

## RCI Newsletter

**September 21, 2023**

We are two full weeks into the 2023-24 school year. We started off the first day with a school wide orientation to review a variety of topics and documents to help our students get back into the groove of academic life. A reminder to parents, that if you have not signed up for a **PowerSchool account (parent portal)**, we highly recommend this so that you can keep track of student attendance, missing assignments as well as overall progress in your child's classes. Please contact the main office for more information about how to access your account.

A reminder to parents, the **Gr. 9-12 student fees** must be paid by September 29<sup>th</sup>.

We will hold our **RCI Open House** on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. The RCI Hockey Academy will be holding a fundraiser during this event (Hot Dogs/Drinks). Thank you to Derrick Scott and Maple Leaf foods for the donation of several dozen hotdogs for our event! This event will also see RCI hosting a **Grade 12 Parent meeting** from 6:30-7:30pm. This is not a Grad meeting but rather an opportunity to learn about *Life after High School* and some of the considerations (scholarships, jobs, resumes, reference letters etc...)that students may need once June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 hits!

Several of our sports teams are already underway including **Sr. High Girls Volleyball & Rugby** programs. Unfortunately, we did not have enough interest in a Sr. High Golf team or **Sr. High Boys volleyball** this year, however, it looks like our **High School hockey** co-op will run again with Elton, Hamiota, & Strathclair.

**Jr. High Cross-Country Running & Soccer** are underway. Practices are held at lunchtime. **Jr. High volleyball** will start up once soccer has ended. More opportunities for athletics will be offered later in the fall and throughout the winter (Basketball/Curling/Badminton etc...).

Our **2022-23 Undergrad Awards assembly** will take place on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:20pm-2:20pm. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the many athletic, academic, and school service accomplishments of our Gr. 7-11 students from last year.

The final day for students, staff, or parents to order **Rivers Collegiate clothing** is Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our online store at Source for Sports to view the products for sale:

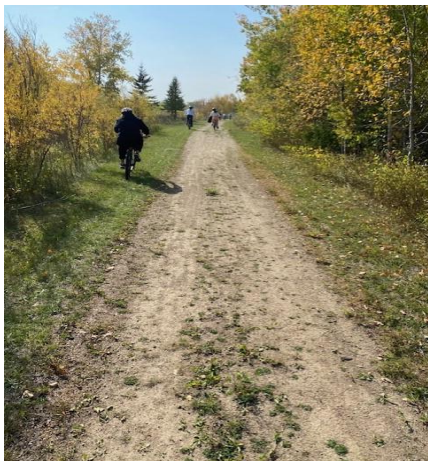
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**Community/Parent Coaches** must complete their *Respect in Sport certification* and have their *Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sectors, and Child Abuse Registry Checks* completed before coaching teams or volunteering in our school.

**Attendance & Lates:** Reminder to parents that if your child will be late or absent for school/classes, you must inform us. Please either email [riverscoll@rrsd.mb.ca](mailto:riverscoll@rrsd.mb.ca) or call 204.328.5364.



Mr. Maxwell's **Outdoor Education** class recently took a couple of quick trips down to the Aspen Trail and the Wetlands area. There is nothing like a nice hike on a beautiful fall afternoon.





The **Hockey Skills Academy** classes (Mr. Luhowy) have started up for this school year and students have been completing their dry land activities while we wait for the ice to be ready. We currently have approximately 80 participants in our program



There are many new students in the classes this year, which is fantastic to see! We are nearly finished sizing all of the students who need equipment to be ready to skate and we have once again been awarded assistance from the Canadian Tire JumpStart grant program. This year, we received \$5 000 toward purchasing equipment for students in need, as well as updating goalie gear for students. This puts the total amount received from the JumpStart grant to nearly \$15 000 in the past two years and we are extremely grateful for the Canadian Tire JumpStart group for providing funding toward the students involved in our classes.

The hockey skills academy is a free program for all students wanting to learn the game of hockey, gain extra physical activity time and challenge themselves to progress as an athlete in any sport.

If you are interested in following along what we do in the classes, please check out our class Instagram page at [rivers\\_hsa](https://www.instagram.com/rivers_hsa) throughout the school year. Keep an eye out for our regular season hockey draft fundraiser coming out before the beginning of the NHL season next month!

The **Hockey Skills Academy** will be holding a fundraiser during the RCI Open House on **Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30-7:30pm**.

**Hot Dogs \$2.00 and Drinks \$1.00.**

Our **Student Council** (Mrs. Roberts) is already working towards brainstorming and planning some fun events for our students at RCI! What's coming up?

In October, we will be running a Food Drive for The Riverdale Harvest Foodbank in the school. We will also be looking for volunteers to help canvass the town for non-perishable food items on Halloween night! Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet. We will require students to help canvass the towns of Rivers, Oak River and at Chimo Resort. This is a great opportunity to help give back to the community and help those in need!

Riverdale Harvest Foodbank has reached out and let us know that they are in great need of donations this year. Let's help as much as we can!

Look out for posters and information about our Halloween Spirit Week as well!

### **Your student council for the year:**

*President – Emily Oldenburger*

*Secretary – Jacee Jewar*

*Treasurer – Rachelle Gerrard*

*Activities Coordinator – Shirley Johnson*

*Sports Representative – Sierra Bourdin*

#### **Grade Reps:**

*Grade 7 – Leighton Ratz*

*Grade 8 – Avery Brown*

*Grade 9 – Emerson Braun*

*Grade 10 – Jillian Hamm*

*Grade 11 – Elle McLean*

## Important Dates:

### September:

- **Wednesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>** 5:30pm-7:30pm
  - *RCI Open House with HSA Fundraiser*
- **Wednesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>** 6:30-7:30pm
  - *Gr. 12 Parent Meeting (Life After High School)*
- **Thursday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> (AM/PM)**
  - *Gr. 7-12 Live Different Presentation(s) (7-12)*
  - <https://livedifferent.com/>
- **Mon-Thurs September 25-28<sup>th</sup>**
  - Grade 12 Work Experience
- **Saturday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**
  - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

### October:

- **Tuesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - RRS D Admin/PD Day (No School)
- **Monday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**
  - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- **Thursday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Undergrad Awards Assembly
  - 1:20pm-2:20pm
- **Wednesday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - Jr. High X-Country Running Meet @ Aspen Trail (Rivers)
  - Rain date is Oct 19th
- **Friday Oct 20<sup>st</sup>**
  - SAGE/MTS Provincial Teacher Conference (No School)

### November:

- **Wednesday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9's)
- **Monday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - Divisional PD (No Classes)
- **Tuesday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - Gr. 10 Math Provincial Evaluation
- **Wednesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - Gr. 10 ELA Provincial Evaluation
- **Friday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - HS School PD (No Classes)
- **Saturday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**
  - Remembrance Day
- **Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - Student/Parent/Teacher Interview (No Classes)

### December:

- **Friday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Last Day of Classes 2023
  - Christmas Break runs from Dec. 25-Jan 5

### January:

- **Monday Jan 8, 2024**
  - Return to Classes