



Charlottetown Rural Hi-Lighter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE -We are pleased to provide this newsletter to parents with information on programs, and initiatives at Charlottetown Rural.

The parent-teacher interviews in October were extremely well attended! We thank parent/guardians for meeting with staff during the interview period. Please feel free to make contact with teachers at any time during the school day regarding attendance and progress.

As we are halfway through the first semester, students are encouraged to review their mid-term results carefully and to make any changes in study, effort, and attendance which are required. Regular attendance and effort will go a long way to improve grades.

A range of extracurricular activities are available for students at noon hour and after school. Involvement in these activities is encouraged as they provide unique learning opportunities.

Students are wished continued success in their programs at the Rural.

PRIVACY INFORMATION- Athletics or Performing Arts
Information on the collection and release of student information for students involved in athletics or performing arts may be found on our school website.

STUDENT SERVICES- Admission requirements, application forms for admission, residence information, and details regarding scholarship eligibility at post-secondary institutions are available in Student Services.

Scholarship information booklets pertaining to individual groups and businesses are posted in Grade Twelve Home Rooms. Information is also available on our school webpage www.edu.pe.ca/rural. It is the student's responsibility to check scholarship deadlines.

U.P.E.I. representatives will be making a presentation to grade 12 students on December 10th at 10:40 regarding the admission and scholarship process. Students should be completing their application forms for colleges and universities in early January and requesting that their first semester marks be forwarded. Transcript request forms are available in Student Services, and \$1.00 payment is required for each request. Students are reminded that the deadline for Holland College programs is February 28, 2010. Students interested in attending community colleges in Ontario, please note that the deadline is February 1, 2010 and that you must apply online at www.ontariocolleges.ca

Grade XII students should submit résumés to Student Services by the end of first semester. Students needing a résumé can make one on the résumé building component found on any word processing program at home or school, or you can access Career Cruising (our career exploration program) by using their username and password. Students can obtain their passwords at Student Services.

Career Exploration Opportunity for Parents!
Charlottetown Rural is pleased to offer an evening where parents can preview our Career Cruising program. Career Cruising is a computer program designed to link students to

future & careers; build résumés, link to databases for post secondary information, etc.

Parents are invited to Lab 340 Monday, November 30th from 7:00-8:00. Come on in and see what this program has to offer.

Youth Addiction's Counsellor, Mike Walsh is available to meet the students. Students may make appointments through Student Services Office.

Rebecca Fradsham is the coordinator of the G.I.F.T. (Graduation is for Teen Moms) program and is available to meet with students. Check at Student Services for appointments.

EXTRA HELP-

1) **Math help-** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week in Room 303 from 11:30-12:15 p.m.

2) The **Science** Tutoring Centre is open every Tuesday from 11:45-12:20 in room 105.

3) The **English** Tutoring Centre is open every Wednesday from 11:40-12:20 in Computer Lab 320. This is an opportunity for students to work on English assignments, edit/revise essays, get help with grammar or research skills, and get some helpful tips on how to improve success in English courses.

A list of tutors for all grade levels and subjects is also available in Student Services.

GRADUATION - Students and parents can find information on graduation and post secondary options by clicking on the Potential Graduates page on the school's website at www.edu.pe.ca/rural

GRADUATION PRIZES/ AWARDS Each year Charlottetown Rural is pleased to receive money from businesses and individuals in the community to recognize students at graduation. Monetary prizes are given to students to recognize achievement in specific courses. As well, bursaries and scholarships are presented to students for leadership and volunteerism with specific criteria determined by the donor in communication with the school. Recognition is given at graduation and a tax receipt provided to all donors. Prize amounts vary; they generally range from \$100. and up. If you want to contribute to our graduation prize fund, **please contact a member of the school administration.**

CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL WEB PAGE - Parents and students are encouraged to check the school's web page for the daily announcements, scholarship information, and career links www.edu.pe.ca/rural

BAND- PEI Senior High Honours Band- Charlottetown Rural has 10 students participating in the provincial honours band from Nov. 27th- 29th. They will perform in a concert on Sunday November 29th, 2 p.m. at the Dr. Steel Recital Hall, UPEI. Admission by donation to the Honours Band.

Charlottetown Rural Band Christmas Concert- Tuesday Dec. 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

SAS (Student Achieve Software) -

Parents/Guardians can contact the main office of the school if they have not yet received login information. SAS is an online software program which provides an additional means of communication between parents and school on attendance and marks. Students can also access SAS by obtaining their username and password from their homeroom teacher.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS - If all schools in th Eastern School District are to be cancelled, parents will be notified by radio announcements on local stations including Magic 93, CFCY, OCEAN, K-ROCK, CBC-FM (*CBC PEI's Stormwatch*), C102, and Bonjour Atlantique.

