



CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HI-LIGHTER NEWSLETTER February, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - A new semester provides the opportunity for a new beginning for students. Reflection on lessons learned from the first semester is important for success in second semester.

The policy of the Eastern School District on the use of electronic equipment not authorized for use in schools, states that electronic devices must be turned off and out of sight while in the school building. Cell phones are not authorized for use in our school. We encourage you to speak with your son/daughter regarding this expectation.

We look forward to seeing parents/ guardians at **Meet-the-Teacher night on Thursday, February 11th at 7:30 pm.** This is our first time to provide this opportunity in second semester. It is a great chance to get information on course expectations from your son's/daughter's second semester teachers.

We are pleased to welcome new staff members, Meghan Lister and Corinne Van Diepen to the Rural. We are also pleased to have Jennifer Connell and Andrew Stewart return to the Rural for second semester.

Students are wished success in their second semester.

STUDENT SERVICES - Grade twelve students should be actively engaged in post-secondary planning. Calendars and applications for most colleges and universities are available at Student Services and online. Assistance with applications for admissions and scholarships is also available.

Please note March 1st is the deadline for-

- a) First round of acceptance into programs at Holland College
- b) Entrance scholarships to UPEI.

Students are responsible for checking calendars, Websites, announcements and the Student Services bulletin board for information regarding:

- a) post secondary admission deadlines
- b) scholarship criteria and deadlines
- c) post secondary information session times
- d) open houses at various post secondary institutions.

Résumés- all grade XII students should have a résumé to be used for applications for awards, bursaries, etc. Also www.careercruising.com has an excellent résumé builder. Students should come to student services for a username and password.

Any student requesting a letter of reference should ask the referee first, giving 5 days notice.

Parents as Career Coaches- School counsellors are pleased to invite parents to an orientation evening for our career exploration program. Career Cruising is designed to link students to future careers, build resumes, link to databases for post secondary information etc. Parents are invited to lab 340 on **Tuesday March 2nd, from 7:00-8:15.**

Registration will be on a first come first served basis with a Storm date on Thursday, March 4th.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS -Students are responsible for requesting to have their transcripts of marks forwarded to post-secondary institutions by completing a form in Student Services. Each transcript will cost \$1.00. Please be advised that students who have applied to a post-secondary institution must complete transcript request forms as soon as possible to have their first semester marks forwarded. This process

must be completed again in June. All post-secondary institutions require a final transcript with proof of graduation to complete registration.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BURSARY - Island students in grades 11 and 12 planning to attend any post-secondary institution are eligible for a tuition credit of \$500. Credit will be calculated at a rate of \$5.00 per hour of volunteer work to a limit of 100 hours (\$500) per participant. Interested students can pick up information at Student Services or contact Nancy Murphy at 894-0347.

THE RAIDER COUNCIL- The Raider Council has been actively fundraising all year to purchase mosquito nets to send to Africa as part of the Spread the Net Campaign. Mosquito nets are an easy and cost-effective way to prevent the spread of disease, and so far the group has raised enough money to purchase nets for 28 families. The next fundraising initiative will be a lip sync competition, held the week after March break. Any students interested in signing up for the lip sync should contact Meaghan Newson or Ms. Toombs.

CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL MUSICAL -This year's musical production *Willie Wonka* is in full swing. As you may know our cast has been selected and has already completed the first read-through. Full rehearsals begin this week for both actors and pit band members. The task of creating a musical from scratch is quite daunting, but thankfully there was much positive and creative energy at the first meeting! Returning creative forces include: Richard Haines, Director; Mark Parsons, Music Director; Wallena Higgins, Stage Director. We are also excited to announce that Julian Molnar has assumed vocal coach duties for this year's production.

We require support in various technical areas to ensure that our musical reaches its full potential. Please note that during "Meet the Teacher" night on February 11th there will be a sign-up sheet for any parent, guardian, or community member to offer a skill or trade (e.g., set construction, costumes, etc.) Not everybody will have to take a leadership role, but the more skilled hands, the lighter the workload. Please feel free to contact me, Edwin Hughes, at edhughes@edu.pe.ca or 368-6905 if you have any questions. Good luck to all cast members and enjoy a chocolatey February.

HELP FOR STUDENTS

MATH HELP - We are pleased to offer extra math help at lunch hour (11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of every week in Room 303. This help is available to students at every grade level.

