

June's News

Richmond Education Centre/Academy

Principal's Message



And here we are in June. Much of what happens in June revolves around end of year activities and celebrations. On the right hand side of this abbreviated newsletter is a list of important dates for students in both the Education Centre and Academy. There are many other activities that will be taking place for individual classes (e.g., class trips for grades 5 to 8), but teachers in those classes will send information to parents of affected students individually.

It is worth noting that we are in the admirable

position of not having to charge fees for our grade 5 to 8 class trip, and our grade 12 class has not had to fundraise for their safe grad event this year. This has been made possible by a fund provided to schools which came from money saved during the one day teacher strike in February. There are restrictions on how that money can be spent, but we are pleased to be able to pour this money into students' extracurricular activities.

In case you haven't heard, we had good news last month about our school being selected for a new Skilled Trades'

Centre. We applied for this centre several years ago, and we look forward to the kind of programming it will provide moving forward. We are currently working with government officials to determine the scope of the centre as well as construction plans and timelines. We'll keep you posted as we hear more.

As we move toward the end of June, we wish all students and families a restful and safe summer vacation. We'll see you back here in September!

Sincerely,
Lois Landry, Principal

Finding Everything You Need to Know..

There will be much information posted on our website for June that will come in handy for students and families. For instance our June exam schedule and detailed information about Grad Week activities are posted online for students and parents/guardians to

review. Once August 1 comes, the website will provide students, parents, and guardians with all the information you need to know for the 2017-2018 school year.

For those students and family members who use the Parent/Student Portal, please note that on

our around July 7, any information about the 2016-2017 school year is removed to make way for next year's information. If you want to double check anything about this year's marks or attendance, please be sure to do so very early in July.

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Dates of Interest

- Grade 4 Orientation: Wed., June 7
- RA Awards' Night at 6:30 pm: Thu., June 8
- Safe Grad: Fri., June 9
- Gr. 7/8 BBQ and Dance: Thu., June 15
- NSVS Exams: Fri., June 16
- Review Day (Gr. 9-12): Mon., June 19
- Exams (Gr. 9-12): June 20 to June 23
- Last day for Cafeteria: Fri., June 23
- REC Awards at 1:30 pm: Mon., June 26
- Grad March and Prom: Mon., June 26
- Grad List Posted: Tue., June 27
- Track and Field Day (Gr. 5 to 8): Tue., June 27
- Social and Graduation: Wed., June 28
- No school for students: June 28 and 29
- Last Day: Fri. June 30 (am dismissal)

Bring the World into Your Home by Hosting an International Student

Imagine sharing the beauty, history and culture of Canada with a young student from abroad.

The International Student Program, in the Strait Regional School Board, continues to grow with an increased number of students coming to NS to experience what our host families and our education system has to offer.

As the program grows in our communities, so does the need for more host families. Hosting

an International Student offers your family the chance to broaden their experience with other cultures, while sharing the Nova Scotian way of life with a young person.

Students from the Nova Scotia International Student Program come with health insurance and their own spending money. Host families receive a stipend to cover additional costs. You provide a room, three meals a day and the experience of a lifetime.

To learn more about the Nova Scotia International Student Program (NSISP) and this wonderful opportunity to become a host family, please visit www.nsisp.ca and contact:

Shelley McGee-Wilson

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902-747-3670, ext. 2223/

902-631-0822 (cell)

Guidance News

GRADE 5 to 8

THE END OF THE YEAR IS NEAR: Want a refresh on tips and tricks for taking tests? Learn the best way to do multiple choice questions, know what a question is really asking you, how certain words can help you with your answer, and much more by visiting the RECA website (reca.srsb.ca) and going to the Grade 5 to 8 page under the Guidance tab to view a PowerPoint that is all about Test Taking Strategies and ace your finals tests this year!

GRADE 9 to 12

STUDENT LOANS (A.K.A. Student Assistance): The 2017-2018 online application is now available for students! Submitting your loan ASAP

will result in a faster response of your application. You will also need your 2016 Income Tax information (student and parents). To apply go to <http://novascotia.ca/studentassistance>

GRADS OF 2017: Please remember to UPDATE your Graduation Profile sheets, outlining your post-graduation plans! If there are any changes, **or if you have received any scholarships or bursaries**, please let the Guidance Office know.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES: Many deadlines have come and gone! Students are reminded about the importance of applying for scholarships and bursaries; they are not only selected by the RECA Scholarship Committee. It

is recommended that grads check the school website **daily** or visit guidance for these opportunities.

As the school year comes to a close, please feel free to contact the guidance counselor at the school if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach guidance at (902) 345-4949 or by their email at margie.macmillan@srsb.ca.