



LAST WEEK FOR ENROLMENT FORMS

Enrolment forms are due by **January 26th** in order to secure places for your children at RCS in September 2012. All families are required to fill in this form whether you are returning or not so we are aware of your intentions. If you have any questions regarding enrolment, please contact Judy Sawatsky at the elementary campus (jsawatsky@richmondchristian.ca).

SHUTTLE BUS for 2012-13

Information and registration forms for the Delta and Richmond shuttle buses for 2012-13 were emailed home. Please look for the email. If you did not receive it, please contact Rowena Jao at the middle campus (rjao@richmondchristian.ca).



Seats for the buses are on a first-come, first-served basis, and after January 26, we will open up the bus registration to new families who are joining our school in September.

Richmond Christian School Committee and Board Opportunities for 2012-2013

Richmond Christian School is an independent school that operates under the direction of a Board of Trustees. The Board works with the Administration team and various sub-committees to ensure that the school's mission is upheld, that the facilities are meeting the needs of our students and that the school operates with fiscal responsibility. The Board of Trustees does not interfere in the day to day running of the school but seeks to support the administration team in the successful fulfillment of their mandate.

All Board members are unpaid volunteers who give generously of their time and resources. They wish to see the school help every student achieve their full potential, graduating from RCS confident and capable. The Board of Trustees is united in their desire to see RCS fulfill its mission statement for each student.

A package of information has been created that outlines in more detail the reality of what a position on the RCS Board entails. If you are interested in letting your name stand for nomination and you would like some information in advance of that process, please contact lzastre@richmondchristian.ca and she will forward the package to you. Copies are also available from each campus secretary.

Every spring RCS Committees are also impacted by changes in the availability of their parent volunteers. If you are interested in or have considered volunteering on any of the active committees and you have questions, please contact the Board Chair or any other Board member. We need parent volunteers with skills in communication, education, finance, technology and development to provide service on our campus-specific Education Committees, Finance Committee and Technology Committee, for example.

As the Board works toward streamlining our committee structure, we want to respect the time required from our volunteers. The nature of our independent school system requires us to call on a broad spectrum of parents and guardians to give of their time and resources to provide tangibly and financially to RCS, ensuring success for each and every student.

Thank you for your commitment to RCS and we trust that with prayerful consideration you will find the perfect place to serve here at RCS.

All School News

CALENDAR

January

- 26 Grade 7 Ski Day
- 26 Returning family enrollment forms due for 2012-13

February

- 2 Secondary Science Fair
- 7-8 Grade 12 Grad photos
- 14 Winter Recital Evening, 7:00pm Bethel Church
- 22 Elementary Student Conferences (1:30-8pm) (Dismissal at 12:30 pm)
- 23 Middle Student/Teacher/Parent Conferences - 12 - 8 pm
- 23 No Middle School classes; students come for their conference only
- 24 Professional Development Day -No School

March

- 12 Report Cards go home (all campuses)
- 13 Middle School Spring Concert, 7:00pm, Bethel
- 15 Secondary School Parent Conf. (3:15-6:45pm)
- 19-30 Spring Break (School closed)

April

- 2 Classes resume
- 2-5 Camp Jubilee for Gr. 10's
- 6 Good Friday (School Closed)
- 9 Easter Monday (School Closed)
- 18 Elementary Musical Matinee
- 19 Elementary Musical Evening Performance
- 26 Secondary Immunizations

May

- 16 Grandparents Day - Elementary Campus
- 18 Grandparents Day - Middle Campus
- 21 Victoria Day (School Closed)
- 23-25 Gr. 12 Grad Retreat
- 30 New Kdgn Orientation / New P3 Orientation

June

- 15 Last Day of Classes at all three campuses (early dismissal for Middle and Secondary)

Community News

LOOKING TO RENT: A lovely Christian family of 4 is looking for a 3 bedroom home or suite to rent in the Richmond area (preferably with an available garage). Call Grace at 604-301-1242.

HOUSE FOR RENT: AVAILABLE JANUARY 1, 2012. \$2,500/month. Great Family Home in Prestigious Woodward's area (near elementary campus). Central location near schools, near shopping, near recreation. Upstairs: 3 Bedrooms and 2 full baths plus Huge Games Room over the Double Garage. Downstairs: Livingroom, Dining Room, Kitchen, Breakfast Nook, Family Room, Laundry Room with sink, counter and closet, Half Bath and Double Garage. 5 piece Ensuite, 4 piece main bath upstairs, 2 piece washroom downstairs. Nice size level yard for the kids. A spacious 2325 square feet. No Pets. No Smoking. Lease, References and Good Credit Required. For more information and to view call Creighton and Associates Realty at 604-288-7346 or CArealty.ca

Elementary News

Vancouver Opera In Schools Performs Hansel and Gretel: February 13th at 1:40pm

You are welcome to attend the performance of Hansel and Gretel by VSO in Schools on Monday, February 13th at 1:40pm at the elementary campus.

