

November 24 - COVID-19 Update

We currently have no known active cases of COVID-19 at RJC High School. It is our hope to enjoy these next four weeks together, and to have all our students and staff return home for Christmas break happy and in good health.

Due to the rising caseload of COVID-19 in our province we are taking steps to enhance safety on campus and we are asking that dormitory students consider not signing-out for overnights on weekends from now until Christmas break. We are also asking that all students and staff seek to reduce the number contacts with others outside of the RJC community.

In early November we established a *Health and Wellness Winter Preparedness Committee* and began working on activities for the well being of our students through the winter months. To date we have completed, or are in the process of completing, many projects to help students stay active and get involved on campus. Some examples include:

- Upgrades to our skating rink and investments in skates, helmets and broomball equipment
- The construction of an outdoor 'crokicurl' rink
- A double-track cross-country ski trail on campus, complete with the purchase of new cross-country skis and boots for our students
- Upgrades to sound and video equipment for movie nights
- Enhancements to our gazebo, and other outdoor gathering places
- Development, and snow clearing, of walking/running trails on campus
- A sledding hill, for sliding, tobogganing, and snowboarding tricks
- Early Christmas decorating to create a home-like, festive atmosphere

These winter activities, along with our regular academic, arts, athletic and BELONG program will help our students stay active and engaged over the weeks ahead. The RJC staff has also established a new House League structure that has included many games and events from which the students can earn points for their House. Students have been enjoying these events, and all of these efforts have combined to build a positive culture in our school community.

Day students continue to be welcome on campus outside of the academic day, and to participate in the after school activities. We remind our day students that they need to sign in with the deans when they arrive on campus, and wear masks in all public spaces. Our campus remains closed to outside visitors deemed non-essential.

Thank you for your support as we seek to keep our students and staff safe, while continuing to provide a rich educational experience attentive to the needs of the whole child.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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