



ROCKLAND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Contact

Secondary Mid-Semester Report Cards

The secondary mid-semester report card for your son, daughter or ward gives an evaluation of the work accomplished from September 5th to November 3rd, 2017 in each course.

Students who are doing well deserve our congratulations; those who could do better must be encouraged to try harder to achieve their potential; those who are having problems should seek extra help from their teachers. Studies have shown that students who receive encouragement and support at home with their school work tend to do better academically. Please be assured that the staff of Rockland District High School remain committed to helping and encouraging students to reach their potential.

If you have any questions or concerns about this report card, please contact the subject teacher(s), Student Services or the School Administration.

For Parents Of Graduating Students

Important Dates to Remember:

- Graduation June 27th, 2018
- RDHS University Application Deadline: If students require help from the Guidance Department you must submit application by December 20th, 2017.
- University Applications Deadline is January 17th, 2018

- \$150.00 Fee (to apply to 3 Universities and/or programs + \$50 for each additional choice).
- College Applications Deadline is February 1st, 2018 (equal consideration date)
- \$ 95.00 Fee (to apply to 5 colleges and/or programs).
- A reminder that 40 hours of Community Involvement is a diploma requirement for graduating students. Deadline for the hours is June 1st, 2018.

It is important that students double check their number of credits earned.

Grade 7 Transition to RDHS a Success

We are pleased to say that the transition of our grade 7 students for the 2017-2018 school year has been a smooth one!

Congratulations to all those Grade 7 students getting involved in student life at RDHS.

A Reminder not to Plan any Appointments during Exam Periods

A student who misses an exam requires a medical note, specifically stating that the student was sick on the day of the exam and that the student was seen by the doctor on or before the day of the exam. The student may be expected to write the exam at a later date.

HOUSE Points

This year's Fitness and Recreation Leadership Course (PLF4M) has divided the entire school (staff and students) into one of 8 HOUSES. The members in each HOUSE compete for points through participation in various lunchtime activities and school-spirit activities. Team members can earn points by participating in our lunchtime intramural program that is organized and led by the PLF4M students. Points were also awarded for participation in the Terry Fox Run (September), orange shirt day, trivia questions read in the morning announcements and school spirit days.

Schedules for intramurals can be found in the gym hallway on the Wildcat mural. Team lists are also posted here. Upcoming opportunities for points include Kinball, dodgeball and badminton intramurals and the Christmas Food Drive.

Current HOUSE standings:

Stingers - 357

Red Devils - 321

Gators - 310

Strikers - 238

Marauders - 224

Blazers - 191

Gladiators - 186

Blackhawks - 146

Cross-Country

This year's High School Cross-Country Running Team competed in 3 pre-season meets in preparation for EOSSAA in Kemptville. Devin Brain in grade 10 was our top finisher with a 38th place finish out of 78 Junior Girls runners!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

RDHS gathered on Nov. 10 to remember and honour those who fought for and those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Led by Ms. McNeill and emcees, Naomi Lachapelle and Emma Bellefeuille, the students were treated to poems, songs and a dance to commemorate the Remembrance Day. Thank you to Ms. Schwendemann's grade 7 & 8 classes, the Glee Club singers and dancers, Alex Ullett for singing the National Anthem and thank you to those who helped out with the technical aspects from Ms. McNeill's Drama class to Mr. Lawford's shop class. We would like to give a special thank you to the students in uniform, the Cadets and Mr. Sean Burgess for piping during the service. Finally, we sincerely appreciate the participation of Captain Natasha Vukobrat for her impassioned address to the students.

Sandra McNeill OCT

Drama & Civics/Careers

Social Media

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/RKDHS.Wildcats>

Website:

<http://www.rocklanddhs.ucdsb.on.ca>

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/RocklandDHS>

Our social media sites are where we post some of the events that are going on at RDHS. Please speak to your child about all the activities/events that happen at the school.

RDHS Art Club Ms. Cranstone

The Senior Art Club (for students in grades 9-12) got off to a late start this year, but is now running again on Tuesday after school from 2:30 to 4:30 in room 157. This is an opportunity for students to work on whatever project/medium they like, either individually, or as a group.

depending on where their interests are, and to socialize with others who are interested in art. In the past, students have created a variety of art pieces, including drawings, paintings, sculptures, wood burned boxes, encaustic wax paintings and prints to name a few. Currently we have about ten members, some of whom took part in the carved stone pendant workshop on Nov 16. We are always interested if people would like to come and share their artistic skills with us! New members are always welcome. Come and join the fun!

