***

Our latest fund raiser is a raffle for a variety of gift baskets. Thanks to Michelle London and Lisa Tran for organizing this effort. Your son/daughter should have come home with a paper requesting a small donation for a specific theme. All funds raised will go towards our much needed locker purchases. Thanks to all who are able to send in items by Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be on display starting Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and raffled off after Parent/Teacher on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***Athletics***

Congratulations to all the Soccer teams for a terrific season. Please return uniforms to the school. Basketball tryouts for Varsity begin next week. JV tryouts will be the week after (Nov.13-16). We need coaches for JV Boys and JV Girls. Anyone interested, please contact the school. Thanks for your support with our teams.

### ***School Clothing***

School clothing is available to purchase. We have some sizes in stock and will order after Parent/Teacher in time for Christmas gifts. Hoodies are \$30 and Raven t-shirts can be ordered for \$20. Items will be on display during Parent/Teacher.

### ***Winter coat and boot collection***

Thanks to Kylie Streeter who has generously offered to organize a winter clothing drive at RPS. Items have been collected in the front lobby. Thanks to Rozanne Streeter for the many pickups. Great to see Rothesay Park students and parent community giving back.

### ***Winter Scarf Project***

Thanks to Mary Ann Gallagher and Lisa Tran who are offering a November activity where students will knit and learn to knit scarves. These scarves will be tagged with a note and hung around various locations in uptown Saint John where they will hopefully be used by those in need.

