CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL
HI-LIGHTER NEWSLETTER
April 2012

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE: We are pleased to be doing the musical “Annie” this year. Students and staff are working hard to make this a wonderful production. Please support this by buying a ticket for an evening show on May 10-12th, 2012. We look forward to seeing you at the Confederation Centre for this show!

Carter Arsenault was successful in winning the provincial Skills Canada gold medal for Cabinetmaking earlier this spring. He will be competing at the Skills Canada National competition in Edmonton May 13-17th. Congratulations and we wish you well in Nationals, Carter!

Congratulations to Hayley Whelan and to Simon Trivett for their accomplishments in the Provincial Science Fair. They took first place in the high school division, received numerous specialty awards, and were presented with the Governor General’s award for their achievement.

We are pleased to host some 40 students and their coaches form St. Mark Catholic School in Manotick Ontario (from April 23-28th, 2012) for a rugby and cultural exchange. This is a unique exchange that has happened between St. Mark and Rural for more than a dozen years.

Students are completing the selection of their courses for the 2012-13 school year. Assistance with course selection is available through school counselors, home room teachers, and administrators. Our course handbook for next year is online for your reference.

Parents are always welcome to make contact with the school staff regarding questions or concerns about their son/daughter’s education.

Students are encouraged to be diligent in their work and their attendance in this last part of the school year. Good luck to all students.

SCIENCE TUTORING CENTRE: is open every Tuesday from 11:40-12:20 p.m. in room 105.

STUDENT COUNCIL – This year’s Easter Seals Ambassador, Luke Gaudet, will be visiting the Rural on April 23, 2012. The Students’ Council have been actively raising money for Easter Seals. All next week they have planned a “buskers festival”! Every day at lunch time in the cafeteria a different performer will be “busking” for your donation. Drop by and check out the variety of talented Raiders and fill that donation jar! The week will end with a cake auction on April 20th, bid high and bid often, it’s for a great cause!

Elections for executive positions (President, Treasurer, etc.) of the Students’ Council will be held on April 26th. Interested students should speak with a current council member or Ms. Brydon for further information regarding the roles and responsibilities of each position. Application forms will be posted on the student council door and must be returned to Ms. Brydon by Friday, April 20th to be considered eligible. This is a great opportunity to get involved.

STUDENT SERVICES - After completion of mid-term exams in April, graduating students should be receiving acceptance letters from universities and colleges and making final decisions about their institutions of choice for post-secondary studies. Students who will be receiving post-secondary scholarships will be notified in late April or early May.

Please inform Student Services of accepted scholarships or bursaries as they will be announced during graduation exercises.

Grade 12 students are reminded to check the school website, announcements, or with Student Services for notices regarding any other scholarships such as: Sport PEI, PEI Mutual, Holland College Scholarships, etc. (Also check information on our homepage.) Universities require five grade 12 academic (621) courses for admission and students are responsible for checking the university & college calendars for specific requirements. Graduating students MUST also fill in a transcript request form in order to have mid-term (if requested) and final results sent to post-secondary institutions.

Students will have received their user-names and passwords for Career Cruising, which is our computerized career exploration program. This program can be accessed independently from any internet site. It is helpful for students to use this site as they register for courses for next year and as they plan for future work/study.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES - Students who are relying on correspondence courses to meet graduation requirements are reminded that final exams must be written by May 30. Please see Ms. MacDougall in Student Services regarding correspondence courses.

Charlottetown Rural proudly presents the hit musical “Annie”. Richard Haines (director) combines forces with Mark Parsons (music director), and a talented 26-member cast featuring Emily Proude as “Annie”. This production runs May 10 -12th @ 8:00p.m. on the Mainstage of the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the Box Office or in our Main Office at the school 368-6905.

BAND - The Charlottetown Rural Bands will be performing in the Atlantic Festival of Music from May 3-5. The Grade 10 Concert Band, Senior Band, And Senior Jazz Ensemble will be participating in the festival. The Charlottetown Rural Band final concert of the school year will take place on Thursday May 24th at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

Band students and parents can keep up-to-date on band events and concerts by following the blog at: charlottetownruralband@wordpress.com.
GRADUATION ACTIVITIES
It is expected that graduates will have all school and library books returned and any monies outstanding for student fees paid in advance of graduation.

INTERFAITH - Will be held on Tuesday, June 19, time and location to be announced. All graduates and their families are invited to attend this service.

GRADUATION GOWNS are to be picked up June 19 at CRHS when students receive their report cards, from 9 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. A graduation rehearsal will be held on June 19, at Charlottetown Rural at 5:00 p.m. The gowns are to be returned immediately after the ceremony on June 21, at the U.P.E.I. Field House.

GRADUATION- The graduation ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, at the U.P.E.I. Field House. Students are given four invitations and can request more. Students should arrive for the graduation ceremony by 7:00 p.m.

CHEM FREE- There will be a Chem Free event held on graduation night, June 21, at The Spa in West Royalty. The doors will open at 11:30 p.m. and will close at 12:30 a.m. This event will conclude the following morning by 6:00 a.m. More information will follow.

2012 GRADUATION PHOTOS- All potential graduates should now have had their graduation photos taken by Heckbert Studio and Gallery. If for some reason, a student has not been photographed by Heckbert Studio for the school yearbook and composite, it is his/her responsibility to call 566-5500 to book an appointment at the studio on 101 Grafton Street as soon as possible.

RURAL RAIDERS’ MAY RUN FOR RURAL HEALTHY LIVING - The 7th Annual Rural Raiders’ 10Km Run, 5Km Run/Walk will take place starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday May 19, 2012 from Charlottetown Rural High School. Registration fee is $5.00 for under 18 and $10 for adults, with proceeds going to the Student Wellness Programs at the Rural. For more information, please see the PEI Roadrunners website www.roadrunners.ca.

JOHN PETERS HUMPHREY MODEL UNITED NATIONS - Twelve students will be participating as delegates to the John Peters Humphrey Model United Nations at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, N.B. on the weekend of May 4-6th. Model United Nations offers students the opportunity to learn how the United Nations works in committees debating and creating resolutions on a variety of issues of global significance. Public speaking, negotiation, debate, international diplomacy and learning about world issues are among the benefits of students. Mr. Philip Pierlot and Ms. Lynn MacEachern are working with students to prepare them for this event.

SPORTS CALENDAR
May 29  Raider Relay
Rugby  June 4 - 8  Provincials
Badminton  April 16 - 24  Zone Games
April 27 & 28  Provincials
Track & Field  May 23  Regionals
June 1 & 2  Provincials @ UPEI
Softball  June 4 - 8  Provincials

SCHOOL CALENDAR
April 27  Professional /School Development Day – No Classes
May 4  Area Association Annual Meeting – No Classes
May 10-12  School Musical
May 21  Victoria Day - No Classes
TBA  Athletic Banquet
June 11  First Date on Which Exams for Grade 12 may be scheduled
June 13  First Date on Which Exams for Grades 10, 11 may be scheduled
June 15  Prom – Confederation Centre
June 19  Final Reports to Grade 12 & Gown Pick Up 9:00 - 3:10p.m.
June 19  Grad Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. @ Charlottetown Rural
June 19  Interfaith Service for Graduates
June 21  Graduation Exercises @ UPEI 8pm
June 21  Chem Free @ The Spa
June 26  Report Cards issued to Grade 10 & 11 students and course re-registration
June 29  Last day for Teachers