

M.C.I. Newsletter

From Mr. Ingenmey's Desk

Each winter, due to inclement weather we are forced to either cancel school buses or close schools. As winter is here once again, it is time to remind parents and students to listen to the radio on potential storm days for bus cancellation/school closure announcements.

It is also important to note that on days where buses are cancelled, the school is still open. Town students are encouraged to attend so that they can receive

instruction and support for previously learned material. Students can use these opportunities to catch up, keep up or even get ahead.

**"We aren't doing anything anyway!"
Don't buy it.**

So if your son/daughter calls you for permission to go home and they tell you, "We aren't doing anything anyway!" Don't buy it. They will

not be watching movies when they should be getting small group or even one on one instruction.

Finally, if the weather is bad and schools are open and buses are running, it is up to the parent to decide if you will send your son/daughter to school. If you choose not to, please let us know by 9:00 a.m.



School Bus Cancellations

R.R.S.D. Administration monitors winter weather conditions and makes decisions to run or cancel school bus service on a daily basis when required. This process includes the analysis of local forecasts, wind chill values, road conditions, and information available from area contact persons. The School Division has adopted a wind chill value of -47 degrees Celsius as a reference point that corresponds closely with the former 2300 watts. Although serious consideration is given to the cancellation of buses at this temperature, actually outside temperature is also considered prior to declaring a cancellation.

When the Division deems that weather conditions are not favorable for school bus transportation, school buses will be cancelled and communicated to Parents and Students as follows:

1. Division wide cancellation of bus service will be announced on local Radio stations by 7:30 AM. Parents will not be personally contacted in the event of a Division-wide shut down.
2. If bus service is cancelled in specific areas but not for all routes in the Division, Bus Drivers will contact each parent to advise them of the cancellation for their specific route.

Buses cancelled in the morning due to weather conditions will not operate in the afternoon.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children are properly dressed for winter travel conditions and are ready to board the bus when it arrives. Rolling River School Division will respect a Parent's decision to keep their children off the bus on days when they feel weather or road conditions are in question.

For more information contact Daryl Tesarowski, Transportation Supervisor at 867-2754 extension 1.

M.C.I. Daily Schedule	
Warning bell	8:50 am
Homeroom	8:55-9:00 am
Period 1	9:00—10:01 am
Period 2	10:03—11:04 am
AM Break	11:04—11:11 am
Period 3	11:12 am—12:13 pm
Noon Hour	12:13—12:58 pm
Period 4	12:58—2:07 pm
PM Break	2:07—2:15 pm
Period 5	2:16—3:25 pm

MCI Alumni on the U of M Honour Roll

Congratulations to four former students of Minnedosa Collegiate, attending the University of Manitoba.

Ashley Cook, Robin Grant, Amy Usick and Rachel Usick were placed on the honour roll for achieving a 90%+ average in the University 1

program.

They were four of 100 students who achieved hour roll status out of 6100 students enrolled in the U1 program. The University held a reception to recognize their achievement.

Congratulations!



Editor's Note:

Due to a delay in publishing this newsletter both the Basketball and Hockey reports are dated.

In January the Girls Basketball team has won their 2 league games against Carberry and MacGregor. They lost by 2 points in the final game of the Strathclair tournament to Killarney.

Since the Christmas break the JV boys basketball team has racked up 3 league wins and have lost 1 game. The boys came out 7th in their home tournament. Glenboro won the Chancellors tournament.

The Hockey team has been busy in January with league game victories over River/Elton and Vincent Massey. They lost to Boissevain 4-2.



Chancellors Basketball—Julia Comrie Dec. 14, 2007

Chancellor basketball is in full swing as practices started near the end of October. The four teams have been adapting to the new rules for this season as the league changed from NCAA to FIBA regulations. A few of the changes are: instead of two twenty minutes halves, the teams will play with four ten minute quarters. The lines on our gym floor have been repainted as well due to the increase of size in the key and three point line.

With the junior varsity season underway, it looks like it will be a promising season with both the boys and girls teams defeating Neepawa in their first league game Wednesday the 12th. The score of the girls game was 56-15. Top scorers were Amy Kingdon with 26 points and Fikira Galbraith with 8 points. The boys came out on top with a score of 75-38. Jesse Quesnel and Justin McLean were top scorers each with 23 points.

January will be a busy month with tournaments the first three weekends back to school. The senior boys are hosting their home tournament on the 11th and 12th while the girls are in Strathclair. The girls will be hosting their home tournament on the 25th and 26th of January.

