



Principal's Message – We are pleased to provide this newsletter for parents/guardians.

The November report card is a progress report for your son/daughter. As such, there is still a significant part of class work and assessment to be completed for students to obtain final grades in their courses. Contrary to previous years, the progress mark at this time does not necessarily represent half of the final mark in a course. If you have questions regarding this, please contact your son/daughter's teacher(s).

Some items to note this fall at the Rural:

*CRHS students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run/Walk in September and provided great support to this Foundation. We were pleased to have Fred Fox, Terry's brother, speak to students in October.

*Students conducted very effective Remembrance Day assemblies in early November.

*Students and staff participated in excellent educational anti-bullying activities over the last week.

*Student athletes were great representatives of CRHS in many provincial competitions with good success in recent weeks.

Students are wished success in this term.

Home and School/School Council - There will be a meeting of the Home and School on November 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

2011 Yearbooks – The 2011 Yearbooks have arrived and can be picked up in the Main Office.

Les Joyeux jeudis – Come enjoy French *movies*, French *musique*, French *croissants*, and French *Joie de vivre* at the very first event of *Joyeux jeudis* sponsored by the French Department of CRHS. Anyone who is interested in pursuing their discovery of French culture, please join us every Thursday. Our first step in this exciting journey will take place on Thursday, November 24th @ 11:40a.m. in room 239.

Student Services – Admission requirements, applications 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. 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. A \$1.00 payment is required for each request. Students are reminded that the deadline for Holland College programs is February 28th, 2012. Students interested in attending community colleges in Ontario, please note that the deadline is February 1st, 2012 and that you must apply online at www.ontariocolleges.ca.

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Students interested in attending university in Ontario must apply on line at www.ouac.on.ca. Students needing a resume can make one on the resume building component found on any word processing program at home or school, or they can access [Career Cruising](http://www.careercruising.com), our career exploration program at www.careercruising.com by using their username and password. All students can obtain their passwords at Student Services.

Tutor Support – Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty has donated a sum of money to help offset the cost of tutoring. For more information regarding this program contact Paul Power. (368-6908)

Dominique Lecours is the Coordinator of the G.I.F.T. Program (Graduation is for teen moms) and is available to meet with students.

Youth Addiction Counsellor: Darlene Molyneaux is available to meet students. Students may make appointments through the Student Services Office.

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.

School Development- Three goals have been identified under the 2011-2012 school development plan. This year, staff will be working collaboratively in the areas of student assessment, literacy, and wellness. All staff have joined a professional learning community based on curricular and/or professional interests. Updates will be given throughout the year.

Library – During the last half of this semester many courses have a research component. A great way to start a research paper, from home or school, is by visiting the library webpage (link is on the school website). There, one can search Koha, the library's online catalogue; our collection of nonfiction eBooks; and EBSCO research databases. (Username: rural, Password: raiders). There are other research related links as well. Encourage your students to use Sweet Search as a search engine instead of always using Google. Every website has been evaluated by a research expert. The library is accessible to students before school, during lunch hour, and after school until 4:00p.m. Please encourage students to return their library books promptly.

School Cancellations - If all schools in the Eastern School District are to be cancelled, parents will be notified by radio announcements on local stations including Magic 93, CFCY, OCEAN, KROCK, CBC-FM, (CBC PEI's storm watch), 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.**

CPR Training – We have an exciting opportunity at CRHS this year. The Heart & Stroke Foundation, Island EMS, MEDAVIE Blue Cross and Island paramedics are helping to sponsor a new initiative. The IB classes will be trained in CPR later this week and then, along with paramedics from the area, will provide training to all grade 10 students through the physical education classes. Because this initiative is being done in partnership with the aforementioned agencies, there is no cost to the students. By the end of this school year all grade 10 students will have basic CPR training. As this continues, within three years every student who graduates from CRHS will have that most vital skill.

Dodgeball - The annual CRHS Dodgeball Tournament is scheduled to begin soon! Games will be held every day at lunch time in the gym with the championship games for each division to conclude by Dec 20th. Come out and cheer on your favorite team.

Christmas Banquet – As winter approaches, so does the Christmas Formal Banquet. Last year's event was a huge success and this year's event promises to be equally entertaining! Mark Thursday, Dec 15th on your calendar and come out and enjoy an evening of dining and festive entertainment. Bring along food items to support the Charlottetown Food Bank, each item of food earns you a ballot for a door prize. Watch the announcements for menu details, ticket prices and entertainment lineup.

Raider Clothing – Raider clothing and other accessories are available for purchase in the Student Store at lunch hour. All new styles of t-shirts, long sleeve shirts and pull-over style hoodies are available on a pre-order basis only. Orders must be pre-paid, and take 1-2 weeks to be filled. White long-sleeve shirts, gray zip-up hoodies, metal water bottles, key chains, and "Baby Raider" shirts are currently in stock and can be purchased at lunch hour as well. Please see the Student Store volunteers for more information, or contact Ms. Toombs or Mr. Brothers.

2012 Rural Musical – Preparations are now underway for this year's musical production to be performed at the Confederation Centre of the Arts in May 2012. Auditions will be held in December...times and location to be announced. As always, community involvement is crucial to the success of our production. Anybody who is interested in helping out with the 2012 musical (i.e. building sets, costume design, etc.) should contact the producer, Edwin Hughes, as soon as possible via email edhughes@edu.pe.ca or telephone 368-6905.

Have Your Say – Education Governance Commission Discussion Paper – The Education Governance Commission has been asked to examine and make recommendations on governance structures, mechanisms, and processes to ensure leadership and accountability for student learning outcomes and for the effective, efficient, responsive operation of Prince Edward Island's educational system. They need to hear the views and advice of islanders in order to make recommendations on "who should do what" and "how it should be done" in our education system to better facilitate student learning. The Commission welcomes comments and suggestions on any and all aspects of education governance that may be of concern or interest to Islanders.
www.peieducationgovernance.com

Eastern School District Brochure – The following link is for your information.
www.edu.pe.ca/esd/pdf/1112_district_brochure.pdf

Athletics - Basketball teams are beginning their season with league games starting in late November. We are excited to add a second girl's team this year.

We are hosting an A Boys Basketball Tournament for six Island teams on December 16th and 17th, 2011. Our Confederation City Classic Basketball Tournament is scheduled for January 4-7, 2012 with 20 teams participating.

Healthy Eating – We are working to implement Healthy Eating guidelines in our cafeteria and vending offerings. Students will see breakfast items such as bagels, toast, and cereal available before classes in the morning. Cinnamon rolls and cookies are each available only one day a week at morning break and lunch and as well fries (baked) and wedges are each served once a week. We will continue to implement changes to food offerings throughout the year.

Science Tutoring Centre – Wednesdays, in Biology lab 105 from 11:40 – 12:20pm

School Calendar

Dec. 8	Band Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria
Dec. 20	Last Day of Classes 2011
Jan. 3	First Day of Classes for 2012
Jan. 4-8	Confederation City Classic Basketball Tournament
Jan. 25-31	First Semester Final Exams/Evaluation
Feb. 1	Administration Day for Second Semester – No Classes
Feb. 2	First Day of Classes, Second Semester
Feb. 8	First Semester Exam Results and Newsletter
Feb. 9	Meet the Teacher Night – 7:30 p.m.

We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!