



# Rivers Collegiate Institute

## Community Report 2016-2017

### Mission Statement:

Rivers Collegiate exists to provide through a partnership of students, parents, school and community

- Safe, supportive, and positive learning environments with
- Opportunities and challenges to develop full intellectual, physical, emotional potential and lifelong learning skills for
- Success in adapting to our changing world.

### School Message:

We had another wonderful year at RCI with many highlights that helped us celebrate the unique and amazing school community we have become. Below are some examples of the remarkable work our staff, students, and community members were part of at RCI this past year:

### Demographics:

- *Total enrolment* in September 2016 was 139 students.
- 19 students in the *2017 graduating class*.
- 4 exchange students joined us through *Study Manitoba*.
- 12.75 Teaching Staff, .75 Guidance Counsellor, .75 Resource, 3 Educational Assistants,
- 1 SSF Coordinator, 1 Career Preparation, 1 Librarian, 1 Secretary, 2 Custodians

### Staff:

- Mr. Daniel Kiazuk received an Honorable Mention for the EECOM Top Environmental Educator in Canada.
- Weekly *Grade Group* and *Student Support Team* meetings to discuss students of concern in RCI. These meetings help provide recommendations related to how we can best assist students in need (Academics, Behaviour, Social/Emotional, Mental Health & Well-being)
- Staff and community members organized a *choir program* and performed at our winter concert.

### Programs:

- Two band concerts were hosted this year and band students participated in the *Westman Honour Band*, and *Optimist and Level 1 Band Festivals*.
- Successful *Foods & Nutrition* program supporting students in gaining valuable skills. This program hosted a Turkey Dinner on our final day of classes in December. The program also prepared meals for staff and students 3 times per cycle following the MB Healthy Foods Guidelines.
- *Hockey Skills Academy* enrollment up to 70+ students this year. The program continues to offer students an opportunity to develop new skills and improve their fitness.
- *RCI Woodworking* program built benches for the Comets Baseball team/diamond.
- Approximately 100 students currently taking *Band* at RCI.
- Wetland Centre of Excellence is 5 years old. An outdoor classroom and signage were put in place at the site.

### **Students:**

- 40 students took part in *We Day* activity in Winnipeg in November.
- *Student Conferences: True Colours @ Erickson Collegiate*, as well as the *Head Strong*, and *Beyond the Hurt* training sessions.
- A variety of *AFM, SERC, & RHA* presentations took place throughout the year to support students & staff in understanding addictions, stereotyping, mental and sexual health.
- Our student council hosted several spirit weeks, various events and two school dances.
- Our *fitness room* continues to be used daily by our students to promote fitness, health, and mental well-being.
- RCI entered their first ever MB Envirothon competition.
- RCI students participated in the *Tell Them From Me* survey (bullying, mental health, safe schools, adult attachments) in May. Brody Davis travelled to France to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vimy Ridge.
- *Jordan McLeod* was named to the provincial *All-Star Team*. Jordan also earned a spot on *Team MB Rugby 7* team to participate in nationals in Vancouver.
- Haylee Anderson won gold in female hockey at NAIG in British Columbia.
- Zach Veitch & Owen Wareham named to top 100 prospects team.
- Zack Veitch drafted by the WHL Saskatoon Blades & MJHL Neepawa Natives.
- Owen Wareham drafted by the MJHL Dauphin Kings
- Morgan Ramsey named to the top 40 MB female midget hockey team.

### ***Fitness, Health, Well-Being, and the Great Outdoors:***

- All Junior High students were invited to take part in downhill skiing and curling clinic and *funspiel* during a week of winter activities in January.
- Grade 9-12 students were involved in an Assesippi Ski trip, which included ski & snowboarding lessons and training.
- Gr. 9/10 camping trip to Lake Audy for leadership training and outdoor educational experiences.
- RCI Outdoor Education & Wetland Management students hosted students from Forrest Elementary in a full day Ecological Diversity & Importance of Wetlands session in June
- Wetland Centre of Excellence Awards: EECOM: Top Environmental School/Program 2017, MB Conservation District Award, Canadian Wildlife Federation Youth Conservation Award, and the Earth Day Canada Home Town Hero Finalist Award.

### **Community Connections:**

- Wetland Centre of Excellence Grand Opening: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. In attendance were the honourable Lieutenant Governor Janice C. Filmon, MP Robert Sopuck, MLA Greg Nesbitt, and Mayor Todd Gill. Information signage was put in place at our wetland site as well as an outdoor classroom.
- Riverdale Municipality has been extremely helpful in assisting the Wetland project in a variety of ways including: Clover eradication/removal, trail & parking lot development, and land usage to name a few examples.
- Gr. 7-12 students worked with Fort Whyte Alive, MB Provincial Parks (Spruce Woods), and Ducks Unlimited (Oak Hammock Eco-Van).
- Grade 12 students volunteered 5 hours each as part of their individual Communitarian Project in ELA at the Christmas Cheer Board & Samaritan House as well as other venues.
- Halloween for Harvest: Grade 12 students raised over 1,000 LBS of food for the Riverdale Harvest. They also donated living gifts for the Canadian Good Grains Bank.

### Athletics:

- RCI hosted a successful Westman Hockey League All-Star game for a second time.
- Rivers/Minnedosa Girls' Rugby team was undefeated in league play and went on to win the *MHSAA Provincial Championship!*
- Sr. High Track & Field Provincials: Zach Veitch (Gold), Morgan Ramsey (Silver & Bronze)
- SV Girls volleyball team participated in the 2016 MHSAA provincial championships in Grandview, MB.
- SV Boys Curling won the Zone 7 Banner and won Silver at MHSAA provincials.
- JV Boys Volleyball won the Zone play downs
- Sr. Boys Curling won a wildcard game to qualify for MHSAA Provincials.
- RCI Baseball team played for the first time in 4 years on the new Comets Diamond sporting brand new uniforms.

### Career Preparation:

- One student graduated from the High School Apprenticeship program gaining 6 credit hours towards his MB High School diploma.
- Approximately 40 students were involved in various work experiences throughout western MB working towards a high school credit.
- Grade 9 students took part in the *Take Your Kid to Work Day* event.
- Gr. 10 students took part in the annual Community Heart Day @ Riverdale, Wetland, and Rivers Provincial Park site cleanup and seasonal preparation.
- Gr. 11 & 12 students attended presentations as part of University tours.
- RCI hosted MPPC Post-Secondary Consortium and Government Securities Tour as part of a career exploration process for students.

We are proud of all of our students and staff at RCI. We wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September. Please check our school website for more information about Rivers Collegiate:

<https://www.rrsd.mb.ca/schools/rci/Pages/default.aspx>

Have a wonderful summer.