The home opener for senior varsity basketball is January 8th against Carberry. Come out and cheer on your chancellor basketball teams for this game, and the remainder of the season.

Chancellors Hockey—by Michael Birch

The chancellor hockey team is just past the kickoff point of their hockey season. At press time their league record was at 2-2-1. Their play to date has been robust. They have recently completed their home tournament and a tournament in Killarney. Both of these weekends being very successful as the chancellors capped off the weekends with winning records. The chan-

cellors were on the road Wednesday Dec 12 to take on the Major Pratt Trojans. This game being a spirited effort for both sides. Tyler jury opened the scoring for the chancellors in the 2nd period. The Trojans then scored 3 unanswered goals to take the game 3-1. On December 21st the Chancellors will face the Neepawa Tigers in our first annual Christmas classic. Admis-

sion to this game will be a non-perishable food item or a cash donation proceeds going to Christmas cheer. A white out has been planned for this game so wear white clothing to show your school spirit.

Submitted Dec. 19, 2007

Dear parents and guardians,

Our school has decided to participate in an International STAND UP to Bullying Day on February 15th. As part of this day, the students have to decide if they wish to sign an anti-bullying pledge which will be printed on the back of a t-shirt which they may purchase.

This is important for two main reasons:

Students will be taking an active but non-confrontational stand against bullying. Signing and wearing this shirt and wearing it for all to see, says they don't agree with bullying and that all people deserve respect. It is important that students who feel victimized by bullying have peer-based support structures where they can turn for guidance when they feel uncomfortable turning to adults and/or staff members. Signing and wearing one of these shirts will identify participants as someone willing to help, even if helping just means finding a staff member who is trained to provide guidance.

Janelle Hutton has taken on the role of MCI Facilitator for this initiative. She is working to obtain sponsorship to cover most of the cost of each pink t-shirt so that each MCI participant will only have to pay \$3.00 for each shirt (valued at about \$10 each). Kayla Hudon is also helping to register participants. If you are interested in purchasing a pledge t-shirt for \$10 please contact the school at 867-2794.

Funds generated from the sale of these t-shirts will support other important initiatives aimed at helping victims of bullying; including the website www.BullyHelp.org aimed at identifying victims who are uncomfortable communicating their problem. These students often feel alone in their situation and the small act of offering support can make a big difference. Another initiative, www.BullyAdvice.com will be developed to offer online guidance available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. For more information on these initiatives or the day, you can visit www.standupday.com

Together we can all make a difference. Let's do our part to stop bullying now.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tanis Barrett

Feb. 15

**International
STAND UP
to
Bullying Day**



On the Career Development front...

Hello Everyone, I hope this winter weather is finding you safe and warm. As our students are on the countdown to exams, there are a few updates I would like to make parents and students aware of:

1. Our grade 12 students will be going out on work experience from January 28 to February 1st. If this is you or your son/daughter, please ensure that the choices sheets are filled in and handed back into me, so that we can set up placement arrangements.

2. I now have my website up and running, you can see what the Career Development & Explorations program is all about by visiting www.rrsd.mb.ca/mci/soltys It is my intention to add all the forms, permission slips, journals we require of our students to participate. This will be my next challenge to attain!

3. Our grade 9 students had a great time with the speakers brought in on Dec. 7, through their Career Development classes. We had 3 speakers come with a variety of careers

and a variety of post secondary education. We are looking forward to setting up more such days, so if you know of anyone or are that someone with a unique job, interesting career choices please let us know, as we are always looking for local people to teach and influence our students.

Marlies Soltys
Career Development
& Exploration Coordinator

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20	21 9:00 am Consumer Math 40S	22 9:00 am Applied Math 40S	23 9:00 am Applied Math 40S	24 9:00 am Pre-Calc Math 40S 12:30 pm Law 40S	25 9:00 am Biology 40S	26
27	28 9:00 am ELA 10F (Mid-term) Applied Math 20S Chemistry 30S 12:30 pm History 30G/S Engine Fund. 20S	29 9:00 am Mathematics 10F Science 20F ELA: Comp 30S 12:30 pm Biology 30S	30 9:00 am Social Studies 10F Geography 20S Applied Math 30S 12:30 pm ELA 20F	31 9:00 am Career Dev 10S (b) Basic Service 20S Consumer Math 30S 12:30 pm Power Mechanics 10S		

N.B.
Career Development
10S (a) will be
during class time.