



September 2019

Special thank you to the Gallagher family and Shadow Lawn for helping out with our Meet the Teacher night. Thanks to Tim at Cochran's for the great local products. Thank you to all of the parents and students for coming out to on such a hot and humid evening. It was great to see so many families come and meet our staff. Thank you to our parents who helped with set up, serving and clean up. We are always looking for new members to join our PSSC and Home and School.

[Activity period](#) will officially begin on Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup>. We are always looking for parents or grandparents who are interested in offering an activity. If you are interested contact the school.

[Reminders](#) to parents – please return your updated information forms that will be coming home. Messages will typically go home by email and it is essential that contact information is correct. Check out the school website where you will find information regarding athletics, OML and the AM announcements.

[Student Fees](#) are \$35 for all grade levels. Grade 6 students will receive their PE clothing and cinch bag. Grade 7 and 8 students who would like to purchase an extra set of clothing should contact Mr. Butler. We have some clothing in stock and some gently used items. Check out our Cashless Schools option online. Any questions call Mrs. Young 847-6201.

[Welcome](#) to Mrs. Meredith MacDonald who will be teaching Language Arts this year. Mrs. Meaghan Barton will be teaching Technology and Social Studies until Christmas. Rothesay Park welcomes Jeanette Fisher who will be teaching Music and offering a band program as well.

Parents are reminded that student drop off and pick up is not in the staff parking lot nor is it in either of the businesses located near the school. The safety of our students is paramount and as such we ask that you avoid these areas that are unsupervised by staff. Please park in AM and PM along the edge of the street.

### Volunteers

RPS is always looking for volunteers for activity periods. As well, we have many opportunities during the year to engage parents. This year we are again looking at some evening events to bring the community into the school. If you have any ideas, we are open to suggestions and help with organizing these events.

### PSSC

Our PSSC will be meeting this month. Interested in participating in PSSC this year? Please join us at our first meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>. At 7:00. Please help promote RPS in the community.

### Home and School

Many of our Home and School parents have expressed that perhaps it is time to look at new ideas for raising money. Parents interested in

helping with Home and School this year, are encouraged to attend our first meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Home and School money has been used to purchase technology, athletic equipment and uniforms, painting the cafeteria wall and stage area, band chairs and instruments.

### Order of the Maple Leaf

Twice during the year we recognize students at RPS for their participation in school life, volunteerism and positive behavior in school. This year students will be asked to increase their volunteer hours. The website will have information regarding this change. Opportunities for community service throughout the year will be emailed to parents.

### Multi-level advisory period

Each year students at RPS complete a survey where they are asked questions regarding their experience at school. The data collected from those surveys helps to inform what programs we may offer during the year. Students at RPS indicated having an adult with whom they have made a connection is an area where we can improve. In response, we as a staff have again organized the students into advisory periods for the first 15 minutes of the morning.

## Attendance Matters

Did you know that students can suffer academically if they miss just 10% of the school year? That's only 2 or 3 days a month. And that can add up without you even realizing it. We want to remind our families that you are key to making sure your child gets to school safely and on time every day. Some absences, such as sick days, are unavoidable, but as parents and guardians you can ensure your child does not miss time for unnecessary travelling or appointments, and that if they are kept home due to illness, they are truly sick. If you struggle to get your child to attend, or to arrive on time, we encourage you to reach out to their teacher or myself. We can offer support and guidance to get your child back on the right track. Please support our Attendance Matters initiative and make good attendance a habit.



