

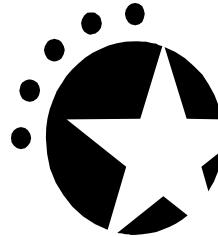
# newsletter

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## AWARD WINNING MCI BAND

The MCI Senior Band, which involves 67 students from S1-S4 (plus 2 ECI students), played in the Winnipeg Optimist Festival on Feb. 23 and were awarded "five stars" (the top rating) from all three adjudicators there and received a plaque for "superior performance" plus an invitation to perform at the national festival.

They also recently found out that they were awarded the "Don Green" award which is presented to one band program of more than 200 who participate annually in the festival, in recognition of exemplary performance, mature on and off stage presence, responsiveness to the clinic, commitment to the festival through longevity of participation, and the development of an outstanding band program.



Congratulations to Mrs. Dowsett and the MCI Senior Band members!

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

Rolling River School Division  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN**  
 January, 2006

Our School Division will soon be involved in Pandemic Planning. We, of course, hope that a pandemic flu will not happen but we must be prepared. As approximately 80% of infection is spread by touch, we are embarking on a division wide hand washing campaign. This will be done in three ways:

1. All classrooms, labs and food preparation areas, etc. will be equipped with foam type hand sanitizers that kill 99.99% of harmful germs. These are rinse free sanitizers that will help protect our students and staff.
2. A "wash your hands" poster campaign will visibly remind students and staff on an ongoing basis.
3. All classrooms will be visited over the next month to demonstrate graphically to students, through the use of ultra-violet equipment, the germs they carry on our hand before proper cleaning.



No doubt the Department of Health will be providing school divisions with pandemic guidelines. Until then, the proactive actions outlined above will raise awareness of this simple but effective way of helping to stem the spread of potential disease.

## 2006-2007 Timetable

Each year second semester initiates the process of planning for the following school year. A very important part of this process is developing the timetable. The first step will be to survey our students to see which courses they would like to take. Unfortunately, this does not always translate into the course we will schedule as a direct result of the following variables:

- Do enough students want to take the course?  
25% of the total number of students in each grade are needed to justify a class.
- Does our level of staffing allow us to offer the courses that students want to take?
- Can conflicts in courses be avoided based on the variation of courses requested, if not, how will the 25% be affected?
- Do we have the resources available to offer specific courses?  
i.e. computer availability, power mechanics space and equipment, GPS units, etc.
- Will we need multiple sections of a particular course and if so what then what will that particular teacher NOT be able to deliver and how will students be affected?
- Is the course compulsory or is it an elective?
- What do we do with a low enrolment course at 25% that students drop out of at the start of the semester? Should we carry on with a class of 8 or 9 students?

These are some examples of the types of scenarios that inevitably drive our timetable and although we cannot accommodate everyone's choices, we try our best. In fact, when creating a timetable our intent is to deliver one with the fewest number of student course conflicts as possible.

At the beginning of March our preliminary surveys were mailed home. Please discuss your son/daughter's course selections with them as they are very important not only to the individual, but to the entire student body. The surveys will be expected back at the school prior to spring break, so that the next step in the process can begin.

If you have any questions regarding the MCI timetable, please contact Mr. Potter or Mr. Ingenmey at the school.

Thank you for your continued support!

## And the (parent) survey says . . .

Almost 70% of respondents would like to contact MCI staff regarding their child via email.

85% of respondents feel that MCI is a safe environment for their child.

The results of the Parent survey regarding school performance have been compiled and posted to the Rolling River School Division website. Check out [www.rrsd.mb.ca](http://www.rrsd.mb.ca) and click on the link in the middle of the page for Parent/Guardian Survey Results. You can then choose to see the overall results for the whole school division or choose the school(s) of interest to you.

# Career Preparation & Exploration Update

As our Senior 3 students are getting ready to start their placements next week (March 20-24), we'd like to thank the many businesses and individuals who have provided placements for our students in Senior 3 and Senior 4 this year. Thank you for making our program possible.