CHAPEL FRIDAY, 8:35am

After a time of singing, students will be dismissed into Family Groups for Comfy Cozy Day:

COMFY COZY DAY: Friday, Jan. 27th

Students may wear pajamas to school, bring a flashlight and 2-3 books to share. Grades 1-3 students can bring books for the intermediate students to read to them.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM 2011-2012

ASP provides Day Care Service for Professional Development Day on Jan 23. please fill out the Day Care Request Form which is located on the wall shelf beside the school office, and return the form directly to the ASP. -Registration for 2012-2013 is now open for new families, please reserve the spaces in advance. We still have a few spaces open for this school term. For more information, please contact Ms. Pinky at 604.727.6188 or email to pwang@richmondchristian.ca.

Middle News

To Grade 8 Parents

There will be an important letter coming in the mail with information about the grade 8 final exams that students will be writing in June. Please watch out for this letter and read thoroughly.

Chapel This Week: Fridays at 1:50pm

After a time of worship, Mr. Oger will be speaking on "The God Who Saves."

ATHLETIC NEWS

Another week of basketball has gone by and the teams continue to improve. The girls won their first regular season league game on Wednesday last week, well done ladies! See photos attached of them at their tournament and also last term when it was formal day... lovely! The boys also won last week on Wednesday and are poised to win today, January 24, 2012 as well. The younger grades all had games last week and although we didn't win any of the games, the teams all improved in their second halves and are ready to practice for the re-matches.

Here is the weekly schedule for the gym usage:

WEDNESDAY, January 25:

7B BB 7:15 – 8:15 AM
6G BB 3 – 4 PM MS gym
8B Game @ Richmond High HS gym
8G Home v. Richmond High (couple of grade 7's playing this day, come out and cheer them on)

THURSDAY, January 26:

8G BB 7 – 8:15 AM
8B BB 3 – 4:30 PM

FRIDAY, January 27:

7G BB @ Lunch
6G BB 3 – 4 PM MS gym

Mrs. Kay Harbridge
Athletic Director

MONDAY, January 30:

6/7 Boys Floor Hockey @ Lunch
7B BB 3 – 4 PM HS gym
8B Home v. Hugh Boyd MS gym
8G BB Game @ Hugh Boyd

TUESDAY, January 31:

8B BB 7 – 8:30 AM
8G BB 3 – 4:30 PM
6G BB 3 – 4 PM HS gym
7G BB 3 – 4 PM HS gym
6B BB Game @ St. Joseph's



Secondary News



Hunchback of Notre Dame

By Beatrice Lew

Last May, RCS was treated to an amazing school-wide production of *The Sound of Music*. But whatever notes that still linger reluctantly in the rafters must soon bid us “So long, farewell” for good, and make way for a protagonist less comely yet certainly as kind-hearted as the fair Maria. Quasimodo and Esmeralda take the lead in the highly-anticipated new musical, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*!

On Wednesday, cheers erupted from the music room with the announcement of the play. Awed whispers flurried when Ms Johnsey divulged that she would be adapting Victor Hugo’s unsettling novel for the family stage. Although the task seems elephantine, RCS teachers have set their minds to conquer this mammoth only after a meticulous selection process. The drama teacher elaborates, “Instead of making our school fit into a musical, we choose a musical that highlights the talents that God has brought to His school. So we start by praying about the talent he has brought...” The informal “drama board” of RCS teachers also includes Shingo Kawamura, Brian Kinniston, Christy Simpson, Jamie Osborne, and Michelle Shepherd, who examine everything from voice range to production values. What they find especially appealing about the story of Quasimodo are the subtle nuances in the play that lead students to explore the true meaning of kindness, compassion, sacrifice and humility. The music selected from the Disney score, such as Esmeralda’s solo, “God Help the Outcasts” and Quasimodo’s “Out There,” are chosen to reflect our community’s beliefs and values.

As to what she is most excited about this musical, Ms Johnsey can’t decide. “I am excited to bond with another cast and crew as we pour ourselves into a work of art that celebrates God. Doing a musical is like tearing open Christmas presents; God delights when we enjoy His gifts and it is just fun to do creative projects together.” Our Master Playwright, armed with an MA in Scriptwriting, remains undaunted by her promise to have a role for everyone, “from prince to pauper.” This campus-wide event will feature the ever-popular elementary choir and showcase the middle school gypsies at the Festival of Fools.

