**Charlottetown Rural Hi-Lighter**

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**November, 2005**

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE** - We are pleased to provide the first newsletter of the 2005-06 school year which is an important opportunity to provide parents with information on programs and initiatives at Charlottetown Rural High School.

The parent-teacher interviews in October were extremely well attended! We thank parents/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 student progress and attendance.

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 are essential requirements for improved grades.

There are many opportunities to be involved in extra curricular activities at Charlottetown Rural. Opportunities in sports, both at the competitive interscholastic level and in the noon intramural program are available.

Thirteen Charlottetown Rural Students and their coach, Mr. Lloyd, will travel to the Rugby Sevens Tournament in Dubia in the United Arab Emirates in late November. In January, 2006 we are pleased to have a basketball team from Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates visit our school. The team is planning to attend both the Colonel Gray Basketball Tournament and the Confederation City Classic Basketball Tournament and will be billeted with families in the area.

There are also a range of activities organized by Students’ Council, Raider Council, drama, yearbook, Booster Club, Coffee Culture, and SADD, each requiring students to get involved. This year we will stage the musical, "Cinderella" in early May, 2006.

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

**STUDENT SERVICES** - Many students are visiting Student Services as a follow up to our Post-Secondary Information Day, which was held October 26.

Application forms for admission, residence information and details regarding scholarship eligibility at post-secondary institutions are available in the Student Services Centre.

Scholarship information booklets pertaining to individual groups and businesses are posted in
Grade Twelve Home Rooms. Additional booklets are also available at Student Services and can be found on our school webpage www.edu.pe.ca/Rural. Click on Student Resources.

A U.P.E.I. representative will be making a presentation to grade 12 students later this semester regarding the 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, 2006. Students interested in attending community colleges in Ontario, please note that the deadline is February 1, 2006, and that you must apply online www.ontariocolleges.ca

All grade twelve students are asked to complete a résumé before Christmas break which will assist staff in completing recommendations for students. Students can get help with résumés by picking up information at Student Services, checking with their teachers, or accessing the website: www.worksearch.gc.ca, then clicking on How I Should Market Myself.

Sean Morrison, a Youth Counsellor from Addiction Services, is available to meet with students on Monday and Thursday mornings. Students may make appointments to see Mr. Morrison through the Student Services Office.

Elaine MacRae operates the G.I.F.T (Graduation is for Teen Moms) program out of Student Services. She is available to meet students during "D" period.

**GRADUATION** - A graduation information meeting for graduates and parents will be held on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss graduation and post-secondary studies.

**SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS** - If schools are to be cancelled, parents will be notified by radio announcements on local stations including Magic 93, CHTN, CFCY, CBC-FM, C102 and Bonjour Atlantique.

The first notice will be broadcast by 7:00 A.M. In some instances, it may be necessary to close only individual 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 take place by 8:00 A.M.

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

**STUDENTS’ COUNCIL** - This year the Students’ Council has foregone class representatives and has taken a new and innovative approach to school leadership. The formation of a Raider Council made up of students interested in promoting school spirit, respect, and leadership will be the driving force in assisting Student Council. The best part is that all are welcome to join.

**RURAL RAIDER GEAR** - The Raider Council and Students’ Council are selling Rural
clothing during lunch hour every Tuesday and Thursday leading up to the Christmas break at the Student Store. There are hoodies, toques, shirts, mitts and other items. These would make great Christmas gifts for friends and family! Check out our website for more information. For online inquiries or to place an order please email rural@edu.pe.ca

**MUSICAL** - This is the Rural’s year to produce a musical so we are preparing now for our show at the Confederation Centre during the week of May 1st through 6th. Auditions will be announced soon and volunteers are needed in all areas of production. If you would like to get involved in the Musical, whether you are a student, parent or someone who just would like to be involved, contact Philip Pierlot at the Rural by e-mail – papierlot@edu.pe.ca and let him know what you would like to do. General areas of production include set construction and painting; costumes; promotion, posters, copying and distribution; ticket sales; photography; cast party/banquet.

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

**HOME AND SCHOOL** - The Charlottetown Rural Home & School Association is encouraging all parents to be involved with their students' education. All parents are part of the association as part of the group's registration. On the executive are Heather Birt, president, (569-2814) and Ann Koughan, treasurer (569-2786).

The main activities planned by Home & School this year include: "Meet the Teacher Night" in September; "Graduation Information Night" which will be November 29th at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria; "Teacher Appreciation" in February; and graduation in June, where Home & School hosts a reception for friends & families and also provides a number of prizes for graduating students.

The last opportunity to purchase a ticket on the "Weekend for two at the Delta", Home & School's one fundraiser of the year, is at the "Graduation Information Night", November 29.

The next meeting of the Home & School is January 11 at 7 pm in the school library.

**LIBRARY** - All grade ten students have received an orientation to the library. As a follow up, grade ten language classes participated in learning stations that further developed their library skills. The library continues to be busy with teachers bringing their classes for book selection, projects, and research papers. We are continually updating our resources and any donations of current suitable reading materials, especially novels, would be appreciated. As well, donations of fairly recent magazines such as People or magazines about fitness, health, music and fashion would be well received.

Instead of randomly searching the Internet for information, students are encouraged to use the two online databases, the Electric library and Infotrac. Information on how to access these databases from home and at school is available in the library and in every computer lab in the school. The library is accessible to students before school, during lunch hour, and after school. Parents, please encourage students to return their library books promptly.
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

2007 CANADA GAMES SQUASH is open to any boy or girl interested in the opportunity. Athletes must be under 18 as of March 10, 2006. Experience in tennis, badminton, or racquetball is an asset. All athletes from any sport will be considered and training will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Michele at 368-8612 or email meleclair@edu.pe.ca.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Nov. - February Basketball League schedule Women’s and Men’s League

    January 12 - 14 Men’s and Women’s "AA" and "AAA" Basketball - Confederation City Classic

January - February School Curling

Early March Senior "A", "AA", "AAA" Women’s and Men’s Basketball Provincials Championships

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Nov.29 Graduation 2006 Information Meeting for Potential Graduates and Parents - 7:30 p.m.

Dec.15 Christmas Concert 7:30 p.m. Cafeteria

Dec.20 Last Day of Classes, 2005

Jan. 4 Professional Development Day, No Classes

Jan. 5 First Day of Classes, 2006

Jan.12-14 Confederation City Classic Basketball Tournament

Jan.30 - Feb 2 First Semester Final Exams/Evaluation

Feb. 3 Administration Day for Second Semester, No Classes

Feb. 6 First Day of Classes, Second Semester

Feb 10 First Semester Exam Results & Newsletter

March 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

March 10 In-School Professional Development

9:00 a.m. - Noon, No Classes
March 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., No Classes

March 20 - 24 March Break

April 5 -7 Mid-term Exams/Evaluation

April 14 Good Friday

April 17 Easter Monday

April 20 Midterm Reports & Newsletter to Students

We wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!