The first notice will be broadcast by 7:00 a.m. Occasionally it may only be necessary to close individual or families of schools.

ONE-HOUR DELAY - In cases where a decision cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one-hour delay will be announced. This means that all schools and buses may operate one hour later than the usual time. A further announcement regarding delays and/or cancellations will be made by 8:00 A.M.

IF SCHOOLS ARE OPERATING, THE FINAL DECISION TO ATTEND RESTS WITH YOU, THE PARENT.

STUDENT STORE - The Student Store has a wide selection of Raider Gear for sale including hoodies, t-shirts, and sweatpants. Raider Gear would make an excellent present for students!

FALL SAVER BOOKLETS -Check out the Fantastic Fall Saver booklets, that are available in the main office, only until Christmas.

CELL PHONES- A reminder that cell phones are not permitted to be used in the school. This is an Eastern School District regulation.

STUDENT COUNCIL Student council will be working with the Raider Council to plan activities designed to improve school spirit. Student council will also be supporting the Raider Council's Initiative, Spread the Net Campaign. Other student activities being planned by the council include Christmas at the Rural and the infamous and highly anticipated dodge ball tournament.

RAIDERS COUNCIL – The Raider Council, a volunteer group of student leaders, continues its work this year supporting the Student Council Executive, varsity sport teams, the student store, and other groups/events. The Raider Council is also involved with several of their own initiatives such as assisting needy families during the holiday season, Christmas caroling at local senior's residences and the Spread the Net Campaign. This campaign raises funds to buy mosquito nets to help prevent the spread of malaria in Africa.

SMARTRISK/Allied Youth - Vanessa French, Travis Cummiskey, and Kaci MacCallum have been selected to be Charlottetown Rural's youth leaders for this year's SMARTRISK program. The SMARTRISK program engages young people to think before they act and to recognize that all accidents are preventable. A core site team has been chosen to plan and deliver activities in the school focusing on the theme of injury prevention. SMARTRISK students will work to educate their fellow students on taking appropriate risks in their everyday lives. Students interested in finding out more information on the SMARTRISK program can contact one of the above mentioned student leaders.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT Charlottetown Rural continues to work on three main goals in this the third year of the school improvement process. Our goals for the school are; 1) To improve student achievement by increasing engagement, 2) To improve school climate ensuring that all students, staff and members of the public feel welcome and safe at CRHS, and 3) To provide education and opportunity for students and staff in the areas of health and wellness. The responses from surveys by students, staff and parents allowed us to evaluate our efforts to date and refine some of our action plans. We will again be seeking input from students in this final year of the three year process of school development.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Home and School- Parents are encouraged to visit the Home and School Association's website at <http://www.edu.pe.ca/peihsf> to learn more about upcoming workshops, presentations, and events.

LIBRARY - Students and parents are encouraged to visit the "other door" to the library- the library webpage. There one can access from home or school the library's 79 E-Books and 4 on-line databases. The username is always "rural" and the password is "raiders". Our E Books cover a variety of topics suitable for student research as well as literacy and scientific books that support the IB program. The four on-line databases include: Science On-line, Opposing Viewpoints, Student Resource Center and Universalis. Also there are links to various writing aids and newspapers.

Students are encouraged to return print resources promptly as demand often exceeds availability. The library is accessible to students before school, during lunch and after school until 4:00 p.m.

SPORTS CRHS won a number of medals: Gold, three in x-country running, juvenile boys and girls, field hockey and men's AAA soccer; a silver medal in men's golf and A Girls soccer; and bronze medals in Girls AAA soccer and senior men's cross-country.

CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HIGH MUSICAL

Musical Director Mark Parsons and Richard Haines, Director, have very recently completed auditions for this year's musical production. We are excited to announce that our production is Willa Wonka by Roald Dahl. The two act play is a full stage adaptation and features songs from the classic film Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory starring Gene Wilder. The performance schedule is May 5th to 8th. Casting should be announced before the Christmas break. This year we plan to have a meeting with students, parents/guardians, and all interested parties to help gather the many resources and skills necessary to ensure that this is, yet again, another successful CRHS production.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 8 Band Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria
- Dec. 22 Last Day of Classes 2009
- Jan. 4 First Day of Classes 2010
- Jan. 6-9 Confederation City Classic Basketball Tournament.
- Jan.25-29 First Semester Final Exams/Evaluation
- Feb. 1 Administration Day for Second Semester.
- NO CLASSES**
- Feb. 2 First Day of Classes, Second Semester
- Feb. 9 First Semester Exam Results & Newsletter
- Feb. 11 Meet the Teacher Night 7:30

We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!