Grade Nine Native Art

The Grade Nine Native Art Class and the Senior Art club had a special treat this fall, as we were lucky enough to have a local soapstone artist, Mr. Patrick Imai, come in on Thursday Nov. 16. He brought in some of the samples of his beautiful work that is displayed in several art galleries, and led a half day carved stone pendant workshop. The students really enjoyed the experience and now have some great creative pieces to remember it by. Mr. Imai will also be dropping by to give advice on the soapstone Inukshuks the students will be starting on the week of Nov 20th. It will be exciting to see how the pendant workshop experience is reflected in their next carved stone piece. Thanks so much to Mr. Patrick Imai for donating his time and carving experience to enrich the experience of our students at RDHS!

Grade Ten Civics

The grade ten civics classes had an exciting semester as our local Member of Parliament (for Glengarry, Prescott Russell), Francis Drouin, came in to speak to them on Oct 10th about what the job of being a MP involves and then had a question and answer session on local issues with them. The students enjoyed the presentation and had some very thoughtful questions on a variety of topics. This experience was followed two weeks later by a field trip where the students went for a tour of the Parliament Buildings (very timely as the Parliament Buildings will be closed for repairs for the next ten to 15 years for building repairs, so it may be some time before this particular trip can happen again.) Despite the rainy weather, the students had a great time! Two students from RDHS will be job shadowing Mr. Drouin for a day later this month to get a more in-depth experience of a day in the life of our politicians.

i Lead

i Lead, formerly known as FNMI, is open to all students of First Nations, Inuit or Metis heritage from grades 9-12. This is a chance for them to discover more about their heritage, meet others with the same background from across the board, and to develop their leadership skills. We had our first event this year on Nov 6th, and i Lead students were invited to bring a friend to

this event. Our inspirational guest speaker was Dr. Sean Lessard, a Woodland Cree from Montreal Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. He spoke to us about his life experiences and encouraged students to be not just themselves, but all they can be. He also encouraged us all to have conversations, learn alongside each other and build a greater understanding of the different paths we all walk. Students then worked on a leadership skills exercise. Our next event will be in December. Any students who are interested are asked to give their name to Ms. Cranstone to get forms for the next event. There is no cost to the participants. All events are free, busing, lunch and snacks are provided.

School Council 2017-2018

It's hard to believe that we are almost finishing our third month at school. In September your school council elections were held and results as follows:

Position	Name
Chair	Diana Kortelainen
Vice-Chair	Marc Yuill
Treasurer	Larry Van Every
Secretary	Brandi Westbrook
Parent Reps	Lori Van Every
	Roylana Larochelle
Principal	Jeffery Campbell
Vice-Principal	Jacqueline Slowey
Intermediate Teacher	Wilson Park
Secondary Teacher	Jeff Swanson
Secondary Student Rep	Abby Westbrook, Kiera Yuill, Sebastien Kortelainen
Community Rep	Vacant

The next council meeting will be held on the 17th of January 2018 in the Learning Commons at 7pm.

All students, parents and guardians are welcome.

The Breakfast Program currently in place provides breakfast for all the children at the school and has become a favorite school event. It is currently being run by the school staff, however

the school needs our help to keep the program running. They are always looking for parent volunteers to help with the shopping.

If you are interested in assisting with this great program, please contact: Jeffrey Campbell or Jacqueline Slowey at 613-446-7374.

Community Events:

The **2017 Rockland Christmas Parade of Lights** will be held on Sunday, November 26th.

Thanks to the many students, parents, school staff and community volunteers the event was a huge success last year. We are currently looking for Student and Parent volunteers to make the event a success this year. On **Saturday, November 25th** we will commence the decoration and final preps for the Parade Float. As per last year Free Lunch will be provided on both days. Community hours will be granted to students working the event. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please join us this **Saturday, November 25th at 9am** in the School Cafeteria.

Come out and show off your RDHS School pride on Parade Day!

For more information, please contact: Diana Kortelainen 613-612-2469 or at RDHSCHAIR@gmail.com



RDHS Spirit Wear:

Show off your school pride by purchasing RDHS Spirit Wear. Orders can be made online at Amplifyit.ca or at the school office. Order forms are available in the office.

Your School Fundraisers:

The **RDHS Christmas Fair** will be taking place on **Saturday the 25th of November** 9am-4pm in the school gym. 54 Vendors from across the Region will be selling their wares, just in time for the Christmas Shopping season.

Author Bruce Foster will be doing an open reading from his Children's book, and Santa Claus will be there too. All proceeds from the fair will be going towards the purchase of a water bottle fountain and new sports clock.

