



° Richmond Education Centre/Academy

# Meet the Teacher

September 22, 2016

# School Population as of September 21, 2016

- 410 Students\*\*
  - 453 Students a year ago
  - 468 Students two years ago
  - 482 Students three years ago
  
- 298 Grades 9-12
  - 600 in 2000
- 112 Grades 5-8



\*\* some international students are actually only here for a month

# Staffing 2016

- 32.4 teachers
  - Down 1.0 FTEs from last year
  - Down 3.0 FTEs from two years ago
  - 3 shared with other schools
- 8 Teacher Assistants
- 2.0 Secretaries
- 1.0 Library Technicians
  - Reduced hours



# Teaching Staff

- 2.0 Administration
  - Lois Landry and Jason MacLean
- 1.0 Guidance
  - Margie MacMillan
- 4.5 Student Services FTEs\*\*
- We received 3.5 FTEs for:
  - Intensive Special Education
  - Grade 9 Pilot
  - O2 Program



# Grades 5 to 8

- One homeroom for each English class from grades 5 to 8
  - Class size ranges from 12 to 26
- Two Immersion classes:
  - 5/6 Immersion class totals 13
  - 7/8 Immersion class totals 21

# Grade 9

- 65 students
  - (Was 80 last year)
  - Immersion class has 12 students
  - Remaining 53 should be in two classes of 26 or 27 each

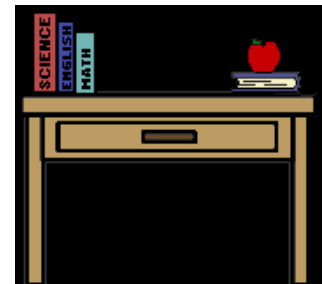


# But...

- For the last three years, our school has been involved in a pilot program for grade 9 students called “Discovering Opportunities”.
- This class allows us to have three English 9 homerooms
  - Three homerooms in English: 16 to 20 per class

# High School

- 45 Sections (1<sup>st</sup> Semester)
- Largest classes are 33
- Most range from 18 to 24





# Our Numbers' Problem

- Though we have lost many STUDENTS, we still have the same number of HOMEROOMS. That means we don't lose a class of students, but rather 3-4 students in each class.
- The result has been larger class sizes in some high school courses and
- Lost sections for courses with insufficient interest (e.g., Drama 10; Music 10-12)

# And...

- Over and above that, our school also offers the Options and Opportunities (O2) Program:
  - Graduated our first class this past June
  - One of only two schools in the province who offer O2 to French Immersion students
- This is a three year program, focusing on hands-on instruction and community based learning, which includes guaranteed admission to NSCC and considerable funding from the Department of Education

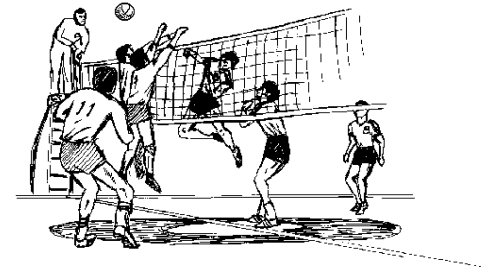
# A Note to Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 students

- We'll have an information session called our "Grade 12 Parent/Guardian Primer" to lay out all the information you and your child need for applying to post-secondary institutions, student loans, grad photos, and grad week activities.
- **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**
- Information session for grade 12 students the next day!

# Information we've sent home...

- Handbooks for Grades 9-12 and 5-8
- Student Fee information
- Booklet signed
- Consent for publication
- Anti-Spam Legislation forms
- Leaving School Grounds (gr. 11/12 only)

# Extracurricular



- Student Council
  - Elections for grade 5-8 council this month
- Sports Teams
- Committees/Clubs
  - 9-12 committees doing sign-ups
  - 5-8 committees after student council is picked

# Extracurricular (continued)

- Dances:
  - Sr. High Dance on Wednesdays or Thursdays
    - Grade 9-12 from 8:30 to 11:00 pm
  - Jr. High Dance (grade 7/8s only): Dates TBD
  - Grade 5/6 Socials or activities also to be determined.



# A Note about Extracurricular

- In 2000 there were about 54 teachers between WREC and RA
- Now we have 32.4
- The only thing we've saved on in extracurricular events is one Remembrance Day ceremony instead of two

# You Should Know

- International Students/Home-Stays
- Youth Health Centre/SchoolsPlus/Mental Health Clinician
- Allergies:
  - Scent Aware
  - Nut (all tree nuts) Aware
  - Allergies to Shellfish and Taco Spice as well





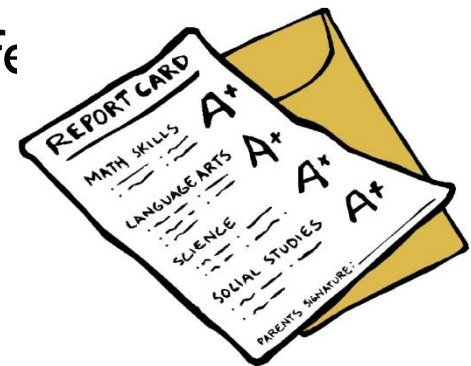
# School Advisory Committee

- SAC meets 7 times per year (*only required to meet 6 times so if it snows we don't reschedule...and we already met once*)
  - Looking for new members!!!
  - Input on School Policies (e.g., School Fees, Ticket Information for Grad Week)
  - Continuous School Improvement
  - Annual Reporting
  - MEETINGS HELD TUESDAYS FROM 3:30 TO 4:30ish

**Please contact Lois or Jason if you are interested in joining our SAC!**

# Reporting Dates

- November 21<sup>th</sup> – All Report Cards go home
- Parent–Teacher Conferences:
  - Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
    - 5:00-7:00 pm\*\*
  - Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>
    - 12:30 to 2:30 pm
  - NOTE\*\* Time is selected to not interfere with other schools' Parent-Teacher times



# Communication

- Website: <http://reca.srsb.ca>
  - Includes school calendar and all presentation powerpoints
- Phone calls: 345-4949
- Teacher emails (first.last@srsb.ca)
- Strait Up For Parents/Parent Portal
- PA Announcements
- Newsletter on website, announce  
*Reporter*
- @RECAHurricanes on Twitter



# A Note about Communication

- The Parent Concern Protocol requires that parents/guardians discuss classroom concerns with their child's teacher first before administration addresses any issue.
- This has proven very successful for our school and community!

# Updates by Email/Text/Tweets

- Twitter
  - @StraitRSB
- Stay Connected
  - srsb.ca

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Departments, Students, Parents/Guardians, Our Schools, Document Depot, and News. The main header features the Strait Regional School Board logo and the tagline 'Excellence in Lifelong Learning', along with a 'FOR STAFF' button. A featured article titled 'Strait Regional School Board: Long-Range Outlook (2014-2024)' is displayed, accompanied by an image of a compass with 'Future' written on it. Below the article is a 'READ MORE' button. At the bottom, there is a search bar, a calendar for 'SEPTEMBER', and three service buttons: 'CANCELLATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS', 'STAY INFORMED' (highlighted with a red arrow), and 'GENERAL INQUIRIES'.



**What's New This  
Year???**

# Assessment Policy coming

- Highlights:
  - Expected to come out in January
  - Includes policies we cannot amend regarding how students are assessed, including whether teachers can accept late assignments

# In conclusion

- Staff Introductions
- Mingle!
- NOTE: This presentation will be posted on the website by Monday of next week.