Attention all aspiring histrionics! Stay tuned for September auditions and bring your Quasimodo to the stage. I had a hunch he’d be back.

SCIENCE FAIR COMING SOON!

RCS is excited for its science students to participate in the Science Fair being held on February 2, 2012! In an effort to reward students for their hard work and scientific contributions, the science department is looking for donations of prizes – all shapes and sizes are greatly appreciated.

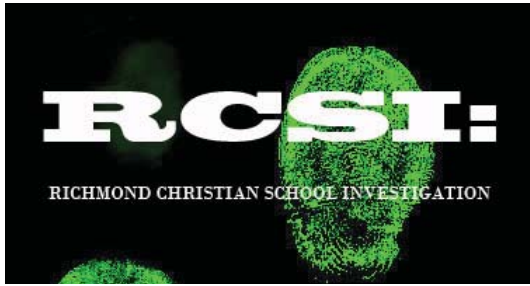
Please contact Leanne Leong at lleong@richmondchristian.ca or by school phone, by January 25, 2012. Thank you in advance for your support!

Eagles Nest Volunteers

This weeks volunteers are

Jan 27 Wendy Lawrence & Pati Yik
Jan 30 Angela Hamming & Anne Mandell
Jan 31 Tami Schreiber & Ruth Leung
Feb 1 Elina Chan & Tom Hsu

Thank you. Ruth Bahnman



Interview With Mrs. Osborne

By Sarah Cheung

Mrs. Osborne began her career at RCS 3 years ago as Ms. Fields. She teaches Biblical Studies and English and is beloved for her humour and poignancy.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

A superstar on stage, rockin' it out – I'd probably have a band.

Do you know what you'd want to name your band?

'The Kick Kiki Band.'

Most embarrassing moment of your career?

Often, I'd come home after school and realize I'd been up in front of the class all day with my fly down.

Coffee, hot chocolate or tea?

Coffee. Lots of it.

Are you a Starbucks girl? If so, what is your signature drink?

My signature Starbucks drink would just be plain ol' coffee.

When you were in school, what was your least favourite subject?

All of them. I hated school, I bombed at school, I was not a very good student. I did like English, and now I'm teaching grade nine and ten English.

Are you a prankster? What was your prank masterpiece?

Yes, definitely. When I was a little girl – my sister was five years old – I went into her room and I was like, 'There's a big disease going around, you get spots on your face so you better be careful!' And then when she was sleeping, I went in with my mom's lipstick and put spots all over her face so she woke up freaking out that she had this disease. I hope to top that one day, though.

Best prank ever played on you?

Last year, I received a really nice Christmas gift. It was wrapped up very nicely and the card said, 'Mrs. Osborne, you're the best teacher in the whole world.' Then, I opened it up and it was rocks and half eaten Timbits. Thanks, Mr. Kawamura, Mr. Harbridge for that one. I did get Mr. Harbridge back – he never knew it was me, though.

What'd you do?

I can't tell you, it's going into the newspaper! ... It wasn't all that good; I just toilet-papered his car...

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Craziest, or most exciting thing you've done?

I married a guy with five kids; so I have six children – I have one son and five stepkids. It's super overwhelming some days but I love being part of a big family.



Mrs. Osborne before sporting her new do.

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Chocolate. I really love chocolate and I really love it when students bring me chocolate.

What would be your dream holiday destination?

My dream holiday would be backpacking around Europe for a couple of months. I haven't even gotten off the continent yet!

If you could be a superhero and you had to pick someone to be your sidekick, who would you choose?

If I was a superhero, Miss Wilson would be my sidekick.

[Miss Wilson enters the room]

Do the both of you have a superhero team name?

O: The 'Dazzling Duo'? The 'Teachers' Team?' ... 'Super J and Super A' is good!

W: 'Supa JAW'!

Three things you'd bring with you on a desert island?

I'd bring my husband, a magic genie to get me off the island, and I would bring some suntan lotion.

If you had the all the resources and brainpower in the world, what would you invent?

Probably a robot that could take care of all my kids and clean the house and do the dishes. Just your basic domestic robot maid.

If you were to be a contestant on any game/reality show, which would you appear on?

American Idol with my fabulous voice.

Which song would you audition with?

'Total Eclipse of the Heart.' ... I can't really sing, but no big deal right?

Favourite Bible verse?

Right now, Psalm 27 – the whole thing.

What is the best part about being a teacher?

Being alongside the students and investing in their lives.