



## **November 2017**

### ***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
- 16 students from grade 6-8 attended the My/Mon Canada 150 event at Harbour Station. RPS will be doing a school – wide project soon. Watch for more on that in 2018.
- 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
- Grade 6 students got to demonstrate their creative and musical sides drumming with Goat Works production
- Grade 7 students were immunized in record numbers this year! Great job!

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

\$500.00 winner - Katie Ashfield

Top Sellers - \$100.00 each

1. Freya Maillet

2. Kara O'Leary

a tie for 3rd

3. Charlotte Davis

3. Marissa Gould-Gilbert

We raised \$3,990.00.

Thanks to the volunteers that helped over the duration of the fundraiser.

Roxanne Streeter

Lori Greer

Mary Ann Gallagher

Laura Nolan

Linda Lord

Jill Irving

Fiona Zhang

### ***Activity Period***

We are always looking for parents or other family member 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.

### ***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. See this link for advice:

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

### ***Athletics***

Basketball Season is coming soon - watch the RPS Website for try-out information.

Looking for JV Girls Basketball Coach, contact [angela.marr@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:angela.marr@nbed.nb.ca)

Special Thanks to our 2017 Soccer Coaches for investing in our student athletes! Playoff are coming up - GO RAVENS!

Varsity Girls: Brent Greer, Maegan George, Mitch Emerson

Varsity Boys: Melissa Currie, Abby McFawn

JV Girls: Rebecca Ryan, Steven Gillies, Jacqueline Walsh

JV Boys: Angela Marr, Ed Butler, Alec Marcon, Dylan Chase, Jun Hong

Congrats to the RPS Cross Country Team for a great season - RPS came 3rd in the District with 3-First Place finishes in Gr 7 Boys, Gr 7 Girls and Gr 8 Girls.

Badminton District Tournaments will be Nov 7 - Thanks to Dennis and Ed Butler for coaching this team.

Ms. Marr

### ***Grade 8 Trip***

Thanks to all the parents who came out to our information evening with Bon Vivant Tours. Deposits are due November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will look at the numbers at that point to determine our plan for the February trip.

Hi My name is Joshua London and I am a grade 7 student at Rothesay Park School. During a visit to the hospital this summer I noticed a basket of soap and shampoo, with a note attached saying if you need one take one. I began asking my mom, what this was all about. She explained to me that not everyone has the bare necessities we take for granted every day. When we got home, I began to do some research on the less fortunate in Saint John. After some long talks with my family, and a lot of reading online I began emailing some people. I was able to arrange a conversation with a couple of foundations around the city. They certainly opened my eyes about the need in our city. I decided to start my own foundation called Joshua's Bare Necessities to try and help raise awareness and to collect times these groups are desperately in need of. With Joshua's Bare Necessities, I would like to be able to collect and keep collecting all the items the foundations have informed me they are in need of. As well, I would like to be able to raise money to purchase the items that normally do not seem to be donated, or items foundations are critically low on. Below is a list of some of the items we will be looking for ....

Shampoo (Any size)	Deodorant	Conditioner
Hair brush / Comb	Lotion	Shave Cream
Vaseline	Nail Clippers	
Foot Powder	Q-tips	Powder
Alcohol Free Mouthwash	Toothpaste (any size)	Toothbrush
Soap	Body Wash	Socks
Mittens	Hats	Ponchos/Umbrellas
Wipes	Band aids	Lip balm
Diapers	Books	Board games
School supplies		Cleaning supplies
Sleeping bags	New pillows	Art Canvases
Gum	Detergent	Art supplies
Gently used Yoga Pants	Laundry Baskets	Shave cream
Candies	Chocolates	Dixie cups
Hardcover journals	Pens Small	Blankets
Underwear	Gloves	Ear plugs
Garbage bags	Scarves	Polysporin
Cleaning supplies	Key chains	New Make Up
Gift Cards	Playing Cards	Razors
Wallet or Change Purse	Soap	Bubble Bath
Cologne	Gently used household items	Gently used clothes
Gently used toys	Kleenex	Hair Elastics

I have had the opportunity to meet or chat with 5 amazing foundations over the last months. These are the 5 foundations that Joshua's Bare Necessities would like to start fundraising and gathering for. They include Romero House, Coverdale Center for Women, Outflow Ministry Men's Shelter, Safe Harbour and Bobby's Hospice.

This year I would like to be able to provide at least 1 to 2 truck loads of items that each foundation has requested, as well as, I would like to be able to help Romero house with their Christmas bag campaign. The Christmas bag campaign provides Christmas bag to those in need with new and practical things most people take for granted in their Christmas Stockings.

Please feel free to contact me or my Mom. Our information will be listed below.

I am looking forward to hearing from you, and would like to thank you in advance for helping to make someone's day a little brighter or easier.

Sincerely

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