Paint Nite: Save the date: **Wednesday February 7th, 2018** from **7-9 pm** at Broadway Bar and Grill. The school council is hosting a Paint Nite Event Fundraiser for the Arts Program in the school. Come out for a night of painting fun with your friends, families, and colleagues. No previous experience required. All supplies will be provided for you in order to make and take your masterpiece home. Great idea for a Christmas gift! Purchase tickets at the below website;

<https://www.paintnite.com/events/coming-soon-at-broadway-bar-and-grill-rockland-10024750>



SPC Card: Student Price Cards are coming soon, save on everyday items and a portion of every card sold goes back to the School Student Council. If you would like more information please contact Mrs. Lori Van-Every in the School Office.

If you have any ideas, comments or concerns on how we can make our school a better place for our children please share them with your council by emailing us at:

RDHSCHAIR@GMAIL.COM Your School Council would appreciate your input. Please provide us your comments by completing the survey on the following page.

Thank you,

Diana Kortelainen

Chair, School Council

Link Crew & Student Council

This fall has been an active time for Student Council and Link Crew. Beginning with a successful Grade 9 BBQ at the start of the school year, progressing through a Grade 9 Day (at which fun was had by all!) and finally moving into computer technology and Virtual Learning Commons tutorials, the Link Crew class has been engaging our Grade 9 students both socially and academically to facilitate their smooth integration into high school life.

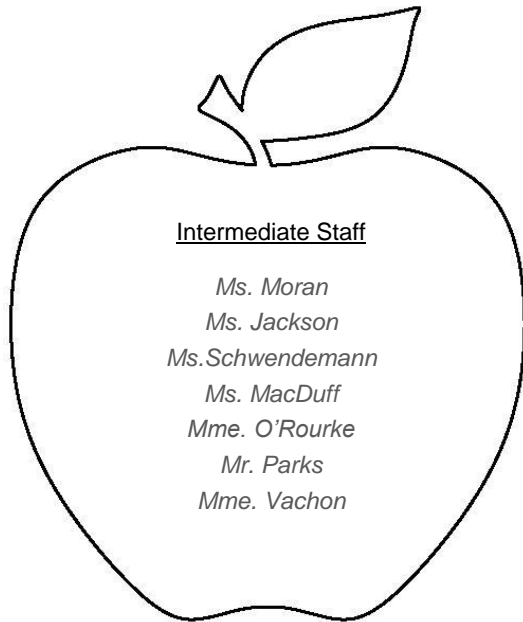
Meanwhile, Student Council, lead by Abby Westbrook and Kiera Yuill, organized a highly successful “Halloweek” celebrating the Hallowe’en spirit with costume, door decorating, and pumpkin carving contests.

RDHS is already gearing up for the Christmas season with a number of events in the pipeline. These include a Food Drive organized by Ms. Kryviak’s Leadership Class with the participation of Link Crew and Student Council; the RDHS float for the Rockland Christmas Parade organized by Parent Council with support from Student Council; and, a variety of Christmas Week events such as hot chocolate sales, spirit days, bake sales, and more.

Paul Murray,

Intermediate Division Update

This fall has been very exciting for Grade 7 and 8 students! Beginning in September, students in Grade 7 and 8 worked together with secondary students to support the Terry Fox Walk. This walk worked to raise awareness and funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. RDHS ended up raising over \$500 for the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer research.



The Grade 7 and 8 sports sense has been especially busy since school began. Mme. Vachon led the way with Cross-Country team. Congratulations to all those students who represented RDHS at the track meet in Brockville. Grade 7 and 8 girls and boys soccer teams also competed in the UC Cup this year. Tryouts have taken place and the intermediate boys and girls volleyball have been formed. Students are looking forward to the tournament organized for Nov. 22 here at RDHS against Russell High School and Pleasant Corners Public School.

For the second time this year, RDHS Grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to participate in the Ottawa 67s Game Day program. 95 students from RDHS joined over 18 000 students from across Eastern Ontario to support the Ottawa 67s in their game

against Kingston. Students enjoyed being able to participate in this exciting event and missing an afternoon of school.

Grade 7 and 8 students were also able to attend in the first annual Rockland Nationals game day here in Rockland. Joining students from other local schools, student saw Rockland take on the Jr. Sens here at home. Students enjoyed seeing friends from other schools and supporting our local hockey team and even some RDHS students.

Students from RDHS also had the opportunity to show their school pride this year through a selection of new RDHS shirts. Thank you to all the parents and students who ordered a shirt. The orders have been placed and we expect the shirts to be in shortly.