## SENIOR 4 Career Preparation & Exploration Placements January 30 to February 3, 2006

Hannah Archbutt ..... International Center/  
..... Occupational Rehabilitation Group of Canada Clinical Psychology –Health Science Centre  
Dana Bailey ..... Tanners Crossing/U of M  
Courtney Barclay ..... Brandon RHA – Pediatric Nursing/Minnedosa PCH  
Thomas Birch..... Surridges /Ted Good Music  
Samantha Boynton ... Minnedosa Vet Clinic  
Angus Cheung ..... Shilo  
Courtney Collins..... Winnipeg Tech College-hairdressing/U of M with sister  
David Comrie ..... Brandon University School of Music  
Ashley Cook..... Tanners Crossing - math  
Trevor Crook..... Brandon University School of Music  
Charlie Dagg..... Department of Highways – Heavy Equipment - Minnedosa  
Katrina Dalrymple ..... Canada Post/Art Gallery of SW. MB/Daly House Museum  
Andrew Dalton ..... Ottawa - Meteorologist  
Kiera Dragan..... Crystal Dance Studio  
Lynsi Farough ..... Victor Mager School  
Scott Firby ..... BU Athletic Therapy /Shilo  
Whitney Glasgow ..... RRC – Graphic Arts/On the Edge Glass Studio/Wpg. Art Gallery  
Stephanie Gogal ..... Music  
Robin Grant ..... Mental Health - BRHA  
Dean Harrison..... Moores for Men  
Molly Harrison..... Mental Health - BRHA  
Aaron Hutton..... Westgate School /WSO/  
..... Manitoba Chamber Orchestra/U of M /Manitoba Opera  
Missy Inkster..... RRSD Transportation Dept. – did her placement last week  
Burke Libbey..... Inventronics  
Landon Little ..... Neepawa Hospital – Diagnostics Lab & XRay  
Brittany McDonald..... Leann Rowat /City of Brandon – Mayor Burgess  
Elisha McLean ..... YMCA/Westwind Feb  
Jodi McNabb..... Victor Mager School  
Jordan Nelson..... Catch-A-Tan  
Brandi Pollon ..... Neepawa Hospital – nursing  
Cody Pollon ..... Scott Ferguson's Ranch  
Dorinda Steven ..... Brandon RHA  
Amy Usick..... St. Boniface GH  
Jaclyn Usick..... Brandon RHA – Mental Health  
Rachel Usick..... St. Boniface GH  
Willeke Van Meijl..... Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology – U of M  
Stephanie Wright ..... MCI – Student Support Services

### Senior I Science Field Trip

On Thursday, January 19 the Senior I students travelled to Winnipeg to the Manitoba Museum. There we spent an hour exploring the hands-on exhibits at the Science Centre before viewing “Origins of the Universe” at the Planetarium. This was followed by a guided tour of the Museum Galleries and a little bit of time to explore the museum on our own. On our return trip we stopped at Boston Pizza in Portage for all-you-can-eat pizza.

We'd like to thank our parent chaperones, Mrs. Cardy, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Kingdon and Mrs. Usick, and staff chaperones, Mrs. Demontigny, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Ross. Thanks for joining us... we hope you've recovered from the bus ride!

Miss Hammell

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The Board of Trustees of the Rolling River School Division is pleased to announce the provision of a Universal Student Accident Insurance Program covering all students registered in the Rolling River School Division.

The insurance covers registered students while:

1. In or on school buildings or premises by reason of attending classes on any regular school day;
2. In attendance at or participating in any school activity approved and supervised by a proper school authority, whether at school or elsewhere;
3. Traveling directly to or from any regularly scheduled and approved school activity under the direction or supervision of a proper school authority;
4. Traveling directly to or from their residence and school for the purpose of attending classes or participating in any school sponsored activity.

The benefits of the plan are listed in detail on the Rolling River School Division website at [www.rrsd.mb.ca](http://www.rrsd.mb.ca) at the Blanket Universal Student Accident Insurance Program link. Please note that this coverage compliments but does not replace the voluntary student accident insurance that is offered and available through Reliable Life Insurance each fall.