PEER HELPING SCIENCE CENTRE - This centre runs on Tuesdays at lunch hour in room 105. Student volunteers provide extra help to other students in their science courses.

ENGLISH TUTORING CENTRE- We will continue to offer assistance every Wednesday from 11:40-12:20 in Computer Lab 320. This is a great opportunity for students to get extra help with any writing or research assignment in any subject area. This will be supervised by English teachers as well as volunteer student (peer) helpers.

CHRS "Super Silent Reading"- SSR- will now take place every Wednesday for 20 minutes on a rotating class schedule. This literacy initiative is a small but important step toward improving students' reading and writing skills and their love of reading as it extends into all curricular areas. We are looking forward to a great semester.

REGISTRATION - Registration for 2010 -2011 school year will be held from April 12 -21. It is crucial that students and parents take the necessary time to make informed and appropriate course selections. Students must choose courses that fulfill graduation requirements as well as courses they require for acceptance into specific post-secondary programs.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME - Charlottetown Rural would like to welcome back Jennifer Connell as our IB Coordinator.

LIBRARY - The library is open to students before class, during lunch hour, and after school until 4:00 p.m. Parents please encourage your students to return library books promptly.

SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION - The schedule for this year's Skills Canada Competition is out and students are encouraged to look at the range of competition categories available. The Rural has done very well in past competitions, including capturing a gold in Culinary Arts last year. Information is available on the Skills Canada site www.skillscanada.com, but information on specific P.E.I. competitions is available from Philip Pierlot at the Rural.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS- A delegation of 12 students has been selected to participate in this year's Model United Nations at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, N.B. on the weekend of May 7-9th. Model UN offers students the opportunity to participate in a simulation of the United Nations by representing countries on a variety of UN Committees. Students will be required to represent their countries' positions on topics ranging from Climate Change to Security Council Reform through speeches, negotiation and debate. Teacher advisors are Philip Pierlot and Andrew Stewart.

ROTARY YOUTH PARLIAMENT- will be taking place on February 19th (afternoon and evening sessions and 20th (morning session) at Province House. The following students will represent the Rural: Richard McGuigan (gov), Greg Landry (gov), Ricky Clow (opp), Sara MacLean (clerk). High school students across the Island will be participating in the event.

CRIME STOPPERS- Charlottetown Rural High School is pleased to announce a revitalized partnership with CRIME STOPPERS. On the morning of February 18th, students will hear a presentation on the implementation of CRIME STOPPERS to our school community. This program will encourage students to take an active role in the control of their academic environment by providing an anonymous mechanism for reporting crimes. We expect that the integration of this program will provide a valuable supplement to our "Safe School" initiative, and do much to preserve our positive and safe school climate.

2010 SUPER SPRING SAVER COUPON BOOKS

The Student Council is having another fund-raiser in the second semester. Once again we are selling the value added booklets. These booklets have coupons which are valued at over \$700., and students will be selling them for \$10. The monies raised from this fund-raiser will go towards athletics, travelling expenses, registration fees, referees, leadership conferences, Remembrance Day ceremonies, Valentines Day, Saint Patrick's Day and motivational speakers, just to mention a few. Half of the proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation to purchase equipment for the pediatric department, The Arthritis Society and the IWK Hospital. Please help our Student Council succeed in this worthwhile initiative.

SPORTS CALENDAR -

Basketball - Provincials-

March 2	AAA - ¼ finals
March 3	AA & A -¼ finals
March 4	AAA Semifinals
March 5	AA Semifinals
March 6	A, AA, & AAA Bronze Medal Games Finals
March 8	AA Gold Medal Games
March 9	AAA Gold Medal Games
March 11	All Star Game

Badminton Club has begun, see Mrs. Hovingh or Ms. Garrity.
Rugby spring tryouts begin following basketball finals.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

February 11	Meet the Teacher Night- 7:30 p.m.
February 15	Islander Day - NO SCHOOL
March 15-19	March Break
March 25	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-4:45 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m.
March 26	In school Professional Development 9:00-Noon Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00-4:00 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Monday
April 6, 7, 8	Mid-term Examinations/ Evaluation
April 9	PD Day
April 12-21	Registration for 2009-2010
April 20	Mid-term Report Cards and Newsletter