Looking ahead into December, RDHS Student Council is planning a number of spirit days which will include the Grade 7 and 8 students. RDHS is also continuing its annual tradition of supporting the Rockland food bank with donations of non-perishable food items. Grade 7 and 8 staff are also planning a few surprise events which are sure to make the students 'dodge' in the name of school spirit.

Athletic Department

Through hard work and dedication, Rockland District High School has earned a reputation in the community for excellence in the varied programs they offer. The dedicated coaches and

hardworking athletes have produced numerous championships over the years and are working hard to bring home more banners for the gym wall this year.

Our winter sports season is underway with our Junior and Senior, Girls Volleyball and Junior and Senior Boys Basketball Teams, practicing early in the AM and fighting for gym time afterschool. It is Rockland District High Schools' goal to foster life skills, promote student leadership and to encourage its athletes to strive for excellence.

Thank you for another outstanding fall season and will look forward to the winter sports season.

Mr. Andrew Lawford – Athletic Director

Grind

The RDHD annual sports marathon affectionately known as the “GRIND”, was once again a huge success. With over half the school involved, as well as staff and many returning alumni, participation was at an all-time high. This year’s GRIND activities included some new activities as well as some old standbys like Kin Ball, Tchoukball and the always-popular musical chairs. This year’s GRIND raised just under \$5000, the money going towards subsidizing the school’s athletic program as well as help subsidize a new score clock. Big-ticket items purchased over the years include a fleet of white-water canoes, weight room equipment, glass basketball backboards, soccer nets and rugby uprights. Congratulations to all those involved!

This years champions...TEAM YELLOW!



Senior Girls Basketball

The Girls' basketball team was made up of eleven players, five of whom were in grade nine. The remaining players were in grade eleven and so the team competed in the Senior Girls' bracket, finishing the regular season with a 2-4 record. The squad bowed out of the playoffs after an excellent game against Russell High School in the quarter-finals. Because of the age of the players, the whole team will likely be back to compete again next year. Congratulations on a strong season, girls

School Yearbooks

It's that time of year again! Buy your yearbook to see all of your fabulous memories of the 2017-2018 year. You can buy your yearbook now online at ybpay.lifetouch.ca with the school code: 13048218. This yearbook is going to be the best one yet.

If you buy your yearbook you can see funny things like most likely to, see photos from fun events like the Grind, Hallowe'en and many candid. You can share the memories with all your friends and keep them as a memory to look back on.

Buy your yearbook before November 30th to be entered into a draw for one of three prizes (prepaid credit cards valued at \$75, \$50, \$25).

Buy yours now!

From the Administration

Thank you from the RDHS Administration. We would like to extend a bravo to all of our staff and students for such a successful start to the 2017-2018 school year! Congratulations to all of our students who are working hard on academics and getting involved in all of the activities available at school, many of these have been showcased in our newsletter.

Please be sure to contact the school at 613-446-7347 if you have any questions or if you would like to speak with us.

Wishing you all the best in 2017-2018.

Jeff Campbell
Principal

Jacqueline Slowey
Vice Principal

Literacy News...

With everyone's success in mind!

This is a reminder to Parents/Guardians that the
Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

Will take place on Thursday, **April 10th, 2018**

Passing the Literacy Test is a Diploma Requirement

Regular in class practices are held semester one and two

Students will be practising in class with their grade 10 English teacher

Practice makes perfect

Reading and writing exercises in the same format as the formal

To pass the Literacy Test, students must achieve a score of 300 out of 400

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone the school

Please visit www.eqao.com for more information and ways to help your child

*Rockland District High School continues to be truly committed in ensuring that all students
succeed in this province-wide Test*

Attendance is mandatory

Mark Your Calendars with our Important Dates

December 25-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Holidays
January 1-5 8 10-11-12 TBD 15-26 22-23 24-30 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Holidays - Classes resume - Graduation photos – Grade 12 - Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics (1st sem. students) - Practical exams (secondary) - Exams (secondary) – cafeteria services closed - PA Day – No classes
February 1 12 19 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st day of Semester 2 – Day A - Secondary Semester 1 Report Cards - Family Day - Elementary Report Cards
March 8 12-16 22 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary Progress Report (secondary) - March Break - Parent/Guardian Night - Good Friday
April 2 10 27 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easter Monday - OSSLT - PA Day – No classes - Mid Semester Report Cards (secondary)
May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Victoria Day
June 1 TBD TBD TBD 5-18 18-20 21-27 TBD 27 27 27 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PA Day – No classes - Celebration of Success - Graduation Prom - Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics (2nd semester students) - Practical Exams - Exams (Secondary) - cafeteria services closed - Grade 8 Celebration Ceremony - Intermediate Report Cards - Last day of school for students - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony - PA Days – No classes